

## *Heritage Choir Newsletter #10 – Rome, Italy*

*It's Thursday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, during your 2019 Rome, Italy Performance Tour. Today, you will continue your guided tour of the Vatican Museums.....*



**Listed is a summary of some of the museums you may enjoy while visiting the Vatican Museums:**

**1. PINACOTECA** - If you love art you won't want to miss Pinacoteca: **18 rooms** displayed in chronological order with paintings going from the Medieval age until the 19th century. A rich collection gathered by **Pope Pius XI** to reorganize a collection of paintings, previously belonging to various popes.

**2. PIO CLEMENTINO MUSEUM** - If you love sculpture, don't miss the opportunity to visit the **Pio Clementino Museum**. It is **the biggest complex inside the Museums**; you will easily notice it!

**3. GREGORIAN EGYPTIAN MUSEUM** - If you love antiquities, the **Gregorian Egyptian Museum** is for you! Founded on the initiative of **Pope Gregorius XVI** in 1839, the museum is formed by **9 rooms** and it gathers monuments and finds of **Ancient Egypt**, partly coming from Rome and Villa Adriana (Tivoli). The last two rooms contain works from Ancient **Mesopotamia** and **Assyria**.

**4. GALLERY OF GEOGRAPHIC MAPS** - If you love history and geography, along the itinerary leading to the Sistine Chapel, you will find the **Gallery of Geographic Maps**, one of the brightest and most fascinating environments within the Vatican Museums.

**5. CARRIAGE PAVILLON** - For the most curious and for all of you passionate about historic vehicles, in the Papal Apartment in the Palazzo Apostolic del Laterano; in a separated section of the **Historic Museum**, there is the **Carriage Pavillon**.

**6. RAPHAEL'S ROOMS** - Probably ranking second, only after the Sistine Chapel, **Raphael's Rooms** are beyond doubt **one of the main attractions in the Vatican Museums**.

**7. THE HELICAL STAIRCASE** - This amazing helical spiral staircase is located at the end of the itinerary and leads you outside the Museums. The staircase was designed by **Giuseppe Momo** in 1932.

Next, we will visit the Sistine Chapel at the Vatican Museums...**to be continued in next week's Newsletter**

### **Rome "Fun Fact" #10**

It is believed that if you spend a minute looking at each painting in the Vatican museums, it would take you 4 years to see them all completely.

