



NAVIGATOR

MARCH, 2025

THE HOUSE OF ITALY (HOI) MISSION:

Our mission is to offer to its members and the public through its cultural and social programs, an understanding and appreciation of the history and culture of Italy. Our vision is that our HOI members celebrate their Italian heritage and culture with the people of San Diego.



Entrance of House of Italy San Diego



House of Italy Bar

Ciao carissimi,

Chiara Capobianco's concert was absolutely wonderful. We enjoyed recognizing arrangements from familiar films and others from unfamiliar operas and films. Many thanks again to Chiara for sharing her beautiful music with us.

We are getting ready for March and I am excited to announce that Dr. Kevin Petti is returning to share his presentation, "Blessed Bones: The Human Body and Religious Expression in Italy". Roman Catholic churches from Milan to Palermo house visually arresting ossuaries that are both alluring and haunting. Dr. Petti's talk explores the uniquely Italian fascination with Holy Relics, their impact on the faithful, and the spiritual messages they are designed to convey. You do not want to miss this event!

Don't forget to email an RSVP to houseofitaly@houseofitalysandiego.org to reserve your spot. Be sure to do so by **Thursday March 13** so we have enough food.

With the inflation of food prices over the past couple of years, the House of Italy Board voted in February to increase the dinner price from \$15 to \$20 for members and from \$20 to \$25 for member guests. This price increase will be effective starting April 1. The dinner continues to include an antipasto, salad, bread, main entree, dessert and wine. We are delighted Mark is continuing to offer us delicious dinners.

Don't forget to sign up to host the house on either a Saturday or Sunday. One of your responsibilities as a member is to host the HOI at least once during a calendar year. We appreciate very much those of you who host more than once. Please give Anna Phaimany your availability for hosting. Her email address is: annareyes505@icloud.com.

For those of you who do not have a food handler's certificate it is easy to attain one and will enable you to serve our food and drink items to Balboa Park visitors. The websites to take the course and obtain a food handler's certificate are:

www.cafoodhandlers.com, course takes 75 minutes, cost is minimal

minimalwww.premierfoodsafety.com, course takes 90 minutes, cost is minimal.

The House of Italy is your organization and your input is valuable. Do not hesitate to contact us by email with any ideas or suggestions. Let's continue to make this year one to remember! I wish all of you a year of health, happiness and peace.

See you Sunday March 16th



Otranto (Puglia) Ph. Siddhartha Kundalkar

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- March 16, 2025 Dr. Kevin Petti - Art and Anatomy
- April Easter Sunday - No meeting
- May 18, 2025 Antonio Iannotta - The world of Italian Films
- June 15, 2025 – TBD
- September 21, 2025 – Dr N. Scott Robinson & Sara Venneri - La Pizzica Salentina

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Ferrucci Institute for Italian Experience and Research is pleased to announce the ninth edition of the Italian Perspective Series, focusing on the intersection of Space and Culture. The event will take place in the magnificent yet intimate venue of the Musco Center for the Arts, dynamic focal point for campus life and the broader community. The series operates under the auspices of the Consulate General of Italy and the Institute for Italian Culture in Los Angeles.



The Ferrucci Institute for Italian Experience and Research
Presents

SPACE AND CULTURE: AN ITALIAN PERSPECTIVE

SATURDAY, March 15, 2025
10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
Followed by Reception | Musco Center for the Arts

Join us for a thought-provoking celebration of the Italian contribution to the exploration and engineering of space, viewed in its scientific and humanistic dimensions, featuring panels and talks with astronauts, artists, and leaders in the sector.

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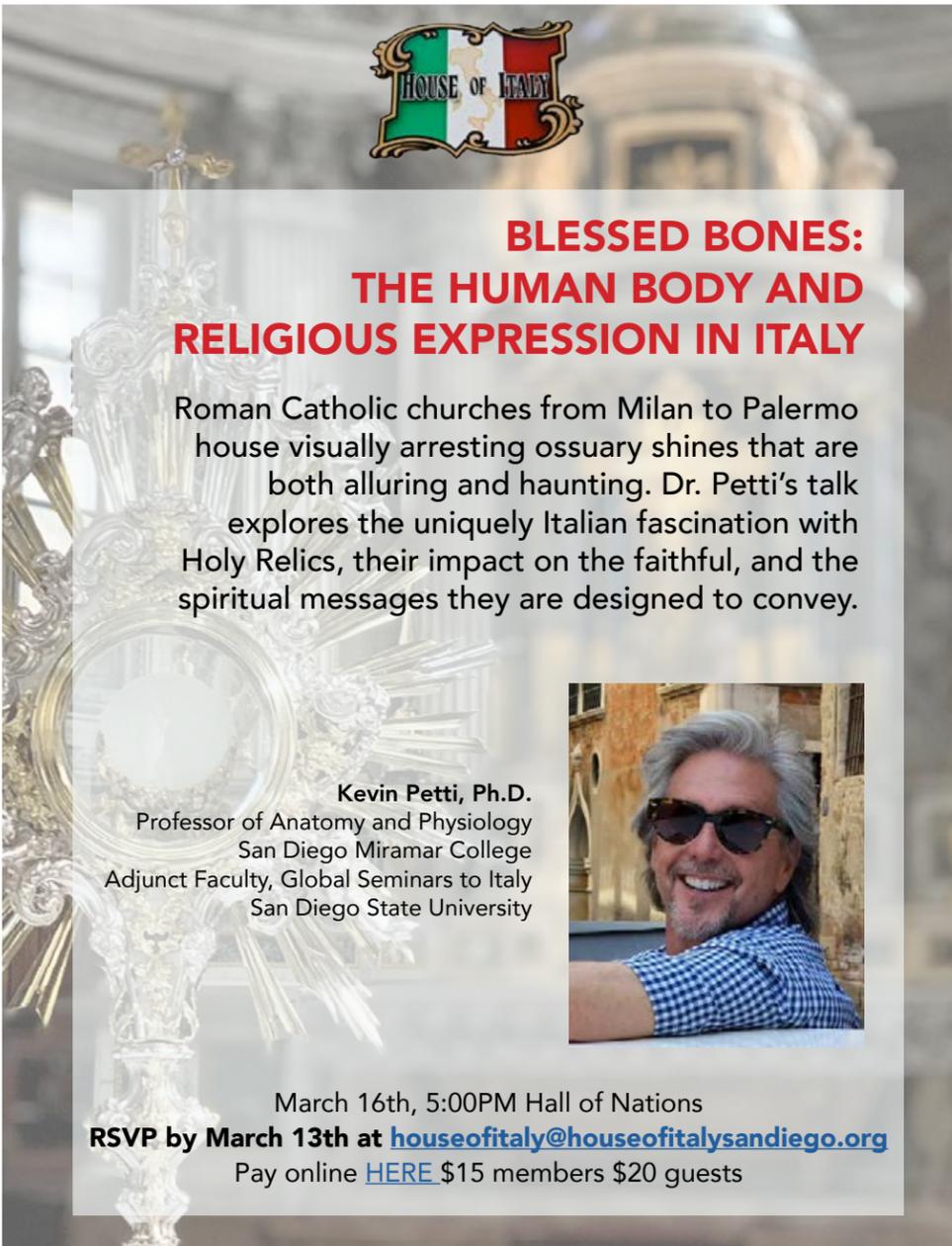
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MARCH EVENT

Dr. Kevin Petti will deliver a special lecture on relics in the Italian Catholic culture. Dr. Petti's talk will explore the uniquely Italian fascination with Holy Relics, their impact on the faithful, and the spiritual messages they are designed to convey.

Don't forget to confirm your attendance by March 13th by sending out an email to houseofitaly@houseofitalysandiego.org. The cost is \$15 for members and \$20 for guests and you may pay at the door or online on the [HOI PayPal account](#).

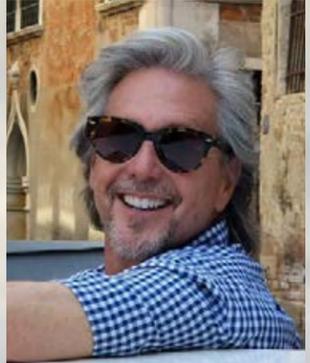


HOUSE OF ITALY

BLESSED BONES: THE HUMAN BODY AND RELIGIOUS EXPRESSION IN ITALY

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Kevin Petti, Ph.D.
Professor of Anatomy and Physiology
San Diego Miramar College
Adjunct Faculty, Global Seminars to Italy
San Diego State University



March 16th, 5:00PM Hall of Nations
RSVP by March 13th at houseofitaly@houseofitalysandiego.org
Pay online [HERE](#) \$15 members \$20 guests

PAST EVENTS



We want **YOU** on the Navigator.

We like to see you, our members, involved in the HOI activities!

Whether you are hosting the HOI, snapping selfies at the HOI monthly events, email your pictures to svenneri239@gmail.com and you'll be featured on the next newsletter.

All new members are invited to submit a photo and a short bio to be highlighted in the next issue of the Navigator.

THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS

SDG&E recognizes the House of Italy as a collaborating partner and as such information is sent monthly to you, our members, to ensure you are updated on the latest SDG&E products, services and resources. Additional information is also available at their website <http://www.sdge.com/residential>



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