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The Domus Sanctae Mariae Guadalupe reflects the spiritual vision of the CMSWR. The Domus’ inception was inspired by Saint John Paul II’s desire for seminarians and young priests to “know” the Church by studying in Rome. Thus, the CMSWR envisioned that, by having Sisters from its membership living and studying in the heart of Mother Church, they too, would come to “know”, that is, to “experience the Church in a far more profound and dynamic way.”

The Domus is in a four-story building located within walking distance of the Vatican and Rome’s major universities. It is attached to the Church of San Carlos ai Cantanari which was formerly a Barnabite Monastery. The Barnabites and the Polish Jesuits live on the first floor of the building while the Domus House of Studies uses the second, third, and fourth floors.

With 17 bedrooms, some of which have room for more than one Sister if need be, the Domus can accommodate up to 24 Sisters. Each bedroom has a bed, desk, closet, bookshelf, private bathroom, and internet access.

Meals, prayers, and chores are all shared in common among the Sisters residing at the Domus. The Chapel and a home-like community room can be found on the second floor along with a small dining room for priests who come from the North American College to say Mass during the week. Down the hall is a 1700-volume library with tables for studying, a computer for communal use, and internet access. The kitchen, Sisters’ dining room and laundry room are found on the fourth floor.

The Sisters’ close proximity to the Vicar of Christ would help form them as strong ecclesial women at the service of the Church. The CMSWR also envisioned that by living and studying together at the CMSWR House of Studies while attending the Pontifical Universities in Rome, our Sisters would develop and grow lasting friendships, a genuine communion and a strong collaboration amongst themselves, extending to their Religious Communities back home. This growth would not merely be on a short term basis. Rather, it would be lasting and multi-generational across many Communities. Such cross-community ties help to promote a mutual understanding, respect and love for one another’s gifts to the Church with the ultimate goal of enriching and fortifying religious life and the Church in our own nation of the United States of America.

The Spirituality Institute Program, offered in the Fall and Spring Semesters at the Pontifical University of St. Thomas (The Angelicum), provide a wide variety of classes on a rotating basis. These are some of the classes available:

- Spiritual Theology
- The Consecrated Life in the Code of Canon Law
- History of Spirituality
- Documents on Formation
- Spirituality of the Eucharist in St. Thomas Aquinas
- History and Theology of Christian Prayer
- Christian Anthropology
- St. John of the Cross

Taking a guided tour through St. Peter’s Basilica

“A more profound understanding of the truths of the faith should guide you both to a deeper awareness of the presence of God and a more complete response.”

Homily from the Mass of Thanksgiving, Opening of the Domus Guadalupe, April 25, 1999, Cardinal Angelo Sodano