

WOMEN AT THE WELL: WITNESSES TO CONTEMPLATIVE LIVING
31 May - 6 June, 2009

Final Program Schedule

Saturday, 30 May

Arrivals in Rome

Sunday, 31 May

- 4:00 pm **Welcome & Participant Introductions**
- 5:00 pm **Opening Lecture: "Women at the Well: Witnesses to Contemplative Living"**
Dr. Donna Orsuto
Professor of Theology, Pontifical Gregorian University
Director, The Lay Centre at Foyer Unitas
- 5:45 pm **Discussion and Guided Reflection**
- 6:30 pm **Celebration of the Eucharist at the Lay Centre**
Rev. Tomás Surlis
- 7:30 pm **Opening Dinner at the Lay Centre**

Monday, 1 June

- 9:30 am Depart from Domus Sessoriana
- 10:00 am **Celebration of Lauds at the Basilica of St Praxedes**
- 10:30 am **Guided Visit to the Basilicas of St Praxedes and St Prudeniana**
"Women in the Early Church: Hospitality and House Worship"
Robert White
Adjunct Professor of Theology, St John's University
Assistant Director, The Lay Centre at Foyer Unitas
- 12:30 pm Departure from the Basilica of St Prudeniana
- 1:00 pm **Light Lunch at the Lay Centre**
- 2:00 pm **Afternoon Lecture: "Women in the Church Today"**
Ana Cristina Villa Betancourt
Pontifical Council for the Laity - Section on Women
- 3:00 pm Discussion and Guided Reflection
- 4:00 pm **Celebration of the Eucharist at the Lay Centre**
Rev. Tomás Surlis

Tuesday, 2 June

- 9:30 am Departure from Domus Sessoriana by minibus
- 10:30 am **Guided Visit to the Catacombs of St Priscilla**
- 12:00 pm Depart from Catacombs of St Priscilla
- 1:00 pm **Light Lunch at the Lay Centre**
- 2:30 pm **Afternoon Lecture: "Women in the Early Church: Martyrdom and Virginity"**
Dr. Donna Orsuto
- 3:15 pm Discussion and Guided Reflection
- 4:00 pm **Celebration of the Eucharist at the Lay Centre**
Rev. Tomás Surlis

Wednesday, 3 June

- 7:30 am Departure from Domus Sessoriana
- 10:00 am **Wednesday General Audience with Pope Benedict XVI in St Peter's Square**
- 12:00 pm Free time to find lunch
- 3:15 pm Departure from Domus Sessoriana
- 4:00 pm **Celebration of the Eucharist at St Mary over Minerva**
Rev. Tomás Surlis
- 4:45 pm **Guided Visit to St Mary over Minerva**
"Catherine of Siena: A Paradigm of Lay Women in Medieval Rome"
Donna Orsuto & Robert White

Thursday, 4 June

Pilgrimage Day in Assisi

- 6:30 am Depart from Domus Sessoriana by minibus
9:30 am **Guided Visit to the Convent of San Damiano**
10:15 am **Guided Visit to the Basilica of St Clare**
11:00 am **"Discovering the Life of the Poor Clares Today"**
Sr. Chiara Anastasia, OSC
12:45 pm **Bag Lunch**
1:30 pm **Guided Visit to the Basilica of St Francis**
Rev. Thomas Reist, OFM Conv
3:00 pm **Celebration of the Eucharist**
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3:45 pm **Opportunity for Confession or Private Prayer**
Rev. Thomas Reist & Rev. Tomás Surlis
5:15 pm **Guided Visit to the Basilica of St Mary of the Angels**
6:30 pm **Dinner at a Trattoria**
8:00 pm Departure for Rome by minibus

Friday, 5 June

- 7:00 am Departure from Domus Sessoriana
8:00 am **Celebration of the Eucharist at St Peter's Basilica**
Rev. Tomás Surlis
9:30 am **Guided Visit to St Peter's Basilica**
"Uncovering a Baroque Perspective on the Laity"
Dr. Elizabeth Lev
Professor of Art History at St Thomas University
11:00 am **Guided Walk through Rome: In the Footsteps of Women Saints & Seekers**
1:00 pm Free time to find lunch
5:30 pm **Discussion and Concluding Reflections at the Lay Centre**
6:30 pm **Sung Vespers**
7:30 pm **Closing Dinner at the Lay Centre**

Saturday, 6 June

Departures from Rome