



COLLEGIO UNIVERSITARIO
"Cristo Re"

Service Charter



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The "Cristo Re" university College is an expression of the educational charism that characterizes the mission of the Franciscan Sisters of Christ the King, a religious congregation that recognizes its origins in a group of Franciscan tertiaries who asked to live together according to the perfection of Saint Francis of Assisi along the convent of the minor Friars of San Francesco della Vigna in Venice in 1459.

Our facility is currently authorized and classified as a Religious Hospitality House (D.D.n.825 of 23/05/2017 - Province of Padua) and considers the residential reception of university students to be the main activity.

It consists of an independent building with 4 floors within a complex that also includes a large green area which is intended for the religious fraternity and the "Cristo Re" kindergarten. The residence consists of common areas located on the ground floor and 67 single or double rooms, distributed over the various floors.

Origins and History:

The "Cristo Re" university College in Padua was built in the residential area of Santa Rita in the early 1970s.

The institute of the Franciscan Sisters of Christ the King, already present in the city in San Francesco Street and in the nearby parish of Cristo Re in the Sant'Osvaldo district, found the opportunity in this new residential area to give full and adequate development to an educational project for adolescents started in 1932 and carried out with many efforts and sacrifices even in the difficult years of the war and the post-war period. The sisters animated and guided a group of girls who wanted to get to know the life and charism of the Congregation more closely by living in the community during the years of schooling that results in the great choices of life.

At the end of the 1960s the first building that belongs to the sisters and the kindergarten site was built with the most advanced pedagogical and didactic methodologies to welcome the children and families of the neighbourhood, starting from 1967.

In the following years the current building of the university College was built; one side of the building is intended for the vocational community of the "Araldine", while the rest is open to university girls. A new educational work that allowed the religious family to maintain fraternity and work on their own

responsibilities and at the same time respond to the request of the local church to pay particular attention to young people who increasingly moved to universities in a period due to great changes of severe political and social contrasts. It was 1973 and the first fifty female students were welcomed.

The activity of the College has continued over time, accompanying the young generation towards finding out about their professional and life goals by allocating resources and talents as well as creating new opportunities for the growth of the whole society.

The fraternity of Franciscan Sisters of Christ the King -who stood alongside the students - was able to train the young females and witnessed often incredible stories of affirmation and redemption, determination and courage.

In this way, it fulfils its own vocation and mission to 'proclaim Christ' and to approach its 'brothers and sisters with an attitude of respect for the seeds of the Word that the Holy Spirit has placed in each of them'. (Constitutions 114,1; Complementary Code 65, 1).

The life of the College was connected not only with that of the vocational community until 1991, but also with the other activities promoted by the sisters in the parish and in the territory.

Until the 1990s, for instance, some rooms on the ground floor remained available to the patronage of the parish of Santa Rita for the activities of animation and catechesis of the children. From 2003 to 2008 the fraternity gave its availability for a Caritas residential emergency project in favour of women victims of trafficking with the Shalom community.

The Franciscan Sisters of Christ the King wished to hold every expression of this educational welcome as the possibility of recognizing and promoting the other person's spiritual dignity, the wholeness of life and humanity that each person carries within herself as a precious present.

Intention and style:

The Franciscan Sisters of Christ the King animate and support the activity of the university residence. The spirit of the charism pushes us to accept the hospitality of the young people for the service of their growth and development of their personality as a wealth which is gifted. The meaning and perspective are contained in the characteristic greeting of "Peace and Well-being" of our service and our spirituality.

The evangelical and Franciscan values of compassion and respect, openness and dialogue, working and sharing are the basis of our coexistence. We try to transmit them and share them with those who live in our house.

The religious fraternity and the staff show enthusiasm to offer a simple and comfortable environment and a serene and welcoming atmosphere to build promoting and meaningful relationships together with the young guests within a personal journey which is about how to combine studying and formation, academic preparation, and human growth.

The educational proposal:

To achieve its aims, the residence creates all the possibility of a personal encounter in everyday life, made up of simplicity and empathy, availability and respect in which knowledge and mutual enhancement bloom, with the possibility of personalized accompaniment paths.

Organize a welcome service throughout the day and try to meet the most common needs of everyday life.

Each guest is independent in the organization of their studying and leisure time and in the management of the spaces of the house.

Some training offers and essential appointments are promoted by the management. Young women are invited to propose and support initiatives and activities at various levels that can enrich the educational offer of the residence.

The religious fraternity does the main moments of their common prayer in the morning and in the evening in the chapel of the House which is located near the entrance of the residence. Anyone interested could participate in these and other moments of spirituality and prayer that is organized on particular occasions and in the specific times of the year.

The "Cristo Re" university College is part of a coordination that brings together about 30 Catholic-inspired university residences in the city of Padua. As we believe in the wealth that comes from uniting charisms, skills and different styles, thus we have collaborated in various ways to create and support cultural, educational and religious initiatives in the section.

Structure and Services:

Currently the facility is managed by the sisters of the fraternity with the collaboration of staff. The sisters, supported by secretarial staff, do the conducting, the welcome management, the administration, the ordinary management of the House and the formative proposals. The other personnel, who work under contract or with maintenance contracts, are mainly assigned to general services and to the control and care of plants and equipment. The residence can ask for the aid of volunteers support for the reception service and management of the House. The reception service is active every day from 8.00 to 22.00. In case of spending time outdoors later than the active hours, it is possible to request keys for returning. The fraternity ensures 24-hour availability for particular needs and emergencies.

The building, while maintaining its original structure, was completely renovated in 2012. It currently has 67 air-conditioned single and double rooms with en-suite bathroom on the three upper floors. Each guest is responsible for the ordinary cleaning of their room.

On the ground floor there are common areas: one space that is reserved for the reception and an operational room with PC and printer, the self-managed kitchen, the dining rooms, the relaxation room, the laundry room, the chapel, the management, the meeting room and the study room. The Wi-Fi connection is accessible in all the spots of the house.

The complex has a large green area with lawn that is suitable for playing fields game, along with a bike storage location and car park.

Religious Hospitality House

The structure classification as a Religious House of Hospitality allows the fraternity to welcome people or families for short periods. This opportunity is reserved for the family members of the students who live far away, wishing to visit them on special occasions. It is also open to people who need to commute to nearby hospitals for treatment and diagnosis or family examinations of hospitalized patients. The management reserves the right to evaluate student requests, who need temporary accommodation for study or work reasons. The spaces dedicated to these types of activities with a social purpose are limited to the rooms and do not include the common rooms and the self-managed

kitchen used by the College students, to guarantee a friendly atmosphere and the sufficient intimacy for the young individuals who spend most of the year here. Hospitality rates are per day.

Admission and Hospitality:

Applications for admission are considered by the management following an interview with the young lady and possibly with her family. In this phase, both those who manage the House and those who ask for being hospitalized would evaluate their demands and expectations and orient themselves to the choice. So, we try to build a flexible and dynamic insertion project together, capable of responding to people, who are discovering themselves and the direction they tend to move in their life, by the awareness that the community offers them to be learned and shared.

The Cristo Re College is open to females without distinction of culture, social class, nationality, ethnicity or religion.

Hospitality inside the residence is regulated by an annual (October-June) or short-term contract.

The signing of the contract constitutes an educational agreement which entails on the side of the College the commitment to accompany the young generation and allocate services for their growth, in an atmosphere of hospitality and familiarity, and asks the guest – in following the internal rules – to respect the authentic human and religious values that inspire the style and the organization of the House.

The management values the participation of students and guests by honouring opinions, advice and complaints expressed spontaneously or collected through questionnaires and/or meetings. It undertakes to motivate the operational guidelines and its directives; also accepts requests and complaints – when expressed in a clear and direct form – through an interview or in writing.

The "Cristo Re" university College is officially responsible for the processing of personal and sensitive data in accordance with the law.

The contribution for staying in the College consists of a monthly fee – which includes a bed in a single or double room and the use of all the spaces and services made available by the College - and an annual registration fee that covers general services, insurance costs and internet connection. A tax receipt is issued for each payment.

The contract is also signed by a parent or a family member who acts as guarantor of the economic aspects – if the person does not have his own economic autonomy – and to whom, in agreement with the student, the College might want to communicate for the educational aspects as well as urgent cases.

Links and Contacts

The property is located in one of the quietest and greenest residential areas in the city. The territorial and architectural conformation of Padua generally favours access to the study sites on foot or by bicycle as well as by public transport. The house is located on the southwestern area of the city, not far from Prato della Valle and the Basilica di Sant'Antonio.

The "Cristo Re" university College can be reached from the railway station or from the bus station with the ACTV public service (line 14 and line 16 weekdays, line 41 holidays) up to via Jacopo Facciolati. From the center it is possible to use the tram towards Guizza up to Prato della Valle and line 11 to via Jacopo Crescini. For those arriving by their own means, we recommend the Padova Est exit of the A4 highway following the signs for the hospital. From via Gattamelata it is necessary to continue along via Jacopo Facciolati and from here take via Paolo Paruta on the right up to the intersection with via Giovanni Marchesini near the entrance of the institute.

It is possible to contact the management for the information about the College and the Hospitality House by telephone, email and website asking for available rooms and the characteristics of the House, and even requesting an appointment for visiting the facility and orientation interviews, to book your stay (in case of short hospitality).

In every aspect of this educational mission, which is concretized above all as a trusting and attentive welcome and accompaniment, the person can experience that a living environment is much more than a building; living together can mean much more than an efficient organization, when proposing and upholds the values of authentic relationship, encounter and dialogue; when friendship transforms differences and distances into opportunities; when, in some cases unexpected, experiences helps us to discover something new and lively in us and in the others, which then belongs to us forever.

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