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Trip to Italy enforces class work for Latin students

Six juniors and seniors from Regina Dominican “came, saw, and conquered” their knowledge of Latin and the ancient classics during a trip to Italy during the school’s Easter Break at the end of March. Taking part in this special trip were juniors Connie Grandt, Brianna Kraus, and Alexandra Zamirowski and seniors Jennifer Chaput, Pam Kelly and Sarah Niersbach. They were chaperoned by their Latin teacher, Marissa Porter, Ph.D.

Traveling with groups from New Jersey, San Francisco, and Kansas, Regina Dominican’s Latin students began their trip in Sorrento, then traveled to Capri, Pompeii, Cumae, and Rome. Highlights in Rome included the Vatican and St. Peter’s Square, the forum, the Colosseum, the Piazza Navona, the Spanish Steps, and the Pantheon. The group spent their last full day of the nine-day trip in Florence, where they visited the Academia and Uffizzi galleries.

“It was a wonderful, educational experience, full of beautiful sites, stories, fun, and culinary pleasures,” Dr. Porter recalled. “We all learned about ancient Roman and contemporary Italian life and culture, and we had a fantastic time.”

“We got to see a lot of things that we had talked about in class,” noted Jennifer Chaput. She was impressed by the Vatican and the Sistine Chapel – where the Conclave of cardinals later met to elect Pope Benedict XVI – and also enjoyed the temperate weather, the shopping, and a boat trip around the Isle of Capri.

Pam Kelly was particularly impressed by the people she met: their friendliness in giving directions to visitors, the pride they take in their appearance, their bustling activity in Rome late at night, and their strong family life. “The people are very friendly,” she said. “They say hello, good-bye, and how are you when you enter or leave a store.”