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Press Release

Allen Organ Company Supplies Organ to the Vatican

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Macungie, PA, USA – Allen Organ Company installs organ in St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican.

In September 2017, during its first tour of the United States, the Sistine Chapel Choir rented an Allen organ for a concert in Detroit, Michigan. Maestro Palombella was impressed by the organ's sound and the Choir contacted Allen Organ Company to create a closer relationship. As a result, Allen is the exclusive organ of the Sistine Chapel Choir, referred to as the Pope's Choir, for all papal celebrations in St. Peter's Square. In addition, the organ will be used in St. Peter's Basilica to support the Basilica's music ministry.

The Vatican's new three-manual Allen GeniSys organ and its audio system include special adaptations to enable the instrument to be moved throughout the Vatican and other locations. While in St. Peter's Basilica, the organ's speaker cabinets are located behind the Choir with its sound also being amplified through the Basilica's PA system to allow the organ to be heard by as many of 12,000 attending Mass.

During the first week of December, Allen President Steven Markowitz and Vice President Barry Holben traveled to the Vatican to install the organ and introduce it to Juan Paradell-Solé, organist of the Pope, and Monsignor Massimo Palombella, Maestro of the Sistine Chapel Choir. In addition, the Allen organ was tested and approved for use in St. Peter's Basilica.

About Allen Organ Company

Allen Organ Company has been producing organs in Pennsylvania, USA for over 70 years and is the world's largest organ manufacturer. It also co-developed the world's first digital musical instrument. Allen's subcontract manufacturing division, AIA, supplies contract assembly services to other companies.

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