

List of Italian Language Programs

During the academic year, private tutoring is available for residents of Casa Santa Maria. Several ecclesiastical universities offer introductory Italian language courses in September. Other options include courses offered by the Società Dante Alighieri in Rome throughout the year.

In Italy...

Assisi – Accademia Lingua Italiana: group and individual sessions. (www.aliassisi.it). The website lists various boarding options, though a few priests have also resided at Casa Papa Giovanni (casapapagiovanni@yahoo.it, [+39\(075\)812467](tel:+39075812467)), where meals are included.

Siena – Dante Alighieri School: group courses and individual sessions; various room and board options (www.dantealighieri.com). A few priests have also recommended investigating these room/board options, including full board and access to a chapel: Hotel Alma Domus (www.hotelalmadomus.it) and Casa del Clero “S. Ansano” (email: alberto.cortonesi@arcidiocesi.siena.it). Dante Alighieri also has schools in Viterbo and Ischia (near Naples). See their website for more information.

Verbania – The Italian School at Il Chiostro: one-on-one sessions with an instructor; room and board are at the Hotel Il Chiostro, a former monastery turned into a hotel owned and operated by the Diocese of Novara. There is a chapel on the grounds with the Blessed Sacrament for daily Mass and private adoration. (www.chiostrovb.it/en – click on “about us” and then “links” to get to the Italian School’s website, www.theitschool.it)

Perugia – Università per Stranieri di Perugia (www.unistrapg.it)

Searching the Internet, one may discover other language schools in nearly every major Italian city. Housing arrangements and access to a local parish for Mass are important considerations, so do not hesitate to make your needs known when applying to a language school.

In the United States...

Middlebury Language Schools of Middlebury College, Vermont (West Coast Campus): offers an intensive program running from mid-June to early August where individuals sign a pledge to speak only the target language during one’s stay. Housing is in college dorms with other students. In the past some priests were able to arrange with the school to room with other priests or to have a single room near other priests and seminarians in the program. (www.middlebury.edu/language-schools) In 2014, Middlebury moved the Italian School from their Vermont campus to a West Coast partner campus located at Mills College in Oakland, California.

Here in Rome...

There are at least three options for Casa priests in September: 1) private tutoring with a teacher who assists both seminarians at the NAC and priests here at the Casa; 2) an Italian course at your particular university (most have courses in September); 3) the Dante Alighieri school here in Rome.