

Assisi Chapter of Mats

Thursday, 26 January 2017



Morning Prayer's reflection is on one's own personal journey to wholeness, towards love. This is reflected in the journey we are taking as a congregation. (see booklet attached)

TIME-TABLE

Morning Mass	own time
Breakfast	8am
Morning Prayer	8.45am
PILGRIMAGE	
Lunch	1pm
Personal Time for Reflection	
Evening Mass	for those who haven't attended
Supper	7pm



THE PILGRIMAGE: Inside the walls of Assisi

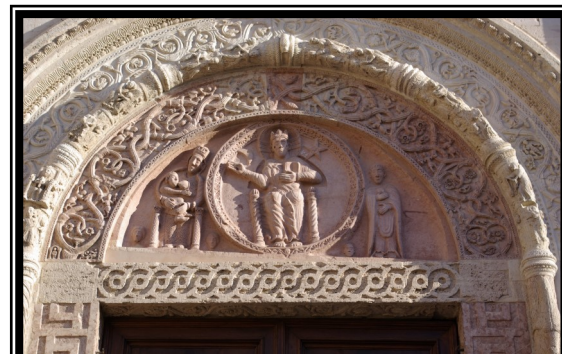
Members were divided into two groups. One group was led by Helen and Helena. Another group was led by Jane, Shirley and Monica.

The Pilgrimage begins in the Piazza del Comune where members gather to hear what Francis had to say to his brothers about Chapters of Mats. The group leader (Helen Doyle) helped the sisters to 'geographically' orientate themselves *within the walls of Assisi*.

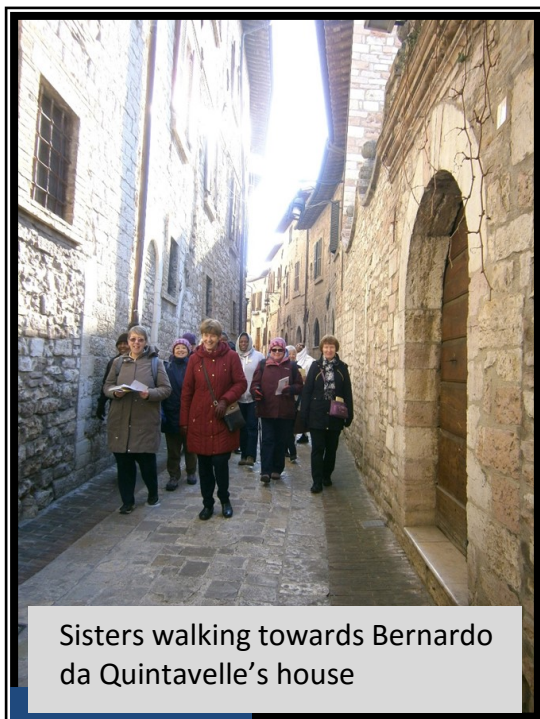
Today the focus was 'the inner journey of conversion' as they visited places significant in Francis and Clare's own inner journey.



This group is seen here outside Chiesa Nuova—Lady Pica and Pietro Bernadone. Members visited all the major places *inside the walls of Assisi*.



San Rufino is significant in the early life of both Francis and Clare who were baptised here. Clare's family home is right next door to the church – second door on the left from the church. *It is a private dwelling now.*



Sisters walking towards Bernardo da Quintavalle's house



This sculpture (outside the Church of Maria Maggiore) is at the site of Francis' complete renunciation of his former life including his own father by stripping himself naked.





After a long walk, the group is happy to have time for rest, have a well deserved break and a refreshment.



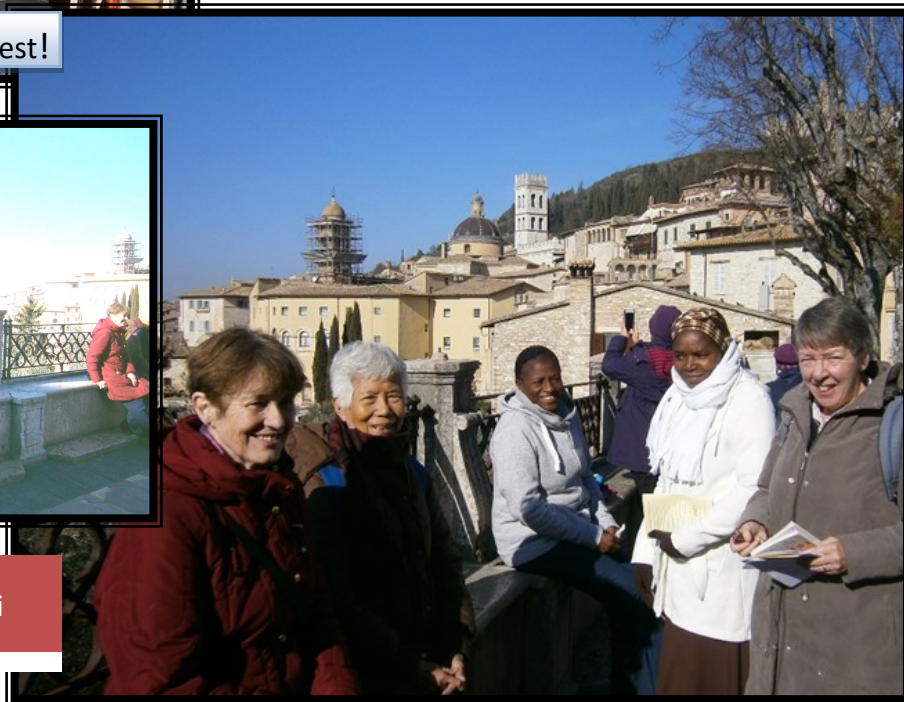
The sisters were blessed with a glorious day. Sunshine and clear blue sky!



The pigeon—a welcome guest!



A panoramic view of Assisi





A steep climb and a walk back to the Piazza .



After lunch, the group headed towards the Basilica of St Francis.

Introduction to the Basilica of Santa Chiara



Fr Dan, an American Conventual friar gave a spiritually and factually enlightening tour.

END OF THE DAY

On their return home, Sr. Margaret O'Brien (*facilitator*) led the group in a reflective time of prayer and sharing to gather the learnings of the day.

