



# PONTIFICAL COUNCIL FOR CULTURE

## ROME HALF MARATHON-VIA PACIS

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For Peace and Interreligious Dialogue

Peace, integration, inclusion, solidarity: these are the guiding principles that inspire the "Rome Half Marathon VIA PACIS."

The second edition took place on Sunday 23 September, with the start in Piazza San Pietro at 9am. Participants who took part joined in spreading the message: "No to violence, No to racism, No to discrimination."

Along the roads of the Italian capital, many chose to run: women, men, families, the young, the elderly, children, refugees, athletes, people with disabilities, everyone carrying a message of peace.

Taking inspiration from the pilgrimage of the seven churches, the "via pacis" creates an ideal connection between Rome's emblematic places of worship.

Among the different places on the route are those of different religions: St. Peter's, the Synagogue, the Mosque, Protestant and Orthodox churches, and more, all meant to inspire interreligious dialogue and peace. There were also two different races: a competitive half marathon (21.097 km) and a 5 km non-competitive run.

The event was promoted by Roma Capitale and the Pontifical Council for Culture, in collaboration with FIDAL – Italian Federation of Track and Field - and with the patronage of CONI and the Italian paralympic committee.

Congratulations to the participants!

For further info, please visit [www.romahalfmarathon.org](http://www.romahalfmarathon.org)

