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Naples: Remembering Celestine V and His Impact on Medieval Christianity

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Celestino V, convegno a Palazzo Reale il 14 dicembre

In its millennia-long history, Naples has witnessed events and welcomed extraordinary figures who, in many cases, have been forgotten or even erased from collective memory. Events, women, and men who have nonetheless left an indelible mark on literature, art, architecture, urban planning, and history, even beyond city limits, and who have shaped the soul and identity of this city. Such is the case, among many, of Pietro da Morrone, who was Pope during a period of great political and religious crisis. Born as Pietro Angelerio, he ascended to the Papal Throne on July 5, 1294, under the name Celestine V but renounced the Papacy on December 13 of that same year. Few, however, now know or remember that the event, known as 'the great refusal,' took place in Naples, at Castel Nuovo, where the Council that elected Pope Boniface VIII was also held. Of these events, in the courtyard of the Maschio Angioino, the memory remained through a long commemorative marble plaque, now disappeared, and which it is hoped can be replicated; in fact, the Association I Sedili di Napoli has already submitted a formal request to the mayor and the competent Toponymy Commission for the installation of a new commemorative plaque. On Saturday, December 14, at the Royal Palace of Naples, the association 'I Sedili di Napoli ETS' organized, starting at 10:30 AM, in the 'Sala Giovanni Carbonara,' kindly granted by the Superintendency of Archaeology, Fine Arts, and Landscape for the Metropolitan Area of Naples, an interesting study conference to remember, after 730 years, the figure of Celestine V and that event so traumatic for the Catholic Church and medieval geopolitics. The prestigious speakers who will take turns at the microphone will illustrate why Naples was, even if for a short time, the Capital of Christianity and the reasons for those events. The event will open with a short documentary video produced by the Parish of San Carlo Borromeo of the Naples Business Center, focused on the subject of the day, thanks to the contribution of the parish priest, Fr. Diego De Rosa. Hon. Luciano Schifone, president of the Study Center 'La Contea,' will introduce the day, which will open with greetings

from the Superintendent, Mariano Nuzzo, followed by interventions from Candida Carrino, director of the State Archives of Naples; Fulvio Delle Donne, professor of Medieval Literature at the University Federico II of Naples; Giuseppe Palmisciano, Director of the Diocesan Archive of Nocera and former professor of Church History at the Theological Faculty of Naples, as well as Fulvio Pastore, scholar and author of an interesting essay on Celestine V, recently published. The interventions will be moderated by Giuseppe Serroni, president of the Association I Sedili di Napoli ETS, which organizes the meeting. Public entry is allowed until seats are exhausted.

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