The *Pellegrinaggio Agostiniano in Italia* (Augustinian Pilgrimage in Italy) is a prayerful journey designed to help participants deepen 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

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 Augustinian foundation in **Florence**, *Basilica di Santo Spirito*, established in 1250, and the *Uffizi Gallery*.

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*.

The pilgrimage will take place over fall break and is open to adult members of the Villanova community. Though the exact cost of the trip has yet to be determined, we anticipate that the approximate cost will be $3,500. Air transportation, double-room accommodations, and most meals and entrance fees will be included. Modest financial assistance is available.

Preparation meetings will be offered as part of the pilgrimage.

If you are interested in this limited opportunity, please contact Dr. Barbara Wall, Vice President, Mission & Ministry, at barbarawall@villanova.edu.

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