

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

We invite you to our 7th Leadership, Learning and Service Retreat at Pieve International School in Corciano, Italy. This Franciscan program is open to faculty, staff, administrators and graduate students. The mission of this retreat is to immerse ourselves in the Umbrian and Franciscan cultures, and to further our abilities as leaders, learners and people of service to facilitate personal, organizational and societal change.

Visits to Assisi, Perugia, Cortona, Deruta, Montefalco and Lake Trasimeno are included. These sites offer a balance of sightseeing, personal growth, reflection, and learning as we dialogue around local, national, and global issues to broaden our perspectives.

The program includes a variety of experiences shaped by the background and interests of the participants. Visits to Franciscan sites, sustainable businesses, University of Perugia, Umbria Jazz Festival and meetings with Italian civic, educational, non-profit, health-care, and spiritual leaders all serve to develop relationships and cross-cultural learning which help address common issues within our global environment.

ACCOMMODATION

Participants will be lodged in a family-oriented estate in shared room accommodations at Villa Pieve. Each bedroom is beautifully decorated in historic Umbrian tradition, has an attached bath with shower, and is equipped with a direct dial phone, HDTV, hair dryer and individually controlled heating/cooling system. Single occupant rooming can be arranged at an extra cost of \$200.



VILLA PIEVE

Villa Pieve is located in Umbria, the region south of Tuscany called “the green heart of Italy” and is well connected to the Florence-Rome highway. It is situated about two hours from Rome, thirty minutes from Assisi and ten minutes from Perugia, the capital of Umbria and an important Renaissance center.

The estate's surrounding area is typically Italian, characterized by a landscape of fields, gentle rolling hills and mountains dotted with olive trees and vineyards. Villa Pieve is rich in culture and history from the Franciscan tradition, the ancient Etruscans to the Romans, through the Middle Ages and the Renaissance. Less than 50 meters from the door, stands the Pieve del Vescovo Castle from which the estate takes its name.

GRADUATE CREDIT OPTION

All participants have the opportunity to enroll in course credit or to participate for no credit. The following courses are offered:

ED 647 LLS International Retreat (1-2 Professional Development Graduate credits) \$260 per credit

EDP 848 Observational Research: International Practicum (1-2 Ph.D. credits) optional for Stritch Doctoral students \$338 per credit

Course tuition is in addition to the program cost. The enrollment deadline is **May 4, 2012**. For additional questions regarding course tuition and course requirements, please contact Dr. Kris Hipp: 414 491 1303.

PROGRAM APPLICATION

Participants must submit a complete program application including the following:

- Completed Program Application
- International Medical Disclosure
- Release and Waiver of Liability
- Copy of the picture page of passport
- Program Deposit (\$1500)

to the International Education Office by the program application deadline of **Monday April 2, 2012**.

Program applications may be scanned and e-mailed to: studyabroad@stritch.edu. Alternatively please submit program applications by post mail to:

*Cardinal Stritch University
International Education Box 414
6801 North Yates Road
Milwaukee, WI 53217-3985*

PROGRAM COST

The program cost of the Leadership, Learning and Service program is typically \$2200 to \$2500 depending on personal lodging preference and the exchange rate. It does not include airfare and lunches. **A \$1500 deposit is required by Monday April 2, 2012 and should be made at the time of program application.**

The program deposit can be paid by credit card (please call the International Education Office at: 414 410 4729) or by check written to: **Cardinal Stritch University**. Please submit check payments by post to the university address provided above.

Airline reservations are made on your own to capitalize on discounted rates and frequent flier miles. **Please wait to purchase airfare until after the application and deposit deadline or until the program has been confirmed to you by e-mail.**

Participants will receive a timely e-mail communication regarding the final program cost and their individual program balance, which must then be submitted by check or credit card by **Friday, June 1, 2012**.

HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY

Participants must submit a complete and up-to-date **International Medical Disclosure and University Release/Waiver** as part of the program application.

Participants will be enrolled in International medical and evacuation insurance through HTH and valid for the dates of this program. We suggest that you contact your insurance provider to determine if you have medical coverage valid in a foreign country. If you plan to travel before or after the program dates you may want to ensure additional medical coverage through your personal provider.

Trip cancellation or luggage insurance is not provided, but can be purchased through Marathon Travel, www.marathontravel.com or Travel Guard, www.travelguard.com or when you book your airfare with the airline directly.



PROGRAM WITHDRAWAL POLICY

Admitted participants withdrawing from the program prior to the start date or during the travel program itself risk forfeiting part or all of their total program cost.

Withdrawal after April 2 but before June 1, 2012 will result in forfeiting \$250 plus additional costs already incurred with the program hosts in Italy.

Withdrawal after June 1, 2012 will result in forfeiting the entire program cost.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

Participants depart on **Tuesday, July 10** and are expected to arrive at Rome Fiumicino (FCO) airport on **Wednesday, July 11** prior to 10:00 a.m. Plan to depart from Rome on **Thursday July 19** at 10:00 a.m. or later. Participants arriving or departing on alternative dates will need to arrange local transport to/from Villa Pieve which is a three hour bus ride from the airport.

Please wait to purchase airfare until after the application and deposit deadline or until the program has been confirmed to you by e-mail. Please e-mail your airline itinerary to: studyabroad@stritch.edu

The International Education Office can make arrangements with Coach USA for participants departing from Chicago O'Hare (ORD) airport and wishing to include roundtrip coach transportation from Milwaukee.

American citizen participants should have a valid US passport and do not require a visa for this program. Non American citizen participants are suggested to contact the International Education Office to determine any visa requirements.

If necessary, obtain a US passport application/renewal form here: <http://travel.state.gov/passport/>



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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