



Office of the Vice Rector

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2010 TRAVEL INFORMATION FOR NEW STUDENTS

DATE OF ARRIVAL

There are two dates of arrival for 2010:

- For those coming to Italy early to study Italian in a College-sponsored program, the date of arrival is Monday, 19 July.
- For those not coming early to study Italian, the date of arrival is Thursday, 26 August.

ORIENTATION PROGRAM

The Orientation Program begins on Thursday morning, 26 August.

If you are coming to Italy/Europe early to study Italian in a program of your own selection or simply to engage in other travel, please plan on being at the College no sooner than Wednesday, 25 August, arriving here sometime between 9:00am and 9:00pm.

TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS AND FLIGHT INFORMATION

While seminarians are free to make their own arrangements, we strongly encourage and recommend that new students fly together from Newark to Rome unless a significant savings can be realized by other arrangements. Arriving together facilitates customs clearance in Rome. For both arrival dates, representatives of the formation faculty and the student Orientation Committee will meet the group at the airport and transport you directly to the College by motorcoach. Additionally, arriving together as a group will minimize the many difficulties created by the individual arrival of students on various flights on different days.

Group travel flight arrangements can be made with the following travel agency in the United States:

STOPPINI GROUP TRAVEL, LLC
61 Douglas Pike
Uxbridge, Massachusetts 01569
Tel: 508-278-3636 or toll free 866 440 3521
Fax: 508-278-7589
e-mail: stoppinigrouptravel@charter.net

Seats have been reserved on the July flight:

- **19 July arrival:** Stoppini Group Travel has reserved seats on Continental Airlines flight 40 departing from Newark (EWR) on Sunday, 18 July at 5:25pm and arriving in Rome (FCO) the next day at 7:45am.
- **26 August arrival:** We are in the process of working to obtain group rates for the flight to Rome on this day. Please contact the College for further details.

Stoppini Group Travel will book your domestic flight(s) from your originating city to Newark, as well as your international flight from Newark to Rome. *Payment is not needed at the time of booking. Stoppini Group Travel will bill your (arch)diocese for the cost of the airfare.* Keep in mind that it is often less expensive to book your entire flight from your originating city together with your international flight, as connecting flights often cost less than if they were purchased separately and U.S. tax is omitted. Your travel plans to Newark should be so arranged that you arrive at the airport **two to three hours** before the scheduled departure of the Continental Airlines flight to Rome.

The individual cost for your ticket purchased through Stoppini Group Travel will vary depending upon your departure city. Please contact Stoppini Group Travel for actual price information. **The number of seats available to us at this discounted group rate is limited and will be sold on a first-come, first serve basis. The group rate will no longer be available 1) once the seats reserved for the College are sold out, OR 2) after 17 June for the 18 July departure.** Finally, a minimum number of tickets must be purchased for the 18 July departure date in order for the airline to give us this group rate, therefore if less than the minimum number book the flights through Stoppini Group Travel, the group rate cannot be guaranteed.

Dress for group travel is a collared shirt and long pants. We recommend that you travel in a comfortable but neat manner as you will be on the plane from Newark to Rome for a little over eight hours.

TRAVELING APART FROM THE GROUP

If you are planning to come to Rome apart from the group for one reason or another (to travel, study Italian on your own, etc.), Stoppini Group Travel may be able to help you with your travel arrangements. Please feel free to contact them for a price quote. Remember that you should plan on arriving at the College no sooner than 9:00am and no later than 9:00pm on Wednesday, 25 August. Orientation begins the next day. If at all possible, for the convenience of being picked up at the airport, please attempt to schedule your arrival time in Rome (FCO) within an hour of the arrival time of the Continental Airlines flight 40 mentioned above.

Once your travel plans have been made, please send your itinerary to Maria Soggiu, secretary to the Vice Rector for Seminary Life and the Director of Admissions, via fax: 011-39-06-687-5557.

Knowing this information will help us to estimate the number of seats that will be needed on the designated Continental Airlines flights listed above.

INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL – BAGGAGE

You are encouraged to check the websites of the airlines with which you are ticketed to review current baggage regulations for domestic and/or international flights. Be aware that most airlines impose fees for excess or overweight luggage. To view the most current baggage regulations for Continental Airlines, please check their website at www.continental.com.

If you are starting your trip from any city other than Newark – depending on how your travel was ticketed – you may be able to check your bags straight through to Rome from your originating city. You will need your passport to check-in. Keep your boarding passes and passport handy at all times, as you cannot get in and out of certain areas without them.

If you cannot check your bags through to Rome from your originating city for one reason or another, check them to EWR. *You will need to claim your luggage in baggage claim before proceeding to your international flight.* Check-in for your flight to Rome at one of the “Continental Airlines International Flights” ticket counters. Again, you will need your passport to check-in. Verify that your luggage is checked directly through to Rome (FCO).

FINAL NOTES

After September 11, 2001, the US Government and the airlines more closely monitor travellers with one-way tickets. If you are making flight arrangements through Stoppini Group Travel, they will be happy to provide you with two notarized letters stating that you are a seminarian who will be studying in Rome for an extended period of time. While not always necessary, these letters may prove helpful in obtaining your visa with your local Italian Embassy or Consulate and on the actual day of travel to Rome at the check-in counter.

If you are not making flight arrangements through Stoppini Group Travel, you are encouraged to ask for two notarized letters from your travel agency stating that you are a seminarian who will be studying in Rome for an extended period of time. Note, if you are booking your own tickets through the Internet, you will not have access to these letters.

The attached two-page form should be used to make your travel arrangements with Stoppini Group Travel.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Msgr. Robert D. Gruss, Vice Rector for Seminary Life, at rgruss@pnac.org or Maria Soggiu, secretary to the Vice Rector at msoggiu@pnac.org.

Safe travels! We are looking forward to your arrival!

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION FOR THE AIRLINE:

In an emergency, please contact: _____

Telephone number of emergency contact person: _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION

Name of seminarian: _____

The bill for travel arrangements should be sent to:

Official person responsible for payment: _____

(Arch)Diocese: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone number: _____ Fax: _____

Your signature: _____

Printed name: _____

Once completed, you may scan and e-mail this form to: stoppinigrouptravel@charter.net

Alternatively, you may fax or send the form by mail to:

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