

**DETROIT** — Are you ready for an Ecclesiastical encore?

The Sistine Chapel Choir is set to make its return to the Motor City on July 11 as part of an eight-city tour of the United States, following the choir's 2017 three-stop tour.

Tickets for the July 11 show at the Detroit Opera House will be available at 10 a.m. on Friday, April 13 on the Michigan Opera Theatre's website: <http://www.michiganopera.org/events/sistinechapelchoir/>.

Kurowski said Detroiters shouldn't expect to see the choir outside of the Wednesday night performance at the Opera House. Last year, the choir put on a free show at Ste. Anne de Detroit and sung at Mass at the Cathedral of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Before 2017, the *Cappella Musicale Pontificia Sistina* performed in Detroit, Washington, D.C. and New York City in what was then described as a "once-in-a-lifetime" opportunity.

Now coming back one year later, Kurowski said the choir's decision to return to the United States, and more specifically, Detroit, is a testament to the hospitality and authentic love the city showed for the Pope's choir during their 2017 visit.

"Detroit is the number one reason they chose to come back to the United States," Kurowski said. "When they made the decision to travel, they chose a Detroit-based company. It really was a once-in-a-lifetime thing, but they didn't expect to see a community of love that was excited to see them. It took them by surprise.

"So almost immediately when they went back to Rome, it went all the way up the Holy Father how they were received in Detroit," Kurowski continued. "This is the ultimate of his evangelical preaching, sharing all the glories of the Universal Church and the Sistine Chapel Choir. It's unprecedented they are doing an eight-city tour. Before that they haven't traveled to the United States for 30 years. So it's almost unheard of that they would come back to the United States for two consecutive years. And they chose to come back to Detroit, they asked to come back to sing for Detroit.

#### **Readings for the Week of May 13, 2018**

**Sunday:** Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

**Monday:** Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/Jn 15:9-17

**Tuesday:** Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a

**Wednesday:** Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/Jn 17:11b-19

**Thursday:** Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Jn 17:20-26

**Friday:** Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19

**Saturday: Morning:** Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [7b]/Jn 21:20-25

**Next Sunday: Vigil:** Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

**Extended Vigil:** Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 52, 53, 55, 56 or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39

**Day:** Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15

#### **CSA: Vocations**

"Send Laborers into the Harvest," a symposium on parish vocation ideas, will be held next Wednesday, May 16, at Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Parish in Beverly Hills.

The symposium is designed for anyone interested in promotion vocations to the priesthood and religious life, but especially pastors, parish youth and faith formation ministers, parish pastoral councils and commissions, and school principals and teachers. Participants will learn how to stimulate parish prayer programs, establish special devotions, and arrange Holy Hours and Adoration for vocations; strengthen the Catholic faith among college students; and organize a parish vocations committee.

This event of the archdiocesan Office of Priestly Vocations and Detroit-Oakland Serra Club is free because of your gifts to the CSA.

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- Pope Francis



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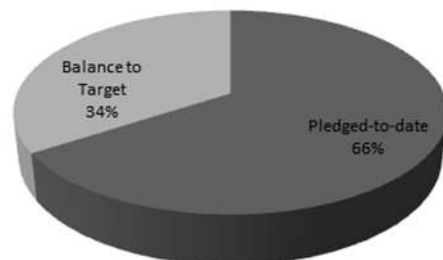
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Number of households responding: 112

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46,192.00

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15,799.00

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