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## **MEDIA ADVISORY – For Immediate Release**

## Sistine Chapel Choir to visit St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica

-Pope's personal choir will perform in Canada for first time ever-

TORONTO, ON (September 25, 2017) The Sistine Chapel Choir, known as the Pope's personal choir, is performing in Toronto during an historic Canadian tour. Their performance at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica on Tuesday, September 26 at 7:30 p.m. marks the first stop on the renowned chorus' tour of Ontario and Quebec. Comprised of 30 boys and 22 men, the choir – one of the oldest in the world – sings for the Pope's Vatican celebrations and tours the globe to share the gift of sacred music.

The concert will also feature a performance by the students of St. Michael's Choir School – one of only six choir schools in the world affiliated with the Pontifical Institute of Sacred Music in Rome. The sold-out event is a part of the St. Michael's Concert Series, a joint program of the Cathedral and St. Michael's Choir School.

## **Schedule of Events**

Where: St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica (65 Bond St., Toronto, ON)

When: Tuesday, September 26, 2017

6 p.m. – Doors open

7:15 p.m. – All guests seated

7:30 p.m. – Performance begins (St. Michael's Choir School followed by Sistine

Chapel Choir)

**MEDIA AVAILABILITY: Tuesday, Sept. 26, 9 a.m. – 10 a.m.** – representatives of both choirs available for media interviews. Additional times available with representatives of St. Michael's Choir upon request.

Media are welcome to join us for the concert. Please arrive no later than 6:45 p.m.

More information on the Sistine Chapel Choir and St. Michael's Choir School can be accessed by visiting <a href="www.sistinechapelustour.com/about">www.sistinechapelustour.com/about</a> and <a href="www.smcs.on.ca">www.smcs.on.ca</a>, respectively. The Archdiocese of Toronto is Canada's largest diocese, stretching from Toronto north to Georgian Bay and from Oshawa to Mississauga.

The event will also be livestreamed via www.stmichaelscathedral.com/live.

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