

Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe
Youth Leader Retreat at Santa Maria a Ferrano (near Florence, Italy)
18h00 Fri 20 - approx. 12 noon Sun 22 September 2019

Registration Form

Name and surname

Church affiliation

Arrival and departure dates & times and means of transport (airline, train, private means...)

email and cell phone number (including country code)

Do you have any special needs concerning food or housing?

Person to contact in case of an emergency (with phone number including country code)

Let us know if you like or need to stay for an additional nights (E.g.: Sun Sept. 22nd)

RETURN COMPLETED REGISTRATIONS TO: ars.ferrano@gmail.com,

Please remember to fill out the ars.ferrano membership application form below (all guests at Santa Maria a Ferrano need to be members of ars.ferrano) Thank you!

(+39 338 690 1122, www.santamariaferrano.org)

membership application form

Why do I have to fill in the form?

ars.ferrano is an Italian cultural association. Only members can take part in its events via registration.

Therefore, all participants at the Youth Leaders Retreat of the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe in Santa Maria a Ferano MUST also complete this form in order for us to comply with Italian law.

Will my personal data be communicated to third parties?

No, your personal data will only be filed in ars.ferrano's members' register. You will receive a newsletter and updates via email. You can ask for more information and/or unsubscribe at any time, by writing to ars.ferrano@gmail.com.

Please, write in block letters!

Name and surname

Date and place of birth

Home address (include postal code)

email

If you do not want to receive our newsletter, sent out 3-4 times a year, please check here:

I hereby ask to be admitted as a member to the association ars.ferrano. I hereby declare that I've read and understood the association's statute. In compliance with the Italian legislative Decree no. 196/2003, I hereby authorise the Association to use and process my personal details.

Signature

Thank you!

How to arrive in Santa Maria a Ferrano Retreat Centre (near Florence, Italy) via public transportation.

There are good train connections to Florence (Santa Maria Novella) central train station from most European cities and overland buses to Florence (e.g. Flixbus...)

Best airports are Florence and Pisa, or the next best are Bologna and Rome.

From Florence airport there is a direct tram-line to Florence (Santa Maria Novella) central train station. **From Pisa airport** there are trains and overland buses running to Florence central train station. From Rome and Bologna you need to take local transport (train or bus) to the central train stations and from there trains to Florence central train station.

Getting to the retreat centre from Florence

Once you **arrive in Florence**, you must take the bus to **Diacceto** from where we will pick you up. The bus depot for the bus to Diacceto is diagonally across from Florence central train station (see first map). The trip takes about 55 minutes.

SITA buses from Florence to Diacceto (bus line to Bibbiena)

Workdays (incl. Saturdays): 6.00; 7.05; 9.20 (incl. Holidays); 11.30 (except Saturdays); 12.35; 14.10 (Holidays 14:05 – except January 1, Easter, May 1 und December 25); 15.30; 17.10 (incl. Holidays – except January 1, Easter, May 1 und December 25); 18.20.

Get off at the first bus stop in Diacceto ("prima fermata di Diacceto"), walk on for about fifty meters and wait for pick up at parking lot across from or in the Locanda Tinti (coffee house, red building). We will pick you up from there. **Send the retreat centre a text message once you are on the bus** (+39 338 690 1122).

Getting to Florence from the retreat centre

SITA buses from Diacceto to Florence

Workdays (incl. Saturdays): 6.02; 6.52; 7.22; 7.52; 8.17 (only Holidays - except January 1, Easter, May 1 und December 25); 8.47; 11.02; 14.17; 15.47 (only Holidays - except January 1, Easter, May 1 und December 25); 16.52; 18.22 (except Saturdays), 18.37 (only Holidays - except January 1, Easter, May 1 und December 25).

When you are visiting the city we recommend getting off at Piazza Beccaria (see second map).

First map:



Second map:



Further Information

Additional days at the retreat centre

The Retreat Centre is a beautiful and peaceful place to be. Paola and Thomas would be delighted to welcome you at anytime. If you would like to have additional days at the centre outwith the times of the Youth Leaders Retreat, please contact the centre directly to arrange this.

What's the Plan?

The retreat will take place from 6pm on Friday 20 September until after mass at St James Episcopal Church Florence. You are very welcome to arrive before this time, and Paola will be available to meet you at the pickup point and welcome you to the centre. (Please remember to let her know when you plan to arrive!) However, the Youth Commission will meet from 9am on Friday 20 September and will therefore not be available to be with you until the start of the retreat at 6pm.

We will **start the retreat** by all eating together and getting to know each other on **Friday evening**.

We will start **Saturday** morning with breakfast, meditation, gospel reading and sharing.

The days program will run from 9am until 3.30pm, (as per the topics outlined in the flyer)

There will be breaks for coffee and lunch!

3.30-4.30pm will be free-time at the centre.

4.30-6.00pm This time is allocated for travel to Florence.

We will spend Saturday evening in Florence, and share a meal together in this beautiful city before returning to the retreat centre.

On **Sunday** morning, our group will attend mass at St James Episcopal Church Florence.

Mass starts at 11am. **After mass the retreat has ended**; you are free to explore the city, return to the retreat centre if you are staying for additional days, or simply eat gelato ;) Please plan ahead; if you would like an extra day(s) off work to make the most of your trip, ask your employer now or schedule it into your diary.

Expenses

Travel between your home town/ city and the retreat centre at Santa Maria a Ferrano can either be paid for by the Youth Leader or at the discretion of the parish. We suggest you discuss this with your Priest or Vestry. Using the budget generously allocated to us by the Convocation of Episcopal Churches in Europe, **the Youth Commission will pay for:**

- All meals and accommodation from Fri evening up to and including breakfast on Sun morning
- Transport to/ from Florence on Saturday evening and Sunday morning
- ***There is a charge of 70 euros for those who are not members of the Episcopal Church***

Who is the retreat for?

Anyone either working in a Christian context with, or who has an interest in working with, children ages 9/10yrs to 18/19yrs.

Coming in November

If you are interested in working with young adults aged 19yrs - 30yrs please contact Katie Osweiler curate@allsaints.be or Cairen Warren cairen.stewart@yahoo.co.uk about our Training Workshop in November 2019 with International Speaker Christopher O'Shaughnessy and Author of Arrivals, Departures and the Adventures In-Between. Web: www.chris-o.com

