

Loreto, 7th July 2009

Dear Choirmaster,

As you may already know, every year in April, many choirs from all over the world gather in Loreto, in the centre of Italy, where a **Sacred Music Festival** takes place. Many pilgrims from all continents come to Loreto to worship Mary's House from Nazareth, which is enclosed in a Sanctuary enriched with marvellous masterpieces by famous artists of the past.

In 2010 the Festival will celebrate its **50th Anniversary, from 7th to 11th April**, and the event will be **broadcast all over the world** by the **most well-known TV stations and press**. On this occasion, the **famous Maestro Domenico Bartolucci**, permanent director of the Sistine Chapel in Saint Peter in Rome, whose work you certainly know already, has been appointed as Artistic Director of the Festival.

We would be grateful if you could visit our website www.rassegnalauretana.it, where you can find more information and news on the Festival and where you can download the application form and regulations should you wish to take part to the event. All entry forms will be submitted to the Artistic Commission chaired by Maestro Bartolucci and must be received **by 31st October 2009**.

All selected choirs will enjoy **free meals and accommodation** in Loreto hotels.

Taking part in the Festival in Loreto, especially on its 50th Anniversary, represents a very ambitious challenge for a polyphonic choir and we hope that your choir will be selected.

Awaiting your application form, we wish that your work might contribute to elevating and enriching souls, because this is one of the main aims of sacred music.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'L. Pigni', written over a horizontal line.

don Lamberto Pigni
President