



Pellegrinaggio Agostiniano in Italia

Augustinian Pilgrimage for Faculty & Staff

October 11-19, 2013



The *Pellegrinaggio Agostiniano in Italia* (Augustinian Pilgrimage in Italy) is a prayerful journey designed to assist participating pilgrims with deepening their understanding of Villanova's Augustinian heritage and Catholic identity. The pilgrimage provides opportunities to experience the three primary values that constitute the overarching mission of any Augustinian institution:

- **Veritas** - engaging in a restless search for truth and meaning.
- **Unitas** - striving to be one in mind and heart on the way to God.
- **Caritas** - building up the *City of God* through love of neighbor.

In **Rome**, pilgrims will visit the *Augustinianum* and meet with members of the Augustinian Curia. Our tour of Rome will include *St. Peter's Basilica* and *the Basilica of St. Augustine*, site of St. Monica's tomb, and many other shrines, important to Augustinians and the Catholic faith.

A day trip will take pilgrims to **Ostia Antica** to explore the life of St. Monica, and to the hillside town of **Genazzano**, home to the *Shrine of Our Mother of Good Counsel*.

Pilgrims will travel to *San Pietro in Ciel d'Oro* in **Pavia**, home to the tomb of St. Augustine, and spend significant time at the Augustinian monastery in **San Gimignano**. While there, we will explore the famous *Gozzoli Frescoes*, which depict the life of Augustine and visit **Lecceto**, home to a congregation of cloistered Augustinian nuns.

We will visit the site where tradition holds that Augustine spent time with friends after his conversion to Christianity, **Cassago Brianza** and participate in a renewal of our own baptismal promises on the very site where Augustine was baptized by St. Ambrose in **Milan**.

The pilgrimage will take place over the fall break period and is open to adult members of the Villanova community. The program will be led by Fr. Joseph Mostardi, OSA, Director of the Campus Ministry Center for Worship.

Though the exact cost of the trip has yet to be determined, we anticipate that the approximate cost will be \$3,000. Air transportation, double room accommodations, most meals and entrance fees will be included. Modest financial assistance is available.

Six preparation meetings will be offered as part of the Pilgrimage.

If you are interested in this limited opportunity, please contact Fr. Joe Mostardi, OSA at Joseph.Mostardi@villanova.edu or 610-519-4082 at your earliest convenience. For more information about the pilgrimage, see: <http://pellegrinaggioagostiniano.blogspot.com/>