

Card.4 - " The Celebration of Celestinian Forgiveness, safeguarding: documentation, research, promotion"

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The documentation relating to the "The Celestinian Forgiveness Celebration" starts from its origins, born from the emanation of the Papal Bull occurred in 1294. The first historical document is the precious parchment kept by the municipality of L'Aquila. Over the centuries, the Celestinian Forgiveness has been followed and transcribed in historical documents that certify its origin (e.g. "L'Aquila chronicle" of Buccio di Ranallo - State Archives of L'Aquila) and its uninterrupted duration over the years (724) written by chroniclers who had succeeded over time. Research activities are constantly undertaken in collaboration with the University of L'Aquila (Department of Human Sciences) in order to keep the vital memory of the element, also through the elaboration of a university thesis and scientific documentation. Numerous publications speak of the Celestinian Forgiveness Celebration through the ages, its promotion takes place with numerous events organized by the Celestinian Forgiveness Committee during the festive cycle period (from 16 to 29 August). These events call together local and national communities.

During the year there are several initiatives that bring the Celestinian Forgiveness Celebration to the attention of the media. The Celestinian Bull, restored in the early months of 2017, is granted on display only in the very rare cases where the environment is suitable and the organization ensures the proper promotion and visibility of the precious parchment.

Also the chronicle of the different editions of the Celestinian Forgiveness Celebration has its dissemination and importance thanks also to the collection work carried out by the journalist and scholar of the subject "Angelo De Nicola".

The promotion of the festival is carried out through cultural activities that take place throughout the year and which draw attention to the origins of traditions, layered over the centuries, which make up the skeleton of the Celestinian Perdonanza Festival.

Great public interest aroused the concerts that the Committee of Perdonanza and the Municipality of L'Aquila program for the period from 23 to 28 August in L'Aquila. Important artists who, with their performances, call attention to the festival and help to promote it even outside the territory traditionally concerned.

Brochure with the history of the Festival of Perdonanza Celestiniana and with the program by the events that characterize it, are made each year by the Celestinian Forgiveness Committee and distributed nationally. Particular attention is also paid to guides (Italian and English text) that promote the territory through the development of sites and routes that are distributed in paper form, but which can be consulted through a link on the institutional site of the L'Aquila Municipality:

http://www.comune.laquila.gov.it/pagina414_i-percorsi-del-perdono.html

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