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ROME HALF MARATHON-VIA PACIS

& 5km #Run4Peace



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

The annual race starts in Piazza San Pietro. Participants join in spreading the message: "No to violence, No to racism, No to discrimination."

Along the roads of the Italian capital, many choose 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 are two different races: a competitive half marathon (21.097 km) and a 5 km non-competitive run.

The event counts on several sponsors including Roma Capitale, the Pontifical Council for Culture, has the collaboration of FIDAL – Italian Federation of Track and Field - and the patronage of CONI and the Italian paralympic committee.

