



**GUARDIA SVIZZERA  
PONTIFICIA**

**COMANDO**

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Dear Director,

Dear Friends:

I am very happy to be here with you today, together with my friends, the Philharmonica of Canobbia-Lugano. It is a great honor, both for myself and for all the members of the Swiss Guard.

This is the first musical band of its kind to perform before the Holy Father – in the Consistorial Room of the Vatican Palace (Pentecost 1986) – while also providing music for the many religious events of its native Diocese, Lugano. And today, this Swiss musical band is the first one to perform here in your fine establishment.

In memory of our meeting here with you today I have great pleasure in presenting you with a parchment conveying the Apostolic Blessing of the Holy Father and signed personally by him, together with the official Pontifical Medal of His Holiness.

I thank you for inviting me here today, and I pray that this commemoration will be for all connected with the Don Orione Home an incentive for renewed generosity and dedication in your service of the sick and needy. I ask God to continue to bless you for the next forty years!

Colonel R. Buchs

Commander of the Swiss Guards