



Foederatio Internationalis
Pueri Cantores

Dear Pueri Cantores!
Boys and Girls!

Please accept my sincere greetings from Poland. I am really looking forward to our meeting in Italy during our Congress in Florence between 15th and 19th July 2020. During the three weeks of Advent we have the time to ponder over what is important and beautiful in our life. The motto of our meeting will be the words of Christ: "Gaudete et exultate" (cf. Mat. 5:12) which encourage us to take joy but not such that lasts for a moment and is quickly gone; Jesus means the joy that lasts forever. You might ask: how do we recognize this joy, how does it differ from the one that is evanescent?

Jesus Christ teaches us that we have to follow Him, to love God and every man as He loved. I have, then, two assignments for each of you, Boy and Girl (I myself will also accomplish them) which will help us exercise in love for God and another Man.

Assignment I

Pray every day during the time of Advent, one "Hail Mary" so that you can love God so much as the Mother of Jesus loved her Son. To the daily prayer add such a request: *Mary, teach me to listen to God and sing beautifully in praise of Him. Amen.*

Assignment II

Try to look out for people around you to notice especially those who are sad or need help. If possible, do something good (make the sad one happy, help the poorer pupil, share with him a good word or give him sweets to make him happy or just visit the ill one, etc). Mark the good deeds (eg. asterisks or flowers) on a special piece of paper. No matter how many marks will appear on your page, place it on 24th December under the Christmas tree as your gift for the Infant Jesus.

I encourage that you accomplish both assignments throughout the whole time of Advent. Let us share our way to be spiritually prepared for the meeting in Florence.

I send you my assurance in Prayer and Blessing!!

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