

Friends of the Choirs of St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral

Application Form

Friend's Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel No.: _____ Mobile No.: _____

Email Address: _____

Standing Order Form

To: _____ (Bank)

Bank Address: _____

Please pay the amount indicated

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Family Membership €100

Annual Membership €50

To the credit of:

St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral

BIC: BOFIE2D **IBAN:** IE69BOFI90003357340081

and charge to my account:

Account Name: _____

BIC: _____

IBAN: _____

Signature: _____

Please fill out the form and return to:

Orla Kearney, *Financial Secretary*

St Mary's Pro Cathedral, 83 Marlborough Street, Dublin 1.

The Palestrina Choir is registered as a charity with the
Revenue Commissioners. Charity Status Reg. No. CHY 7424

St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral, Dublin



St. Mary's Pro Cathedral has been providing liturgical service for the people of the city of Dublin since it's dedication in 1825

Every day there is a constant stream of people dropping in to light a candle and say a quiet prayer. It is, a heart for the city and an active house of prayer.

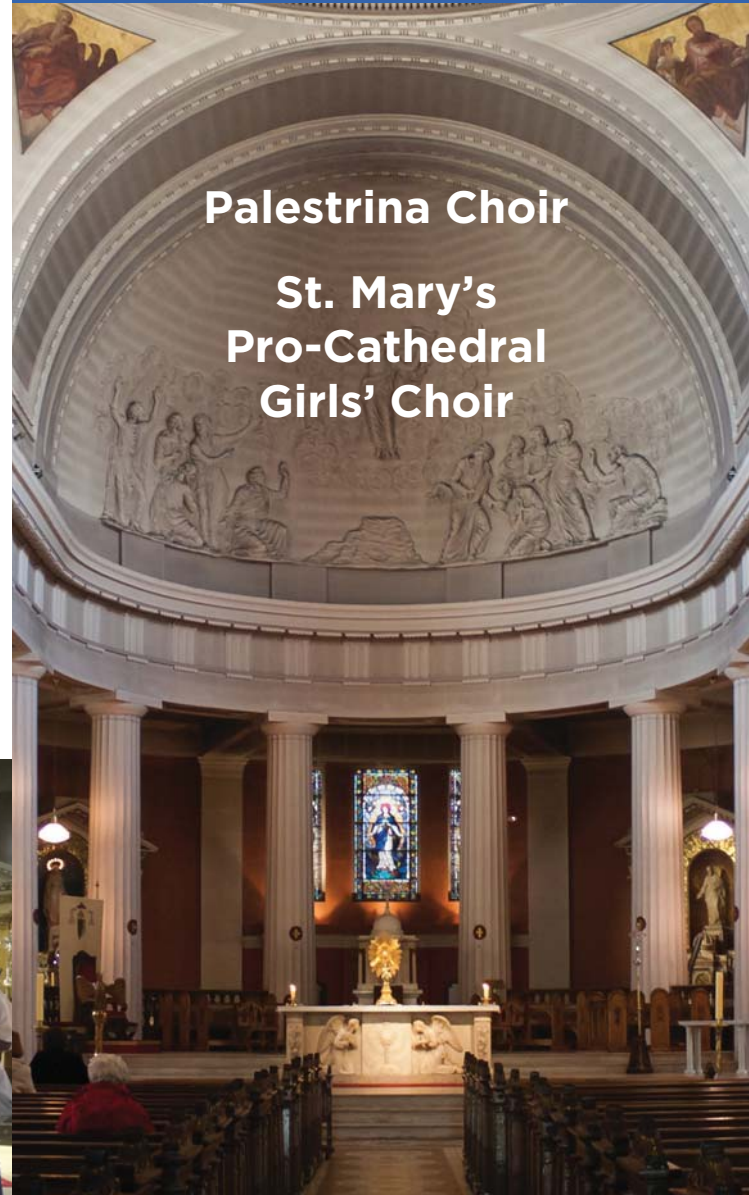
Contact the choirs of St Mary's Pro-Cathedral at
www.procathedral.ie



St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral Friends of the Choirs

Palestrina Choir

St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral Girls' Choir



*"My soul, give praise for the Lord:
I will praise the Lord all my days,
make music for my God while I live."
Psalm 145, 1-2*



Introduction

At the very heart of all our liturgies and services is great music, enriched by the dedication and proficiency of the Cathedral Choirs. The choirs generate a certain spell. They bind together a miscellany of voices that can transform a liturgical ceremony and elevate the congregation – choral singing is God speaking through their combined voices.

The Friends Programme as been set up to provide long-term financial security in support of the Choristers of both the Palestrina Choir and the St Mary's Pro Cathedral Girls' Choir. I encourage you to become a Friend and in a very tangible way support the extraordinary work of our cathedral choirs.

+ Diarmuid Martin

Diarmuid Martin
Archbishop of Dublin

Some recent Performances at International Cathedrals

- 2010: St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York
- 2010: Holy Family Church, Boston
- 2010: St. Bavo's Cathedral, Ghent, Belgium
- 2011: St. Stephen's Basilica, Budapest
- 2011: St. Matthias Cathedral, Budapest
- 2011: St. Peter's Cathedral, Belfast
- 2011: St. Patrick's Cathedral, Armagh
- 2013: St. Peter's Basilica, Rome
- 2015: St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York
- 2016: Antwerp Cathedral, Belgium
- 2016: Liverpool Cathedral



A Unique Musical Education



- Choristers from the Palestrina Choir and the Girls' Choir come from all over Dublin and its environs.
 - The choristers benefit from structured training in singing and vocal development, sight reading, musicianship and musical theory, liturgical repertoire and Latin.
 - Their musical education follows the Royal School of Church Music (RSCM) training, examination and award structure, thus linking the choir with the best worldwide.
- In this endeavour, they have been supported by the educational programme of the Charitable Infirmary Charitable Trust.*
- Many former choristers have gone on to successful careers in music or as top professionals in their field.
 - This all-round musical education helps to broaden a chorister's horizons, facilitates them in singing in different languages and presents them with unrivalled opportunities.



Contribution of the Choirs

- Weekly participation in Sunday Mass Liturgies – Girl's Choir - 10am, Palestrina Choir - 11am.
- Friday evening vespers, benediction and mass – Palestrina Choir.
- Tuesday evening mass – Girl's Choir.
- Participation in all major liturgical celebrations in the Archdiocese – Holy Week, Easter and Christmas ceremonies.
- Singing at State occasions – 1916 Centenary commemoration at Arbour Hill, State funerals.
- Annual performances of the Bach St. Matthew or St. John Passion, Handel's Messiah, Pergolesi's Stabat Mater and Fauré's Requiem, alone or in partnership with other choirs.
- Participation in the International Organ Festival since 1980.
- Annual Christmas Concerts at the National Concert Hall, Dublin.



Benefits to Friends of the Choir



Joining the Friends makes an invaluable contribution to supporting the liturgical programme thus ensuring the continued growth and development of the choirs.

Funds received will be used in the following areas:

- Assisting in the development of Catholic liturgical music and bringing this to a wider audience
- Structured musical education for boy and girl choir members
- Maintaining the choir library
- Contributing to the infrastructure and day-to-day running costs of the choirs

The Friends Programme is designed to help maintain our educationally outstanding cathedral choirs who greatly enhance our vibrant church liturgies.

Becoming a Friend will provide you with the following benefits:

- Advance notification of major Choir events
- Invitation to Annual Friends Mass and Reception
- A copy of the Friends newsletter
- Acknowledgement of contribution in formal concert programmes

Friends' membership is designed to enable you and your family to participate in a meaningful way. The level of effort expended by the choir leadership team is striking by any standard and we value your help in preserving this invaluable legacy into the future.

Thank you in anticipation, for your support.