

Heritage Choir Newsletter #29 – Rome, Italy

It's Monday, October 14th, during your 2019 Rome, Italy Performance Tour. Next, we will travel to Church of Sant'Ignazio for a choir rehearsal in preparation for your performance this evening.



Brief History of the Church of Sant'Ignazio

The Roman College - The history of the church of Sant'Ignazio in Rome is linked to the origins of the Collegio Romano founded by Ignatius of Loyola in 1551 with an inscription over the door summing up its simple purpose: "*School of Grammar, Humanity, and Christian Doctrine. Free*".

The seminary had several locations over the years. In 1560, Vittoria della Tolfa, *Marchesadella Valle*, donated her family *isola*, an entire city block and its existing buildings, to the Society of Jesus in memory of her late husband the Marchese della Guardia Camillo Orsini, founding the Collegio Romano. In 1584 the premises of the new college were inaugurated next to the church of the Annunciation.

The new church - When the number of students increased, Pope Gregory XV entrusted the project of building a church dedicated to **Saint Ignatius of Loyola**. The new church was consecrated in 1722.

Piazza Sant'Ignazio - Before you even go into this amazingly frescoed baroque/rococo Jesuit church tucked in the heart of Rome, take a moment to look around the tiny square. It is like being on a baroque stage set.

The Piazza **Sant'Ignazio** in front of the church of St. Ignazio di Loyola is a theater set of buildings laid out by Raguzzini in a late baroque/early rococo style.

Next, we will enter the **Church of Sant'Ignazio**...to be continued in next week's Newsletter



Rome "Fun Fact" #29 – During our travel to Rome we will have bilingual guides on each motorcoach. For those who would like to learn some Italian phrases prior to travel, DSU - Community Education is offering a 5-week course in beginning Italian - Monday Nights, May 20th, June 3rd, June 10th, June 17th, 2019 from 5:30pm – 7:30 pm. Fee \$79.00

Course Description: The course is designed to give someone traveling to Italy, or someone who wants to begin studying the language/culture, basic understanding of the language, correct pronunciation, ask questions with confidence, and not appear quite so "America Tourist" when visiting this historic and wonderful place.

For those interested – enroll online at ce.dixie.edu or call 435-652-7675.