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## The Church of San Salvatore in Vatican City is currently being restored

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The Church of St. Salvatore of Terrione, popularly known as “di Ossibus,” is near the Palace of the Holy Office a few meters from the southern arm of the Bernini portico of St. Peter’s. It marks the western most point of the Vatican City State. Referred to in some historical documents as St. Salvatore of Ossibus due to confusion with a similarly named medieval church, this church was most properly called “of Terrione” after ruins near the present Roman Porta Cavalleggeri. The oldest names date from the pontificate of Leo IV (847-855). A decree from the pope names the church of St. Salvatore “in Terrione.”



During the pontificate of Nicholas V (1447-1455), the church was restored but it is not known whether it was by direct intervention of the pope or by another person, reported by Grimaldi in 1619 (Cod. Vatic. Barber. 2733, f. 326). The coat of

arms of Nicholas V is painted inside the church, likely as testimony that he undertook this restoration. The interior frescoes are largely original and identifiable by the 15th century insignias which bear the same stylistic characteristics as the frescoes.

In 1922-1923 Pope Pius XI (1922-1939) gave the grounds at Nero’s Circus to the Knights of Columbus so they could build the Oratory for St. Peter’s. Several buildings were destroyed during this time. The Church of St. Salvatore of Terrione, however, was saved and used as a chapel for the Oratory. Between 1923 and 1924 the Knights

of Columbus conducted restoration on the building. Among the works restored were stained glass windows which bear the insignia of the association. The original work of the Middle Ages is no longer present. The small

church appears clearly and three dimensionally outlined for the first time in the perspective map of G.B. Falda of 1676.

Architectural forms, such as illusionary columns, are painted on the walls and are found in a limited number of documents from the early Renaissance period until about the middle of the 15th century. The Vatican is conserving the environment of the Biblioteca Graeca (Greek Library) located on the ground level of the Palace of Nicholas V, in which the decoration was probably coeval to the 15th century restoration of St. Salvatore of Terrione. The most recent studies of the frescoes in the library and the church propagate the authorship of these decorations to Andrea del Castagno. The chapel now serves the community of the Missionaries of Charity, the order founded by Blessed Mother Theresa of Calcutta. The nuns hold daily prayer and adoration in this medieval chapel which connects to the corner buildings given them as a house for the poor. In the chapel of St. Salvatore they gain strength to joyfully serve the poorest of the poor with a soup kitchen that offers warm meals daily. ☺



## THE PATRONS OF THE ARTS IN THE VATICAN MUSEUMS OF OHIO INC.



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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR CHAPTER CHAIR

Fall is a beautiful season, even though it marks the end to our summer. The good news is, it's also clambake season and the excitement is building toward our annual Patrons Clambake. Invitations are already out and reservations are being made. We look forward to having you join us on September 25 at Acacia Country Club for this popular outing.

The countdown continues for our Vatican Cruise. We sail the Mediterranean from October 14-28 aboard the Oceana Cruises *Nautica*. We hope you're planning to be aboard. This should be a very special experience for all.

Our plans are also underway for our annual Holiday Party. This year we'll be celebrating at the Tudor House at Gilmour Academy on December 2nd. We're truly excited about hosting the party at this historic facility. Save the date and plan to join us.

LORRAINE DODERO  
Chairman, Ohio Chapter

Ciao

# Vatican Visits are Special

Father Michael Rock, O. de M. has been to Rome a number of times but his visit as a member of the Ohio Chapter of the Patrons of the Arts in the Vatican Museums was truly his most memorable. "I've been there (Rome) a lot, but visiting as a Patron opens up a whole different world. We saw and did things that most Bishops don't even experience," says Fr. Mike. "Patrons step into a world that few encounter or can even comprehend."

His enthusiasm for the experience bubbles over when he explains that, among the privileges he enjoys as a Patron of the Arts in the Vatican Museums, his most cherished was the opportunity to say mass at the Tomb of Saint Peter. It's something he's about to enjoy for a second time as he travels to Rome to celebrate his 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of ordination in late October of this year.

When asked why he initially became a member of the Patrons, Fr. Mike said, "The main reason was that I realized how fortunate the Church is to have an organization that has accepted the responsibility of preserving history. The artwork in the Vatican collection represents and traces the history of our Church and without the Patrons there would be no way to assure that future generations could experience and appreciate these treasures."

A native Clevelander, Fr. Mike grew up on the near west side in Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish. He entered the Order of the Blessed Virgin of Mary seminary directly from high school at age 17. After ordination he left Cleveland and studied seminary formation in Philadelphia for a year and a half at the Monastery of Our Lady of Mercy House of Studies. During his career he has taught in the missions in India and is currently pastor of Our Lady of Mercy Church in LeRoy, New York near Buffalo, a position he's held since December 1999.

An acknowledged advocate for the young church, Fr. Rock received the Monsignor Nelson H. Baker Award from the Catholic Diocese of Buffalo in February 2010 for his work with the youth of the Church.

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"I can't say enough about the incredible staff at the Patrons of the Arts in the Vatican Museums," says Fr. Mike. "Father Mark (Haydu) and his staff are very friendly and extremely helpful and knowledgeable. I'm really looking forward to my return trip this Fall with the Ohio Chapter"

Photos from Father Mike's (Ohio Patrons Member) personal collection of his last Chapter visit to Rome



# to Father Mike



## *Penne All'Arrabbiata*

*A great dish to use up your end of summer bounty of fresh tomatoes!*

*Because there is chili in the sauce, don't serve with parmesan, just a drizzle of good quality extra virgin olive oil.*

*The chili is what gives this dish its name "Angry Sauce"*



## *mangiare*

### INGREDIENTS:

- 2 tablespoons of olive oil
- 2 large garlic cloves, thinly sliced
- 1-2 medium size dried chilies
- 1 and 1/2 lbs of fresh tomatoes peeled
- 14 oz of penne or rigatoni
- 1 sprig of basil torn into pieces
- salt and pepper

Heat the olive oil in a saucepan and add the garlic and chilies, Cook over low heat until the garlic is light golden brown. Turn the chilies over during cooking so both sides get a chance to infuse in the oil and turn slightly nutty in flavor.

Add the tomatoes and season with salt. Cook gently, breaking up the tomatoes with a wooden spoon, for about 20 – 30 minutes, or until the sauce is rich and thick.

Meanwhile, cook the pasta in a large pan of boiling salted water until al dente. Drain

Add the basil to the sauce and season just before serving, tossed with the pasta. If you prefer a hotter sauce, break open the chilies to release the seeds.

Serves 4



## CLAMS, MUSSELS, CRAB LEGS AND LOBSTER ... OH MY!

The menu for this year's Annual Patrons Clambake will make any shellfish lover's mouth water! Once again, it will be a veritable feast that includes steamed mussels, New England clam chowder, Littleneck clams, broiled lobster tail, steamed crab legs, roasted chicken and all the trimmings.

### Special Guest Joining Us!



Rev. Monsignor Terence E. Hogan National Vatican Office

#### Menu Includes:

- Steamed Mussels
- New England Clam Chowder
- Littleneck Clams
- Broiled Lobster Tail
- Steamed Crab Legs
- Roasted Chicken
- & much more!

The annual Patrons Clambake is scheduled for Sunday, September 25 at 4 pm at Acacia Country Club. Always a fun event, attendees will enjoy a great meal and live entertainment. Please note that this is a member and guest event – we encourage you to bring guests and prospective members with you!

Cost is \$65 per person for Patron members and \$75 for non-members. An additional dozen clams can be purchased for \$10/dozen. ☺

**Don't miss this fabulous event. Seating still available.  
Call today to secure your reservations (440) 498-1300.**

# Grazie 2011

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

It is with pleasure that we welcome the following families and individuals as New Members to the Ohio Chapter of the Patrons of the Arts in the Vatican Museums.

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| MR. & MRS. DENNIS CASTIGLIONE Solon, Ohio         | MS. PEGGY ERNST Cincinnati, Ohio   |
| MS. KATHLEEN A. COLEMAN Novelty, Ohio             | MS. ELSIE CONSILIO Copley, Ohio    |
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The Ohio Chapter is proud to have each and every member. Your continued interest and promotion of our organization's mission is greatly appreciated. ☺

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 25  
**Annual Clam Bake**  
Acacia Country Club

OCTOBER 14-28  
**Pearls of the Riviera** Join the Ohio Chapter as we set sail on the beautiful Oceanic Cruise Ship **Nautica**.

DECEMBER 2  
**Annual Holiday Party,**  
Tudor House at Gilmour Academy



We're pleased to announce that the Patrons of the Arts in the Vatican Museums, Ohio Chapter now accepts credit card payments for your donations, membership fees and events. We are happy to accept Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover.