**Travelling Together, 9-13 May 2017, Castelgandolfo, Rome**

Information, February 2017

**The event**

This will be an international event for people of all ages, churches and backgrounds who are interested in seeking Christian unity. It is being organised by the Focolare Movement. About 500 people from all over the world are expected to attend.

**The venue**

It will be held at the Focolare’s International Conference Centre called *Centro Mariapoli,* in Castelgandolfo, which overlooks Lake Albano, just outside Rome in the famous and beautiful area known as *Castelli Romani*.

**Travelling to Italy**

You are kindly requested to organise your own travel to Italy and back.

Travel dates: Out Monday 8th May, Return Saturday 13th May after lunch

The meeting begins in the morning on Tuesday 9th May, so you should plan to arrive in the evening of Monday 8th May. Supper will be served at the Centro Mariapoli at around 7.00pm.

The meeting ends at lunch time on Saturday 13th May, so late afternoon or evening flights would be the best.

Please note that there are two airports in Rome. Ciampino airport is very close to Castelgandolfo and is served mainly by Ryanair and other low-cost airlines. Fiumicino airport is much further away (about an hour by car) and is served by most major airlines.

**Accommodation**

Accommodation is provided in nearby hostels and small hotels, in rooms with two or three beds. You will be able to specify on the booking form if you would like to share with a particular person or people. Transport is provided to and from the hotels each day and is included in the basic price.

Single rooms are available for an additional **supplement of 15 *euros*** per night per person.

**Basic Price**

The basic price for the event is **290 *euros****.*

This amount is divided into:

a). **200 *euros***which is forall meals and accommodation from supper on Monday 8th May to lunch on Saturday 13th May, as well as transport to and from hotels each day

b). **90 *euros***which is for two coach trips to Rome during the week, entrance fee and guided tour of the Catacombs, radios and headsets used for translations during the trips to Rome.

**Transport to and from Airports**

Transport to and from airports or Rome *Termini* Station is available at the following additional costs:

Ciampino airport to Castelgandolfo 12 *euros* per trip

Fiumicino airport to Castelgandolfo 17 *euros* per trip

Rome *Termini* Station 17 *euros* per trip

**Payment**

A participation fee of £20 (*sterling*) should be sent as a deposit with your booking form. There are various ways of paying this which are described in the booking form.

The rest of your payment should be made in *euros* on arrival. Unfortunately the Centro Mariapoli does not have provision for paying by credit or debit card, so please bring your payment in *euros*. There will be a *designated person in our group* who will collect all payments on arrival.

**Booking Form**

Booking forms can be obtained by contacting one of the following:

***Travelling Together, Focolare Centre for Unity, 69 Parkway, Welwyn Garden City, Herts AL8 6JG***

orTelephone 01707 332950 or Email [**ecumenism@focolare.org.uk**](mailto:ecumenism@focolare.org.uk)

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