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# **500 Voices Greet Pope Francis for 80th Birthday**

A recording of 500 students and parents singing in the Cathedral of Pamplona (Navarra) was sent to Pope Francis as a gift for his 80th birthday on Saturday, December 17.

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The parents' choral group "Laus in Voce" at the Miravalles-El Redin school in Pamplona, Spain organized this musical recording, which was

sent to Pope Francis for his eightieth birthday on December 17. The spiritual formation provided by the school is entrusted to the Prelature of Opus Dei.

The recording, which took place in the Cathedral of Pamplona, featured “Immanuel” by Michael Card and “Iglesia Universal,” written by Carlos Andrés Sánchez for the occasion and dedicated to the Holy Father.

The video above only has the first song. The lyrics are found below:

### **“Immanuel” by Michael Card**

A sign shall be given

A virgin will conceive

A human baby bearing

Undiminished deity

The glory of the nations

A light for all to see

That hope for all who will embrace

His warm reality

Immanuel

Our God is with us

And if God is with us

Who could stand against us

Our God is with us

Immanuel

For all those who live in the shadow  
of death

A glorious light has dawned

For all those who stumble in the  
darkness

Behold your light has come

Immanuel

Our God is with us

And if God is with us

Who could stand against us

Our God is with us

Immanuel

So what will be your answer?

Will you hear the call?

Of Him who did not spare His son

But gave him for us all

On earth there is no power

There is no depth or height

That could ever separate us

From the love of God in Christ

Immanuel

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