

LESSONS AND TOUR PROGRAM

ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-2025

NOVEMBER

Saturday 9th • h. 9,30-11,30

ALESSANDRO VELLA

Pilgrimage routes in the catacombs and suburban basilicas of Rome

Saturday 16th • h. 9,30-11,30

CECILIA PROVERBIO

Visual decorations in suburban pilgrimage-destination shrines of Rome

Saturday 23rd • h. 9,30

ALESSANDRO VELLA

tour of the catacomb of Saints Marcellinus and Peter

(meeting point via Casilina, 641)

Saturday 30th • h. 9,30-11,30

GIUSEPPE FALZONE

Ad limina Apostolorum. Pilgrims, writing and memory between Late Antiquity and the Early Middle Ages

DECEMBER

Saturday 7th • h. 9,30

CHIARA CECALUPO

tour to Callixtus catacomb

(meeting point Callixtus Park, via Appia Antica, 110-126)

Saturday 14th • h. 9,30-11,30

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Museums, guides and souvenirs of Christian Archaeology for pilgrims from 1450 to 1925

JANUARY

Saturday 11th • h. 9,30

DOMENICO BENOCI

tour to the Triclia of St. Sebastian
(meeting point via Appia Antica, 136)

Saturday 18th • h. 9,30-11,30

LUCREZIA SPERA

The pilgrimage to the great apostolic Shrines of Vatican and via Ostiense. Late-Antiquity and Middle Ages

Saturday 25th • h. 9,30

CECILIA PROVERBIO

tour to the Commodilla Catacomb
(meeting point Parco delle Sette Chiese)

FEBRUARY

Saturday 1th • h. 9,30-11,30

CARLO DELL'OSSO

The *Itineraria*: literary sources of pilgrimage in the patristic age

Saturday 8th • h. 9,30

LUCREZIA SPERA

tour to St. Paul outside the wall
(meeting point Piazzale San Paolo, 1a)

Saturday 15th • h. 9,30-11,30

STEFAN HEID

The pilgrims and the liturgy celebrated at the tombs of the martyrs

Saturday 22th • h. 9,30

CECILIA PROVERBIO

tour to Domitilla catacomb
(meeting point via delle Sette Chiese, 282)

MARCH

Saturday 1st • h. 9,30-11,30

GABRIELE CASTIGLIA

Topography of pilgrimage: archaeological reflections of devotion in the *Orbis christianus antiquus*

Saturday 8th • h. 9,30

OLOF BRANDT

tour to Agnes catacomb
(meeting point via Nomentana, 349)

Saturday 15th • h. 9,30-11,30

OLOF BRANDT

The architecture of the great centres of pilgrimage in the East, from St. Babylas to Abu Mina, Ephesus and Qal'at Sem'an

Saturday 22nd • h. 9,30

SIMONETTA SERRA

tour to St. Lawrence outside the walls catacomb
(meeting point Piazzale del Verano, 3)

Saturday 29th • h. 9,30

Exams

APRIL

Saturday 12th • h. 6,00

visit/pilgrimage to the Seven Churches of Rome



Cubiculum of the two Agapi: interiors.
Rome, The Catacombs of SS. Marcellino and Pietro (photo PCAS).

Established in 1960, this course is dedicated to disseminating knowledge about the early Christian monuments of Rome, with a particular focus on their historical significance. It also includes extensive references to other regions of the *Orbis christianus antiquus*.

With a view, moreover, to acquiring a critical view of the origin and development of the first Christian communities up to the time of Pope Gregory the Great (590-604), the Course contributes to the training of teachers of ancient Church history and other related disciplines. Lessons are supplemented with projections and visits to catacombs, basilicas, and museum collections, offering the opportunity to learn about and visit lesser-known and often inaccessible monuments. For the catacombs open to the public, each member will be given a card issued by PIAC, which is valid only for the year of the course indicated, and a strictly personal PCAS pad to be used by the end of the Academic Year, valid for one free entry to each of the catacombs open to the public, subject to health emergencies (S. Callisto, S. Sebastiano, Domitilla, Priscilla, S. Agnese, SS. Marcellino e Pietro).

The membership card, to be presented upon request by the staff of the Institute and the Pontifical Commission for Sacred Archaeology, offers several benefits. It grants a 10% discount on publications of the Pontifical Institute of Christian Archaeology and access to the catacombs. However, it does not provide entry to the library.

Moderator:
prof. Olof Brandt

ENROLLMENT

Participation in the course is open to all interested people with a high school diploma.

Enrolments can be made from 30 September to 5 November 2024 during the opening hours of the Institute's Secretariat: Monday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Two passport-size photos are required for registration. The registration fee is € 500.00. The cost for the final examination and certificate is € 80.00.

Payment of the fee may be made by bank cheque or "non-transferable" bank draft made payable to Pontifical Institute of Christian Archaeology or by bank transfer to the bank account, with **reason (Initiation Course)**, made payable to Pontificio Istituto di Archeologia Cristiana

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Ivory panel with Emmaus scene

