

ESM ROMA 2018

Newsletter #2



We love sharing our news with you!

Happy reading 😊

Mission on the street with the homeless!

Every Wednesday afternoon we head out into the streets of Rome to encounter the homeless. The goal of this mission is very simple: to bring joy and love to people who are lonely. We arrive without anything but our smile and our time... What amazing people we meet! Now that we have been doing this for three months, we have formed strong friendships and we look forward to this time each week. In the poor, we meet the burning heart of Jesus, who thirsts for love. Just as Jesus said to the Samaritan, "If you only knew the gift of God, you would have asked me to drink", we understand that we receive a lot more than what we give. It's very inspiring to encounter these people who, despite having been through very difficult life experiences, are full of joy and have a strong faith.

Culture Evenings

As we come from 7 different countries, we celebrate a country-specific cultural evening every month. These evenings allow us students to share and teach the others about our country... always a highlight of the month!

The last two months we enjoyed a Croatian and Belgium evening.

In honor of Croatia's invention of the tie, the dress code for the Croatian evening was very elegant.



At the Belgium evening we had a lot of great food and funny costumes such as the Bavarian traditional outfit « Lederhosn ».

We are looking forward to our upcoming Australian cultural evening which will take place in January! Aussie Aussie Aussie... Oi Oi Oi!



MAXIMILIEN (FRANCE, Nantes)

« ESM is a school of life, a school that teaches about God, others and ourselves. In this period of my life, I want to discover myself in order to serve the others more. God gave each one of us particular charisms and life missions, and I came here to discover mine »

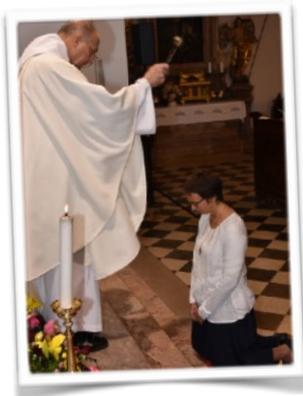


ADRIANA (SLOVAKIA, Trstenà)

« After university I worked as a special educator for children with disabilities. I realized that I lived two separate lives - one at my job and free time and the another in the church where I went "visit" God and after I left him there. I decided to come to ESM because I want to learn how to "walk" with God in everything what I do »

Slovenia, we love you!

We were lucky enough to spend the beginning of November in Slovenia in retreat with the beautiful Slovenian community! For most of us, it was our first visit in Slovenia... we were all in awe of the tranquillity and beauty of its country side. It was truly life giving!



We travelled 10 hours by bus to arrive in Slovenia where we began the retreat with the Fraternity of Jesus. It was such a joy to spend this time together with our brothers and sisters in the Community from Slovenia and from all over the world; five days in prayer, praise, silent reflection and teachings. Our greatest joy in this time together was seeing our dearest Joži (the consecrated sister in our team) make her final step of consecration: we were

very touched to part of this extremely special moment! Thank you Jozi for your testimony!

« And suddenly there was a voice from heaven, « This is my Son, the Beloved; my favor rests on him » Mt 3,17

Retreat in Orvieto!

We spent the last weekend of November in retreat in Orvieto, a beautiful a medieval city in Umbria! Here we had a very special encounter with the Italian Emmanuel Community.

Thanks to the extremely generous, warm welcome provided by the members of the Italian Emmanuel Community, we felt right at home during this time of retreat together. Here we shared some beautiful times in prayer, silence and praise, and we were very touched by the testimonies and sharing. In particular, we are very blessed to have each received a prayer group from different parts of Italy (Florence, Milan, Naples etc.) who will be praying for us throughout our year at ESM. Thank you Emmanuel Italy!

WHAT A JOY TO WELCOME A NEW BROTHER!

After a myriad of twists and turns, incalculable prayers and countless administrative documents exchanged, our twelfth brother finally joined us on 20th November! Ermelin is from Bukavu (Eastern Congo), he is 24 years old and studied commercial sciences. Before arriving in Rome, he spent one month in Kinshasa in order to obtain his visa. In the meantime, he was warmly welcomed by a couple in the Emmanuel Community. Our new brother is characterized by his permeating good humour, his contagious joy, his continuous wonder and his musical talent. In addition, Ermelin has impressive adaptation skills. After just a few days, it felt as if he had been living with us for weeks! Our family is now finally complete...



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