



Rome - Fiesole - Florence - La Verna
14 - 20 July 2024

Programme



ROME / FIESOLE 13 - 15 July

Saturday July 13

- ◆ Arrival to Rome
- ◆ Reception and accommodation at the house of the Italian Catholic Action (Domus Mariae) and TH Hotel

Sunday July 14

- ◆ 08:00 Mass at A.C.
- ◆ 08:30 Breakfast
- ◆ 10:00 Departure from A.C. to Vatican
- ◆ 12:00 Angelus in Vatican place with His Holiness Pope Francis
- ◆ 13:30 Lunch
- ◆ 15:00 Departure to Fiesole

Monday July 15

- ◆ 08:00 Mass
- ◆ 08:30 Breakfast
- ◆ 09:30 Session 1: Introduction to Project Design
 - Welcome and ice-breaking activities.
 - Overview of project design: its importance, benefits and challenges.
- ◆ 12:00 Greetings and welcome from "Rete Mare Nostrum"
- ◆ 13:00 Lunch

Dear young people,
like the first disciples, follow Jesus!
Do not be afraid to draw near to him,
to cross the threshold of his dwelling,
to speak with him, face to face,
as you talk with a friend (cf. Ex 33:11).
Do not be afraid of the "new life" he is offering.
He himself makes it possible for you
to receive that life and practise it,
with the help of his grace
and the gift of his Spirit.

St. John Paul II

FIESOLE / FIRENZE 15 - 16 July

- ◆ **15:00** Session 2: Understanding the Problem
 - *Techniques for identifying and understanding the problem.*
 - *Defining project goals and objectives*
- ◆ **19:00** Free time
- ◆ **19:30** Dinner with young pastoral of Fiesole
- ◆ **21:00** Meeting and activities with young pastoral of Fiesole

Tuesday July 16

- ◆ **07:00** Breakfast
- ◆ **07:30** Departure to Rome
- ◆ **10:30** Audience in Vatican with
Mgr. Pietro Parolin (Cardinal Secretary of State)
- ◆ **11:00** Free Time in Vatican City
- ◆ **12:30** Lunch
- ◆ **16:00** Transfer by bus to Fiesole
- ◆ **20:00** Arrival to Fiesole, dinner

THE VIEW FROM FIESOLE

...The broad circumference
Hung on his shoulders like the moon, whose orb
Through optic glass the Tuscan artist views
At evening from the top of Fesolé,
Or in Valarno, to descry new lands,
Rivers, or mountains, in her spotty globe.

Milton, Paradise Lost 1644



FLORENCE / FIESOLE 17 - 18 July

Wednesday July 17

- 08:00 Mass
- 08:30 Breakfast
- 09:30 Session 3: Developing the Project Plan
 - *From problem to solution*
 - *Creating a project plan: tasks, timelines, resources, and responsibilities*
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:30 Departure to Florence
- 15:30 Meeting with the Rectorate of Florence University
- 17:00 Institutional meetings in Florence
 - Meeting with Tuscany Region President Mr. Eugenio Giani
- 18:00 Meeting with Mons. Gherardo Gambelli,
New Archbishop of Florence at the Seminary of Firenze
- 19:30 Dinner at Seminary of Firenze
- 21:00 Free time in Florence
- 22:00 Back to Fiesole

Thursday July 18

- 08:00 Breakfast
- 08:30 Mass
- 09:30 Session 4: Communication
 - *Reaching our target audience*
 - *Choose the right tools for communicating effectively our project*
- 13:00 Lunch
- 16:00 Session 5 - *His Exc. Mgr. César Essayan*
- *Apostolic Vicar of Latin in Beirut* -

We observe the past to imagine and walk towards the future, recovering the relevance of the thought of the Fathers of the Church, the roots of Christianity, which matured on the southern shore of the Mediterranean.

The Mediterranean must be looked at from Jerusalem, Palestine, Lebanon and the southern shores, as well as from Rome, undertaking a new, more choral, more polyphonic path. It is necessary to give life to a new experience (in form and substance), in harmony with the new times which ask at every level for greater capacity to connect, to interact, to aggregate, to weave networks of action for shared purposes, through a permanent path in who makes their characteristics and experience available.

- 20:00 Ethnic Dinner / Evening together

LA VERNA 19 July

"From Wounds, New Life"

Friday July 19

- 07:00 Breakfast
- 07:45 Departure to La Verna Sanctuary for the 800th Anniversary of the Stigmata of St. Francis
- 10:00 Guided tour of the Sanctuary
- 13:00 Lunch at La Verna
- 15:00 Procession and mass with Franciscan Friars
- 17:00 Departure
- 18:00 Arrival to Pratovecchio - Piano Festival
- 19:30 Dinner at Pratovecchio's main place
- 20:30 Free Time - Playing Piano
- 22:00 Departure to Fiesole



The Stigmata

Why is the stigmata something on which we focus now?

As we celebrate the 800th anniversary of many seminal moments in St. Francis's life, including the first creche in 2023 and the Canticle of the Creatures in 2025, the stigmata is front and center in 2024. Reportedly, St. Francis was the first person to receive the stigmata, although Father Jim says there is one report that St. Patrick had it before Francis. However, St. Francis had a reasonably well-documented occurrence and is considered the first person to manifest the stigmata. "In 1224," according to Father Jim, "he received the stigmata and suffered with it for two years until his death, but it didn't lead to his death." Depending on the narrative you read, Elias of Cortona, eventual Vicar General of the Order and second in leadership to St Francis who later became the second Minister General of the Order of Friars Minor, was the one who saw the stigmata on Francis' body after he died, as specified in the writing of Thomas of Celano. However, in St. Bonaventure's writing, Brother Leo and Bernard of Quintavalle reportedly witnessed that he had it during his life.

"The sight of it amazed Francis and his soul experienced joy mingled with pain. He was delighted with the sight of Christ appearing to him so graciously and intimately and yet the awe-inspiring vision of Christ nailed to the cross aroused in his soul a joy of compassionate love."

St. Bonaventure

FIESOLE / ROME 20 July

Saturday July 20

- ◆ 08:00 Breakfast
- ◆ 08:30 Mass
- ◆ 09:30 Final Greetings
- ◆ 14:30 Departure to Rome

*Believe in yourself,
You are braver than you think,
more talented than you know,
and capable of more than you imagine."*



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Rome is the city of echoes, the city of illusions, and the city of yearning."

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