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Dear Paolo,

I am writing to thank you for being God's instrument in providing for us the choir pilgrimage of a lifetime last summer! Our choir members and their companions will be forever changed by the spiritual power and beauty of our journey to Salzburg, Assisi, and Rome.

From your coming personally to greet us at the airport in Munich, all through your presence with us throughout the trip, you and your staff were marvelous hosts, guides, facilitators, and problem solvers. We don't know how you managed to get us the outstanding seats for the Papal audience, the arrangements with the Vatican photographers, and the honor of singing with the Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Choirs at the Papal Mass for the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul. As my choir members are now fond of saying, "Paolo's got people."

That last Sunday of our pilgrimage will live on as one of the most remarkable days of our lives. You somehow managed to get us seated directly behind the main altar of St. Peter's Basilica for the Papal Mass, then planned the perfect Roman *al fresco* lunch to celebrate our final day, and then capped it all off with having us sing with the Schola at St. Paul Outside the Wall on that opening day of the Year of St. Paul! And then our group's exclusive time to visit the tomb of St. Paul under the altar was awe-inspiring.

In short, *thank you* for one of the most memorable and holy journeys of our lives. I hope we can work together again soon and often! May God bless you and your delightful family and staff.

In Christ,

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