

Catholica Summer Program

FAQ

How do I apply for Catholica Summer Program?

- Visit www.catholicasummerprogram.com and insert your information in the contact form. An application will then be sent to you by email.

Who can attend Catholica Summer Program?

- Young men aged 14 – 18 who love the Catholic faith and desire to grow into strong-minded and dedicated Catholic gentlemen.

What is the cost of the program and what does this include?

- The program cost is \$5995.00. This includes everything except airfare.

What is the cost of the deposit and is there any sort of early payment discount?

- The deposit is \$995.00.
- If the deposit is remitted by February 24th a \$500.00 discount will be applied to the deposit.

When is the \$5000.00 balance due?

- The first \$2500.00 installment is due 3/24/2017 and the second \$2500.00 installment is due 4/21/2017.

May I pay by credit card?

- Yes – in this case a 3.5% surcharge will be applied.

Are there discounts available if I send more than one son?

- There is a \$250.00 *per son* discount for those who send more than one son.

Is there a chaperoned group flight? Where does my son meet the group?

- There is a chaperoned group flight from New York (JFK) to Rome (FCO).
- Students are expected to meet at the gate of departure at JFK on Monday, June 12th.
- Students should meet at the gate of departure no less than 3 hours prior to departure (1:15 PM).

What are the flight details and how are tickets purchased?

- AZ 609 departs from JFK on Monday, June 12th at 4:15 PM and arrives in Rome at 6:55 AM.
- AZ 602 departs from FCO on Saturday, July 8th at 9:40 AM arriving in JFK at 1:25 PM.
- Tickets are available for purchase on www.alitalia.com.

What if my son does not fly with the group?

- Simply provide the arrival and departure information and Catholica staff will meet your son at arrivals in Rome, FCO and see him off at departures at Rome, FCO.

Is trip insurance available?

- Trip insurance information is available here <https://prorometours.com/travel-protection/>.

Where is the Catholica Summer Program campus located?

- The campus in Rome is the *Casa Santa Maria delle Grazie alle Fornaci*, a guesthouse just next to St. Peter's Basilica (.1 miles). Every room has two single beds, a bathroom and A/C and WiFi. The campus website is <http://www.santamariafornaci.com/en>.

Will Catholica staff be present at all times in the dormitories?

- Our dormitory staff will be present in the dormitories 100% of the time.

Can you tell me a little bit about the Catholica staff's qualifications?

- Each staff member is a dedicated Catholic with extensive experience in education.
- Each staff member is CPR and AED certified.
- Each staff member has undergone background checks and is Virtus ® certified.

Is Mass really in St. Peter's Basilica every morning?

- Yes. A Catholica program chaplain will celebrate the extraordinary form (Latin) of the Mass every morning.

Will my son have the opportunity to serve the Mass in St. Peter's Basilica?

- Every young man will have this unique opportunity.

Are classes designed for students of a certain skill-level? I am worried that my son will not be able to keep up.

- Classes are designed so that each student can learn at his own level.
- We have admitted students who have never studied Latin and some who are currently in advanced Latin. Dr. Clark is an exceptional Latinist who will give each student the opportunity to grow in knowledge and understanding of Latin according to his own abilities.
- Church History classes are designed so that each student might come to an understanding of the life of the Church according to his own intellectual maturity and wisdom. We do this by examining *solely* primary sources. In this way the student is able to deduce his own proper understanding of Church history according to his own wisdom and understanding. Our tours will complement the classroom work.
- Apologetics class will feature a series of lectures delivered by dedicated lay people, monks, priests, bishops and cardinals. In this way the student will meet dedicated men *who practice what they preach*. An eye-opening series of excellent lectures will sharpen the student's love for and ability to defend the Faith.

Is Italy safe? I am worried about the safety of my son.

- Italy is safe. The American and Italian authorities are doing an excellent job of keeping Italians and their visitors safe and comfortable.
- Just as anywhere, the vigilance and responsibility of the program staff is paramount in order to ensure the safety of the students. Catholica chaperones are with the students at all times.
- Catholica remains in close contact with the American embassy in Rome, who issues safety and security messages for Italy on their website found here: <https://it.usembassy.gov/u-s-citizen-services/security-and-travel-information/>.