

William H. Hannon Foundation Helps Keep Catholic Schools Kids Singing

October 2017/Santa Monica, CA – The William H. Hannon Foundation has provided a \$10,000 grant to the American Federation Pueri Cantores (AFPC) as part of the organization’s National Sustainability Campaign. For the past 14 years, AFPC has offered 130 regional and national choral festivals and training singers from 4th grade through high school in the signing of Catholic liturgical music. During the same period, the Foundation has provided funding to cover print music for Catholic student choirs under the William H. Hannon Music Scholarship Fund.

Every other school year, AFPC contacts all 6,400 Catholic schools in America to collect updated contact information on conductors and musical ministers. Only 3,400 schools report having teachers in choral conducting positions. AFPC distributes no cost hymn lists and other relevant print resources for planning school masses and choir activities as well as sponsoring quarterly webinars.

“AFPC is the only music organization that has been accepted as a corporate partner of the National Catholic Educational Association. Their work is critical, as our Catholic schools struggle with tight budgets, AFPC allows schools to have some help in bringing music to their classrooms and their Church,” said Kathleen Hannon Aikenhead, President of the William H. Hannon Foundation.