

(Cont'd from pg. 1)regarded cultural exchange between Italy and North America. The new location for this year is Policoro, in Lucania. Known as “the Venice of the South,” this historic city contains a renowned museum of Greco-Roman artifacts.

Of course the students do not spend all their time in the classroom. Learning takes place as they adapt to their town, taking the evening passeggiata to enjoy gelato under the stars. The weekends provide time for guided excursions to Rome and Vatican City for all of the students. The groups in the north will visit Florence, Venice and other museum cities. In the south the excursions include the Amalfi Coast, Tropea, Reggio Calabria and Taormina in Sicily. Though they do have to take an exam at the end of their trip, the legions of Centro Scuola Summer Credit Course students all agree that the memorable experience is worth every precious moment.

For more information about the Summer Credit Courses in Italy visit the website
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Centro Scuola Summer Credit Courses in Italy, 2010



This year there will be more locations than ever for the popular high school Summer Credit Courses in Italy, offered by Centro Scuola in partnership with the Toronto Catholic District School Board and the York Catholic District School Board.

Since 1986, thousands of students from secondary schools in the GTA have travelled with teachers, supervisors, and Centro Scuola staff on trips that combine

classes in Italian language, history, and art with excursions to important sites in Italy. This year the early enrollment demands led to an expansion of the locations available for this unique study experience.

How popular are these courses? Co-ordinator Annamaria Di Giovanni can name several families that have sent brothers and sisters on this trip, as each sibling reaches grade 10. In the

preparatory meetings held before the final enrollment, Centro Scuola and school board staff emphasize the study requirements of the credit courses. All students must commit to the course requirements set by the Ontario Ministry of Education. The course begins with one week of daily classes in a Toronto or York Region classroom. When they relocate to Italy, the regime of daily classes continues: three hours every morning, with study time in the afternoon. What makes the trip attractive to so many eager students, of course, are the beautiful locations in towns that offer a taste of authentic Italian life.

In July, 2010, due to the increased enrollment, students will be housed in six different locations. In Abruzzo, the mountain town of Atri and the seaside towns of Roseto and Pineto offer students and teachers the classic contrast of the pastoral Gran Sasso with the enticing blue of the Adriatic. Each group of students spends half of their time in the mountains, and the other half near the beach. Calabria offers another location for the summer course, in the town of Serra San Bruno, in the province of Vito Valentia, on the Mediterranean side of the peninsula. Spoleto, in the Region of Umbria, gives the student group a special opportunity to stay in the centre of a town famous for the Festival of Two Worlds, a highly (Cont'd on pg. 3)

“presi per incantamento...” tra musica e poesia

The annual concert presentation in honour of Dante will take place on Saturday, April 17, starting at 7:30 p.m. in the Lower Gallery of the Columbus Centre.

This year the concert will feature music inspired by sections of La Divina Commedia by Dante Alighieri, as well as compositions based on sonnets by Francesco Petrarca. In recent years, Centro Scuola e Cultura has sponsored a public recital of Dante's dramatic poetry to give Toronto audiences the experience (Cont'd on pg. 2)