



GRAND MAGISTERIUM – VATICAN  
EQUESTRIAN ORDER OF  
THE HOLY SEPULCHRE OF JERUSALEM

*At the service of the living stones in the Holy Land*

5000 people at Palazzo della Rovere: two intense and exciting days



The Palazzo della Rovere, the international headquarters of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre, opened its doors to more than 5,000 visitors on March 23 and 24, 2019, during the Spring Days organized by the FAI (Italian Environment Fund) dedicated to the discovery of Italian heritage. This year the theme of the Days was the bridge between cultures.

This exceptional event was an occasion to boost awareness of the Order's mission to Christians and to all the inhabitants of the Holy Land.

Joining the President of the FAI, Andrea Carandini, and the Vice President, Marco Magnifico, the Governor General of the Order, Leonardo Visconti di Modrone - who had taken the bold initiative of opening Palazzo della Rovere to visitors on these days with the agreement of Grand Master, Cardinal Edwin O'Brien - answered the questions of the Italian television stations covering the event. In particular, Italian national TV dedicated a program broadcast live from Palazzo della Rovere on Sunday morning.

During the visit, each group - consisting of about thirty people and guided by FAI volunteers - was able to watch a three-minute video with images recorded during a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in which the activities of the Knights and Dames were presented, in addition to meeting members of the Order who have witnessed their vocation at a special stand organized by the staff of the Grand Magisterium and some representatives of the Lieutenancy for Central Italy.

About 2200 art and history enthusiasts, on the first day, and 2900 on the second were enthralled by the artistic treasures of the Palace, decorated in the fifteenth century by Pinturicchio.

These enthusiastic visitors were moved to discover the generosity of the 30,000 members of the Order in the world and left their contacts to receive more information about the Order. Some expressed the desire to materially help the Church in the Holy Land and also to join the Order.

Here is the link to the page dedicated to Palazzo della Rovere on the FAI website: <https://www.fondoambiente.it/luoghi/palazzo-dei-penitenzieri-roma?gfp>

Link to the Special FAI Spring Days on RAI3 (Palazzo della Rovere was the place they selected in Rome): <https://www.raiplay.it/video/2019/03/TGR-Speciale-Giornate-FAI-di-Primavera-d3cc94cd-4e0b-4df8-88e6-272b49bebbd0.html>