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## The Patrons Vatican Cruise ... in a word,

*The* daily temperature was 70 degrees. The accommodations were comfortable and elegant. And the food? "Incredible!" The Patrons' "Pearls of the Riviera" cruise in the Mediterranean aboard Oceana Cruise's "Nautica" was a wonderful experience for 18 Ohio Chapter members and guests.

Veteran cruisers remarked throughout the trip how Oceana's attention to detail and a full, but reasonably paced agenda allowed for complete enjoyment of the amenities that "Nautica" had to offer. Those new to cruising might just have been spoiled for future trips!

Patron members enjoyed plenty of free time to lounge by the pool, stroll the deck and take in the beauty of the Mediterranean or rock to karaoke performances in the cocktail lounge after dark.

Our land itinerary included stops in Barcelona and Valencia in Spain; Provence and Saint-Tropez in France and Monte Carlo. In Italy we stopped in Portofino, Florence, Amalfi, Sorrento and finally, Rome, where Patrons enjoyed their exclusive tour of the Vatican.

# *Spectacular!*



Corinne Dodero enjoys the cruise aboard a private yacht on the way to Capri



Ohio Chapter in Florence, Italy



Corinne Dodero and Alex McMillen at an outdoor cafe in Barcelona Spain

Father Pat O'Neill, Monsignor Terence Hogan



Denise Jasko, Lorraine Dodero



Connie Frankino and Corinne Dodero



Bottom, (l-r): Elsie Consilio, Jo Murdocco, Pam McMillen  
Top: Cheryl Nicholson, Connie Frankino, Sharon Green



Connie Frankino, Father Pat O'Neill, Monsignor Terence Hogan and Lorraine Dodero



Jim Preziosi, Lorraine Dodero, Bob Green



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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR CHAPTER CHAIR

I love the holidays, especially Christmas. The music, the decorations and most importantly the celebration of the birth of Christ. Having just returned from a trip to the Vatican with the Ohio Chapter of the Patrons of the Arts in the Vatican Museums I feel particularly poised for the season. Each time I visit the Vatican it's not only an immensely rewarding experience, but a spiritual one, as well. This trip, in particular was a perfect preamble for the season.

We've shared a few photos of the visit in this issue. It was a wonderful trip enjoyed by 18 Patron members and friends.

This month is our Holiday Party at Tudor House on the campus of Gilmour Academy. We're expecting a great turnout and look forward to another exciting event.

On behalf of the Ohio Chapter of Patrons of the Arts in the Vatican Museums, I would like to wish you and your family a blessed Christmas. Best wishes for a happy, healthy holiday season!

LORRAINE DODERO  
Chairman, Ohio Chapter

Ciao

# An Extraordinary Tour of

Each time we visit the Vatican, it's a special event. It never gets old and we're always experiencing something new, exciting and spiritually-moving. The most recent visit by the Ohio Chapter of Patrons of the Arts in the Vatican Museums this past October was no exception. It was extraordinary, indeed.

We enjoyed lunch in the Casina of Pius IV in the Vatican Gardens, a tour of the secret Vatican archives and a private (and very rare) visit to the Tower of the Winds and The Carriage Museum. As always, our private tour included visits to the Restoration Labs where we were able to see, firsthand, the restoration work being done on the Ohio Chapter's restoration piece "Model for the decoration on the new staircase of the Vatican Museums by Antonio Maraini" and an after hours tour of the Sistine Chapel.

A special mass was celebrated for us by Archbishop Giovanni Bertello, Governor of Vatican City and we also enjoyed cocktails in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Miquel Diaz, Ambassador to the Holy See.

We dined in the Sculpture Garden and enjoyed cocktails in the Gallery of the Candleabras.

Members of the Patrons of the Arts in the Vatican Museums are privileged to see things that the general public may never have the opportunity to view and experience the artistic treasures of the Vatican in a unique, private fashion. This visit reaffirmed our devotion to the preservation of these precious assets.



Connie Frankino, Corinne and Lorraine Dodero and Father Mark Haydu at the Papal Audience



Ohio members with the new Governor of Vatican City, Archbishop Giovanni Bertello



Jo Murdocco, Connie Frankino, Father Mike Rock at the Welcome Cocktail Reception, Rome



Ohio members with Dr. Miguel, Ambassador to the Holy See and his wife, Mrs. Marian Diaz, at a cocktail reception in their home.



Ohio Chapter members enjoy lunch in the Casina of Pius IV in the Vatican Gardens



Members pose during their after hours tour of the Sistine Chapel



# the Vatican

Corinne and Lorraine Dodero



Ohio Members on the balcony above The Tower of the Winds



Ohio members on the Vatican Museum staircase



Corinne and Lorraine Dodero and Connie Frankino outside the Dodero's family restoration "Church of the San Salvatore"



Patrons group in front of the Coliseum



Ohio members in the Marble Restoration Lab, with their restoration "Model for the decoration on the new staircase of the Vatican Museums" by Antonio Maraini



Lorraine Dodero, Micol Forti, the curator of the XIX Century and Contemporary Art Collection and Connie Frankino, in the Gallery of the Candelabra's, Mrs. Frankino's new project

## Cannoli

The singular is cannolo, meaning "little tube".

Cannoli originated in Sicily and are an essential part of Sicilian cuisine. Cannoli consist of tube-shaped shells of fried pastry dough, filled with a sweet, creamy filling usually containing ricotta. Ideally you should use metal cannoli tubes that can be found in major department stores or specialty kitchen shops.



### PASTRY

- 1 1/4 cups all purpose flour
- 2 teaspoon. cocoa powder
- 1 teaspoon instant coffee
- 1 Tablespoon superfine sugar
- 1 oz. unsalted butter, chilled and cut into small cubes
- 3 Tablespoons dry white wine
- 1 teaspoon dry Marsala
- 1 egg, beaten
- oil for deep-frying

### FILLING

- 10 1/2 oz ricotta cheese
- 2/3 cup superfine sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 teaspoon grated lemon zest
- 1 Tablespoon candied peel, finely chopped
- 6 glacé cherries, chopped
- 1/2 oz. dark chocolate, grated
- confectioner's sugar

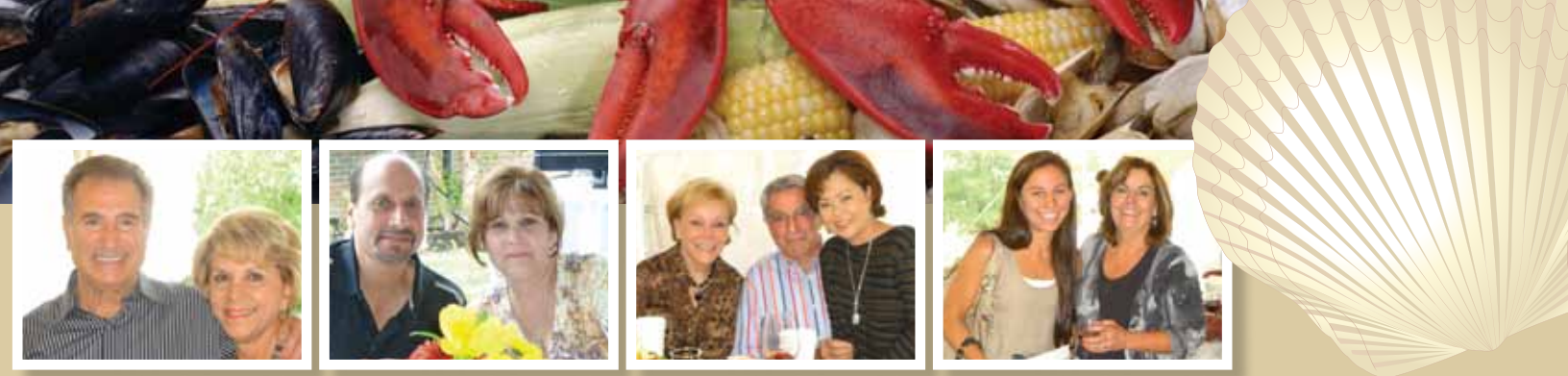
To make the pastry, mix the flour, cocoa powder, coffee and sugar in a bowl. Add the butter, then the wine and Marsala and mix until the dough gathers in a loose clump. Transfer to a lightly floured surface and knead until smooth (the dough will be quite stiff). Chill in a plastic bag for 30 minutes.

Lightly dust the work surface with flour and roll the pastry out to about 13 x 9 inches. Trim the edges, then cut the pastry into twelve 3 inch squares. Lightly oil the metal cannoli tubes. Wrap a pastry square diagonally around each tube, securing the overlapping corners with beaten egg and press them firmly together.

Heat the oil in a deep-fat fryer or deep frying pan to 350°F. Add the cannoli, a couple at a time and deep fry until golden and crisp. Remove with tongs and drain on paper towels. As soon as the tubes are cool enough to handle, slide them out and leave the pastries on a rack to cool.

To make the filling, mash the ricotta with a fork. Blend in the sugar and vanilla extract, then mix in the lemon zest, candied peel, glacé cherries and chocolate. Fill the pastries, either with a piping bag or a spoon. Arrange on a plate and dust with confectioners sugar. The cannoli should be eaten soon after they are filled.

Serves 6



*Norm and Connie Kotoch*



*Joe and Linda Varcelli*



*Rosemarie and Ron Mintz and Barbara Chan*



*Kaitlin and Denise Jasko*

## DELICIOUS FOOD & DEVOTED FRIENDS AT ANNUAL CLAM BAKE

What a wonderful gathering at this year's Clam Bake! The Patrons of the Arts in the Vatican Museums, Ohio Chapter, enjoyed a fabulous meal and shared a memorable day on Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at Acacia Country Club. More than 100 people feasted on steamed mussels, New England clam chowder, Littleneck clams, broiled lobster tail, steamed crab legs, roasted chicken and all the trimmings.

Monsignor Terence Hogan joined us and provided a recap of the projects and progress made in the past year in the Vatican Museums as a result of the efforts and contributions of Patron members.

We want to offer special thanks to those who donated prizes for our raffle including: The Black Orchid Accessories & More, Acacia Country Club, Vini Goretti, PlayhouseSquare, Breezewood Garden Centers, Flowers by Stazzone and the Patrons of the Arts, Ohio Chapter.



*Corinne Dodero and Nick Salvador*



*Bill and Lorraine Dodero*



*Marian and Jim Maulis*



*Ralph and Betsy Dodero*



*Dennis and Suzi Castiglione*



*Rose Morelli and Elda Krach*



*Fran DiBlasi,  
Toni Hadad,  
Connie Frankino,  
Alice Kljun*



*Connie Frankino, Carolyn Mandato, Alice Kljun*



*Rose Young, Tomasina Elvasky*



*Bill and Lorraine Dodero with Mons. Hogan*

# Grazie

## 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.

MR. AND MRS. NORMAN KOTOCH *Mayfield Village, Ohio* • MR. AND MRS. ROBERT GREEN *Vineland, New Jersey*

The Ohio Chapter is proud to have each and every member. Your continued interest and promotion of our organization's mission is greatly appreciated.



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.