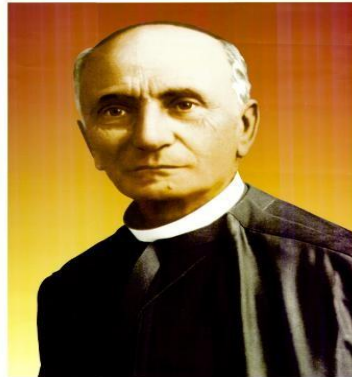


St Hannibal Centenary Useful Information Planning Pilgrimages

St Hannibal Centenary 3 days Pilgrimage

Useful Information for Pilgrims

This document provides practical information to support pilgrims attending the three-day St Hannibal Centenary celebrations taking place in Oria, Altamura, and Corato from 1–3 June 2026.



Padre Annibale Maria Di Francia



Messina 1898: Melania Calvat, S. Annibale e suore al Monastero dello Spirito Santo

SAVE THE DATE 1, 2 & 3 JUNE 2026

ORIA 1 JUNE 2026

Santuario Sant'Antonio Di Padova, Via Annibale Maria Di Francia, 30 Oria, 72024, ITALY

13:00 lunch in Rogationists House (please confirm if you are attending)

14:00 Visit St Hannibal Museum & Garden

Time (tbc) Original FDZ Convent, Via Castello, No 8 Old City of Oria

18:00 Holy Mass on the Feast Day of St Hannibal; Main Celebrant Bishop of Brindisi

ALTAMURA 2 JUNE 2026

Figlie Divino Zelo, Via Annibal Di Francai, 25-70022 Altamura (BA), ITALY,

11:00-17:00 (tbc) Visit Museum of St Hannibal.

15:00 Holy Mass in convent church next to Tomb of Melania Calvat Co-Founder of the Daughters of the Divine Zeal whose cause for canonisation commenced on 31.10.2025.

CORATO 3 JUNE 2026

Luisa Piccarreta House Via Luisa Piccarreta, 27 Corato, ITALY

09:30 Presentation by Fr Angelo Sardone rcj of his new book in Italian and English on the Charism of St Hannibal and Servant of God Luisa Piccarreta

Visit Museum of Luisa Piccarreta

11:30 (TBC) Holy Mass in Church of Saint Mary 'Greca'. Celebrant: Fr Angelo Sardone rcj (and++)

Time tbc Visit Museum of St Hannibal Antoniano Girls' Orphanage

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Pilgrimage Overview and Map



The map included in this document is intended to help pilgrims visualise the geography of the pilgrimage locations organised by Mystical Mothers of Priests in the Divine Will. Brindisi is shown to the east, with Oria clearly marked. Altamura, Matera, and Corato are also highlighted, forming an approximate triangle.

Matera is the town where the Rogationist priest who wrote the book connected to this pilgrimage, Fr Angelo Sardone RCJ, currently lives, although he was born in Altamura, which is one of the key stops on the journey. Melania Calvat, whose tomb is in Altamura, was the visionary of Our Lady of La Salette.

One good travel option would be to fly into Brindisi, rent a car, and drive to Oria, ideally finding accommodation there (unless a different base is preferred). On the second day, when visiting Altamura, one could either stay overnight there or choose to stay in Matera instead. Matera is where The Passion of the Christ was filmed and where the most recent series of The Chosen (the Crucifixion scenes) was filmed last June. It is a very characteristic place, with many B&B options.

The car journey from Matera to Altamura is about 15 minutes; from Matera to Corato, approximately one hour; and from Matera to Oria, also around one hour. For the return journey, one suggestion is to fly back from Bari, which is closer to Corato (around 30 minutes). The main consideration with this option is car rental logistics, as it would require returning the car to a different airport.

Another option is to fly into Bari first, then drive to Oria, followed by Altamura, and finally Corato, returning the car to Bari Airport. Alternatively, you could fly in and out of the same airport (either Brindisi or Bari) and adjust the driving route accordingly.

The trip can be done independently and extended over three days if you would like to make it more of a holiday as well.

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ORIA ITALY

Pilgrim sites to visit:

1. **Rogationist Fathers, Oria Church, Community St Hannibal Museum** including printing press of first publications of the Hours of the Passion (established in 1909 after 1908 earthquake in Messina). This Church and House are open to all pilgrims to visit and stay at any time.

Address:Sanctuario Sant'Antonio Di Padova, Via Annibale Maria Di Francia, 30 Oria,72024 Italy

Local Contact: Fr Phillip Golez rcj phil@rcj.org Whats App +39 380 1940733 email: phil@rcj.org (English speaking) to arrange visits to Sanctuary Sant'Antonio, St Hannibal Museum, accommodation etc. Oria website <http://www.padreannibale.altervista.org/>

2. **Daughters of Divine Zeal original House where St Hannibal celebrated Mass in old City of Oria.**

Address: Via Castello No 28, Oria. This House is now closed but can be visited with prior arrangement with Sr Dolores FDZ

Local Contact: Sr Dolores (English speaking). Telephone 0831 845128 (reception). Sr Dolores current address: Istituto Figlie del Divino Zelo, Via Vela No 3, 72024 Oria BR Italy (which is the current house of Daughters of Divine Zeal) email: fdzsbenedetto@yahoo.com and direzione.oria@gmail.com

Local Airport: Brindisi in Italy is the nearest Airport to Oria.

Travel from Airport to Oria: 45 mins by Taxi from Brindisi Airport / public transport / car hire

Parking: download App Easy Park

Accommodation Options: Rogationist Community House, Sanctuario Sant'Antonio Di Padova , Via Annibale Maria Di Francia, 30 Oria,72024, Italy.

Other options: www.booking.com and www.airbnb.ie

Large Pilgrim Groups: Francavilla Puglia Italy nearest local big town which has hotels for bigger groups.

Priest Accommodation : contact Fr Phillip Golez rcj Whats App +39 380 1940733

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ALTAMURA ITALY

Pilgrim sites to visit:

1. **Tomb of Melania Calvat** - Co-Founder of the Daughters of the Divine Zeal (FDZ) whose cause for canonisation commenced on 31.10.2025. Holy Mass daily in convent church next to it
2. **Museum of St Hannibal**

Local Contact: Sr Evelyn Erme FDZ, Whats App +39 349 2896866 (English speaking).

Responsible for Movement of Melania Calvat in Altamura.

Figlie Divino Zelo, Via Annibal Di Francia, 25-70022 Altamura (BA), ITALY, Telephone No:00 39 803115485 Website:direzionealtamurafdz@virgilio.it Facebook:Fillglie Divino Zelo Altamura

Local Airport: Bari in Italy is the nearest Airport to Altamura.

Travel from Airport to Altamura: Public bus / Taxi from Bari Airport car hire / bus hire (depending on the size of the group) to Altamura. **Parking: download App Easy Park**

Accommodation Options: Accommodation options for Altamura www.booking.com and www.airbnb.ie

CORATO ITALY

Pilgrim sites to visit:

1. **Luisa's Original Home**, Museum & Seat of Association Luisa Piccarreta,

Address: Via Luisa Piccarreta, 27 Corato Website www.en.luisapiccarretaofficial.org

Local Contact: Luisa Piccarreta Museum: Antonella Bucci info@luisapiccarretaofficial.org

2. **Museum of St Hannibal and accommodation options- Orfanotrofio Antoniano**
Femminile: Convent of the Daughters of the Divine Zeal

Address: Padra Annibale Maria di Francia Corato

Local Contact: for St Hannibal Museum and St Anthony's orphanage Sr Milena Quatela Superior (Italian speaking) whats app 0039 340 6946357

3. **Tomb of Servant of God Luisa Piccarreta in Church of Saint Mary 'Greca'** Address: Corsa Garibaldi, Corato Website: www.santamariagreca.org

Local Airport: Bari in Italy is the nearest airport to Corato.

Travel from airport to Corato: train from Bari to Corato / car hire/taxi / bus hire (depending on the size of the group) **Parking: download App Easy Park**

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Accommodation Options:

Accommodation option for Corato Pilgrims for individuals and small pilgrim groups: check out: St Antony's orphanage (see above) www.booking.com and www.airbnd.ie

Priest Accommodation: Orfanotrofio Antoniano Femminile: Convent of the Daughters of the Divine Zeal. Contact: Sr Milena Quatela Superior (Italian speaking) whats app 0039 340 6946357

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Optional Extension: Messina (Sicily)

For pilgrims who wish to continue their journey with a personal pilgrimage to Messina, the following information is provided as an optional extension. Messina is not part of the organised three-day programme but offers important sites connected with the life and mission of St Hannibal Maria Di Francia, be his origin from there.

MESSINA SICILY

Pilgrim sites to visit:

1. **St Hannibal's body in the Crypt of the Basilica of San Antonio**

<https://www.basilicaantoniana.it/webcam/crypta-santannibale/>

Basilica opens @7 am daily. Mass in Crypt Monday to Saturday @8.30 am

2. **Museum for the Avignon quarters** within the Basilica where St Hannibal started his work with the poor

3. **Messina Cathedral and Our Lady of Letters (Bell Tower 12 noon daily)**

4. **Church of Saint Mary of the Holy Spirit, Museum and Apartment of St Hannibal.**

Address: Instituti Figlie Del Divino Zeal, Piazza Spirito Santo, messina ME 98123

Local Contact: Sr Barbara srbarbarafd22@gmail.com to access Museum (english speaking)

5. **Messina St Hannibal Camino launched (walking/ driving in the sacred footsteps and places of St Hannibal)** was launched in November 2025 by Rogationist Fathers and Daughters of Divine Zeal

6. **Sanctuary of the Madonna Della Guardia**

Address: Figlie Del Divino Zelo, Comunita Orante Sancuario Madonna Della Guardia
98158 Faro Superiore Messina

website: [https://fdzguardia.wixsite.com/fdzsantuarioguardia?fbclid=IwY2xjawKqvDJleHRuA2FlbQIxMQABHliAkOYU1607EsFvRxo-](https://fdzguardia.wixsite.com/fdzsantuarioguardia?fbclid=IwY2xjawKqvDJleHRuA2FlbQIxMQABHliAkOYU1607EsFvRxo-g2Dxtgm24yLvjdHEUMz5jWcvvNpMJ2PBPPdT2vtt_aem_6zn1KGKD7caQZb_-5hTkDQ)

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Local Contact for Madonna Della Guardia: Sr Marita Olango FDZ (English speaking) email: sistermaritaolango@gmail.com, Museum, Church, Retreat Accommodation & Full Board

7. **Daughters of the Divine Zeal Taormina House, Church Museum of St Hannibal**

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Website: <https://www.basilicaantoniana.it/luoghi-di-santannibale/casa-femminiledi-taormina-me/>

Local Contact for Taormina: Sr Virginia's Whats app + 39 3342138797 (English & Italian speaking)

Local Contact for Messina for all pilgrims queries: Fr Unny Whats App +39 388 6239369, English and Italian speaker, based in Basilica

Local Airport: Messina is Catania in Sicily

Travel from Airport to Messina: 1.5 – 2-hour bus trip from Airport to Messina €8 single; tickets on line <https://www.saisautolinee.it/en/linee-tpl-sicilia-tratte/catania-messina> Taxi expensive, one-way trip €180.

Travel by road from Italy (eg Oria) to Messina (420 KM) plus ferry crossing from Villa S Giovanni Port to Messina (25 mins crossing).

Parking: download App Easy Park

Accommodation Options

1. **Family Run Hotel** very local to Basilica - Individuals and small pilgrim group option:

Hotel Messenion, Via Francesco Faranda 7, 98123 Messina www.hotelmessenion.it

Email with precise dates and number of rooms required info@hotelmessenion.it

In email ref for the attention of 'Giovanna' and ref Fr Unny rcj for pilgrim price of room

2. **Big Hotel** (up to 85 rooms) more suitable for bigger pilgrim groups:

Royal Palace Hotel, Via T Cannizzaro 3, 98123 Messina Sicily www.royalpalacemessina.it Email

with precise dates and number of rooms required reservation.rph@framonhotels.it ref for the attention of 'Melanie' and ref Fr Unny rcj for pilgrim price of room.

3. **Sanctuario della Madonna della Guardia, Via Annibale M Di Francai, 10, 98158 Faro**

Superiore ME Italy for pilgrims with transport only (30 mins drive outside of Messina) you need car or taxi or bus to access it

Web address: <https://www.basilicaantoniana.it/luoghi-di-santannibale/santuariomadonna-della-guardia-faro-superiore-me/>

Email Sr Marita Olango sistermaritaolango@gmail.com excellent English to book accommodation in this Sanctuary or visit or spend time on retreat in this very special place where St Hannibal spent his last 22 days on earth.

4. **Priest Accommodation : contact** Fr Unny Whats App +39 388 6239369

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6. Future accommodation option in Messina: The Daughters of the Divine Zeal are currently working on pilgrim accommodation in Messina, but this is not expected to be available until 2027 at the earliest.

St Hannibal Feast Day / Centenary

Q. What date is St Hannibal's Feast day celebrated?

A. Worldwide 1 June except in Messina only: 16th May annually. The reason being is that on 3 June Messina has an official holiday and Feast Day for Our Lady of the Letters, who is known as the Patroness of Messina. <https://www.messinarte.it/the-cathedral-of-messina/>

Q. What is the actual date of St Hannibal centenary? A. 1 June 2027 however the St Hannibal centenary celebrations are being treated as a three-year event which commenced on 1 June 2025. There are many events running for the three year period including 1 2 3 June 2026 in Oria, Altamura and Corato Italy see below.

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