



## HEALTH / SAFETY

Participants must submit a complete **International Health Disclosure and University Release/Waiver** as part of the program application.

Participants will be enrolled in international medical and evacuation insurance through HTH Worldwide. You will receive an email from HTH with coverage information. If you plan to travel before or after the program, please contact your insurance provider to verify foreign coverage.

Trip cancellation or luggage insurance is not provided, but can be purchased through your airline or Travel Guard, [www.travelguard.com](http://www.travelguard.com).

For safety information regarding Italy, see the US State Department report: <http://travel.state.gov/travel/> Also from this webpage, participants are encouraged to register with the US State Department Smart Traveller Awareness Program (SMART) which keeps the US Embassy informed of your whereabouts in case of an emergency.



## 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 May 1 but before June 1, 2015 will forfeit \$250 plus additional costs already incurred with the program hosts in Italy. Withdrawal after June 1st will forfeit the entire program cost.



## TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS

Participants depart on **Tuesday, July 7** and are expected to arrive at Rome Fiumicino (FCO) airport on **Wednesday, July 8** prior to 10:00 a.m. Plan to depart from Rome on **Thursday July 16** 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 3-hour bus ride from the airport. Some participants also choose to extend their travel before or after the program.

**Please wait to purchase airfare until after the application and deposit deadline or until the program has been confirmed to you by e-mail.**

US citizens must have a valid passport but do not require a visa to visit Italy. Non-US citizens may require a visa.

Transportation to/from Chicago O'Hare is available on Coach USA: [www.coachusa.com/](http://www.coachusa.com/) (\$51 roundtrip).

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

## FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

### Program Itinerary and Questions:

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### Program Applications and Payments

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## A Cultural Immersion Experience in

# ITALY



**Tuesday, July 7, 2015**

to

**Thursday, July 16, 2015**



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## PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

We invite you to our **10th** Italian Cultural Immersion Experience at Pieve International School in Corciano, Italy. **This program is open to adults world-wide.** The intent is to immerse ourselves in the Franciscan culture of Umbria, and to further our global awareness and competence.

Visits to Assisi, Perugia, Florence, Cortona, Nestle Chocolate Factory, Lake Trasimeno, Orvieto, Deruta, and other serendipitous opportunities are included. This program offers a balance of sightseeing, reflection, personal growth, and a sense of community as we come to know one another across countries, and begin to see the world from a different and richer perspective.

The program includes a variety of experiences influenced by the interests of the participants and the many personal connections of our hosts. Visits to Franciscan sites, sustainable businesses, the University of Perugia, Umbria Jazz Festival, etc., all serve to develop relationships and cross-cultural learning, which help us understand common and disparate issues within our global environment.



## ABOUT YOUR TRIP LEADERS

Dr. Kris Hipp, Professor Emerita and Program Coordinator, is retired from full-time employment in the Doctoral Leadership Department at Cardinal Stritch University. This upcoming cultural experience will be the 10th program she has co-planned, organized and hosted with Rossella Vasta, the Director of Pieve International School at Villa Pieve in Corciano, Italy since 2006. Rossella is an internationally known artist, an Honorary Doctor of Humane Letters from Stritch, and the creator of *The Table of Silence*, a project to advance world peace.



## PIEVE INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL

Pieve International School is located in Umbria, the region south of Tuscany called "the green heart of Italy" and is well connected to the Florence-Rome highway. Villa Pieve is situated 2 hours from **Rome**, 30 minutes from **Assisi** and 10 minutes from **Perugia**, an important Renaissance center.

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

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



## APPLICATION

Participants must submit a complete program application including the following:

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

to the International Education Office by the application deadline of **Wednesday, April 8, 2015.**

Program applications may be scanned and e-mailed to: [srsweeney@stritch.edu](mailto:srsweeney@stritch.edu). Alternatively please submit program applications by post mail to:

*Cardinal Stritch University  
International Education Office  
6801 North Yates Road, Box 335  
Milwaukee, WI 53217-3985*

## PROGRAM COST

The program cost of the Leadership, Learning and Service program is typically \$1800 to \$2200 depending on personal lodging preferences and the Euro/Dollar exchange rate. Fees do not include US ground transportation, airfare and lunches. **A \$1500 deposit is required with the program application by Wednesday April 8, 2015.**

The deposit can be paid by check or credit card. Please call Sarah at 414-410-4187 to pay with credit. Checks can be 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 flyer 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 individual balances.