

Inter Gentes
Sabbatical Program in Nemi, Italy
(11 February - 8 May, 2018) (DRAFT # 1)

The three month *Inter Gentes* Sabbatical Program is situated in the town of Nemi, just 30 kms from the eternal city of Rome. The members of the Society of the Divine Word, who staff the 'Centro Ad Gentes', welcome women and men (religious and priests) from all parts of the world to join this holistic experience in the woods of the Albano hills, overlooking picturesque Lake Nemi. All rooms have private bathrooms/toilets. There is easy access (10-minute walk) to the historical town of Nemi, as well as walking tracks around the extensive property.

The sabbatical program has an intentional focus on mission and interculturality, the experience of community living, and life and ministry among people from different ethnic backgrounds, genders, nationalities and age groups. Liturgies of prayer and eucharist give form to each working day, along with three input sessions (two morning and one afternoon) and a four hour post-lunch break: good for reading, resting or exercising. Professional and experienced presenters provide 2 – 4 days input on significant themes for mission. Small and large group sharing forums conclude each of the themes.

Some specific features of the program include –

- The Inner Journey
- Jesus and the Gospels
- Sacraments Today: Theology and Practice
- Prayer for Mission
- Interculturality
- Vows and Promises: Alive with the Spirit
- Women and Men together in Mission
- Biblical Vision of Humanity and Creation
- Mission as Prophetic Dialogue
- The Refugee Story: Yesterday and Today
- Inter-religious Dialogue
- Integrity of Creation
- 8-day guided retreat in silence

The program includes six Sunday bus trips to Rome to visit basilicas, museums and shrines, and to attend a papal audience. The program includes organized bus trips to Pompei, Napoli, Subiaco and Assisi. There is a further option for an overnight trip to Florence (not included in program cost). A small gym provides a venue for personal fitness and group exercise classes.

We invite women and men religious, and diocesan priests to consider the *Inter Gentes* Sabbatical Program as a transitional time to review and renew your commitment to the mission of God in our ever-diversifying world.

There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens (Eccl. 3:1)

Perhaps it is your time to come to the *Inter Gentes* Sabbatical Program in Nemi.....