



Iter European

THE WALKWAY THROUGH EUROPEAN CHURCHES IN ROME



50 years of the EU-Holy See diplomatic relations

50 years ago, the European Union (then the European Communities) and the Holy See established formal diplomatic relations. We want to celebrate this anniversary with the *Iter Europeum* – a walkway of European churches in Rome to showcase the deep links between our 27 Member States and the Holy See, from 9 May to 27 June 2021.

Each Member State has chosen a church that it is specifically connected to - because of its history and/or its local community in Rome. The EU is represented by Campo Santo Teutonico, linked to Charlemagne, sometimes called *Pater Europae*. It also hosts Denmark's and Estonia's representations as these two Member States do not have a related church in Rome. In addition to Catholic churches, the selected churches include Lutheran and Orthodox churches showcasing the rich cultural and religious heritage of EU member States. Some churches, despite having been selected by only one Member State, have links also with other Member States, testifying the close and intertwined relations of different European communities.

We will launch *Iter Europeum* on 9 May – Europe or Schuman Day – with a festive Holy Mass celebrated by His Eminence Cardinal De Donatis in San Giovanni in Laterano. After the Holy Mass, participants will walk to the nearby Santi Quattro Coronati Basilica, selected by Latvia, from where they will move to the Basilica di San Clemente, chosen by Czechia, before ending the walkway on that day at Santo Stefano Rotondo, Hungary's "national" church in Rome. For the following seven Sundays, parts of the walkway will be organised, each starting with a Holy Mass, so as to visit all 25 selected churches where prayers, guided tours or musical performances may be offered. The last Sunday will be 27 June with the Holy Mass for Europe at the Camposanto Teutonico (see tentative planning below). Some Holy Masses will be celebrated in the language of the specific Member State.

In each church, participants will find totems explaining the link and history between the EU Member State and the Holy See, as well as with the selected Church. The totem will have a QR code to link to a dedicated website www.itereuropeum.eu and a guidebook with a map of the churches, that will also be available for public distribution, to make the walkway easy to follow.

On the eight dedicated Sundays, due to Covid restrictions, participation in the *Iter Europeum* is by invitation only. However, with the map and guidebook at hand, members of the public can perform the walkway any other time during the opening hours of the churches, where the totems will remain exhibited for several months.

Tentative Planning of Iter Europeum over 8 Sundays

9 May

San Giovanni in Laterano

Latvia	Santi Quattro Coronati
Czechia	Basilica di San Clemente
Hungary	Santo Stefano Rotondo

16 May

Portugal	Sant'Antonio dei Portoghesi
Austria	Santa Maria dell'Anima
France	Santo Luigi dei Francesi
Romania	San Salvatore alle Coppelle

23 May Pentecoste

Spain	San Pietro in Montorio
Malta	Santa Maria del Priorato
Cyprus and Greece	San Teodoro in Palatino

30 May

Poland	Santo Stanislao dei Polacchi
Lithuania	Chiesa del Gesù
Finland	Santa Maria sopra Minerva

6 June Corpus Domini

Germany	Chiesa Evangelica Luterana
Ireland	Sant'Isidoro a Capo le Case
Croatia	San Girolamo dei Croati

13 June

Bulgaria	San Paolo alla Regola
Sweden	Santa Brigida
Belgium	San Giuliano dei Fiamminghi

20 June

Slovenia	Santa Maria Maggiore
Luxembourg	Basilica del Sacro Cuore di Gesù
Italy	Basilica Santa Maria degli Angeli

27 June

EU (Denmark, Estonia)	Campo Santo Teutonico
Netherlands	Chiesa Santi Michele et Magno
Slovakia	Pontificio collegio slovacco dei Santi Cirillo e Metodio

