

The Religious Art and Popular Faith Trail

In his “libbro dei ricordi” (book of memoirs) (1549-1601) the parish priest Girolamo Magni recounts how, during that century, the *Pieve* (Parish church) of Popiglio (in the commune of Piteglio) was adorned with precious works of art donated by a local family, the Vannini, who lived in Rome. Thanks to them, the *Pieve* of Santa Maria Assunta now displays, in the *Museo diocesano d'Arte Sacra di Popiglio* (diocesan museum of religious art) some rare examples of Roman Baroque art. The adjacent *Compagnia del SS. Sacramento* (Company of the Holy Sacrament) contains a display of religious parameters and furnishings from the churches of the Pistoiese mountains.

Close to the Parish Church lies the Convent of the Sisters of St Francis and St Dominic, founded in the 16th century.

From the church square a paved pathway leads to the museum's study centre (housed in a historic building which also contains the Mascagni Theatre) where various activities such as weaving can be tried.

Various devotional paths wind from the village of Popiglio, such as the one which leads to the medieval bridge known as the Ponte di Castruccio Castracani, over the River Lima.



Museo Diocesano d'Arte sacra

Pizza della Chiesa,
Popiglio
*From April to June and
from September to October,
Saturdays and Sundays
4-7pm
July and August,
from Tuesdays to Sundays
4-7pm*

Polo didattico dell'arte sacra e della religiosità popolare

Via delle Corti, Popiglio
By appointment only

