



*Learn the latest from
the wide world of the Patrons!*

In this month's newsletter: check out the latest progress pictures for the Bramante Staircase, see which former Patron team member received a surprise visit from Pope Francis, and learn about a recent re-opening of an archeological area in Vatican City.

Restoration In Progress
More photos of the Bramante Staircase



Staircase & Promenade



Promenade Cleaning in progress



Before (left) and After (right)
Contrast



A biocide treatment is being applied on the marble to prevent plants and lichens to grow on the pavement of the terrace and walls. The whole floor will be treated with a special process named “*bocciardatura*” which will allow the marble to retrieve its ancient and beautiful look.

To see more of the restoration in progress, click the links below to watch videos of the cleaning process and a point of view capture of the staircase.

[Click to view the cleaning process](#)

[Click to see the Bramante Staircase Promenade](#)

Thank you to all Northwest members that have donated to the Bramante Staircase project, especially the following families:

The Pastega Family Foundation
Lisa and Richard Altig
Salvatore Giantomaso and Family
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Upcoming Patron Events

The Minnesota Chapter is hosting an event to Welcome the New International Director of the Patrons of the Arts in the Vatican Museums, Fr. Kevin Lixey, LC.

August 16th
6:00pm-8:00pm

Minneapolis, MN

If you are interesting in attending, please email
nwpatrons@gmail.com

Surprise! Pope Francis Unexpectedly Celebrates Vatican Wedding



Friend to the Northwest Patrons and former staff member of the Patrons office, Letícia Vera was married this July.

From the National Catholic Register: "The wedding — between Luca Schafer, a member of the Swiss Guard, and Letícia Vera, a former employee of the Vatican Museums — took place in the

Church of St. Stephen of the Abyssinians, just outside St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City.

Sources close to the couple told ACI Digital, CNA's Portuguese-language sister agency, that only the bride and groom knew that Pope Francis was going to preside over the wedding. The Pope's arrival surprised the wedding guests and the priests who concelebrated the wedding.

According to Vatican Media, the Pope preached about three verbs that can help couples to experience the fullness of marriage: "to begin," "to stop" and "to resume the journey."

Saint Paul Archaeological Area Re-Opening

On the eve of the Solemnity of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul, and exactly five years since its first inauguration in 2013, the archaeological area of the Monks' Orchard of Saint Paul Outside-the-Walls will complete a long and complex musealisation project, reopening to the public with a new layout, particularly functional and evocative in terms of the museographic and lighting solutions adopted.



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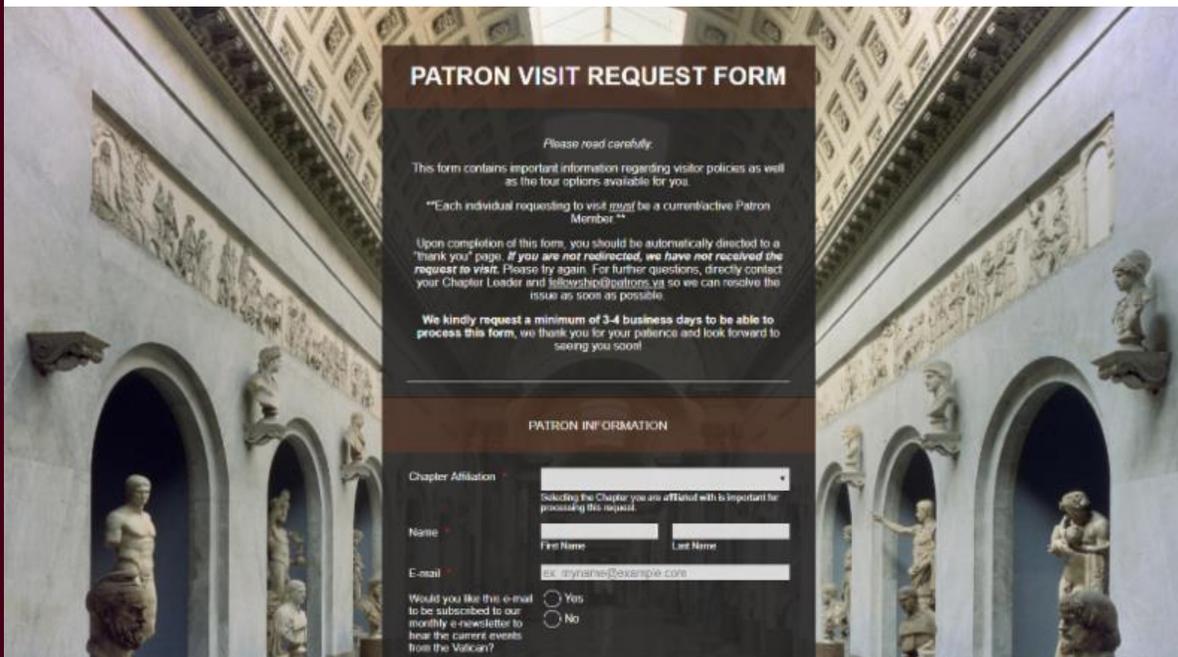
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This new form will automate tour request processing and reservations.

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