

# C.I.D.M.A.

Corleone, western Sicilian village for so long sadly associated with the Mafia, in recent years is trying to free itself from the heavy 'label of "capital of the mafia."

Notorious all around the world for being the birthplace of some of the most dangerous bosses of Cosa Nostra, Corleone is a place rich in history, culture, traditions, natural and artistic resources, which are the foundation of Corleone identity.

The redemption of the town, in spite of its difficulty, must be pursued by focusing on the culture of legality.

### ABOUT US

The C.I.D.M.A. was inaugurated on December 12th 2000, in the presence of the highest authorities of the state, including the President of the Republic Carlo Azeglio Ciampi and the Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations Pino Arlacchi, on behalf of Secretary-General Kofi Annan.

Culture, Progress and Legality are the objectives that the CIDMA intends to pursue.

WHAT WE OFFER

Room of the folders of the MAXI-PROCESS

Room "Cataldo Naro"

"Room of pain"

Room "Carlo Alberto Dalla Chiesa"

Room of the folders of the MAXI-TRIAL

"The room of the folders" contains Maxi-Trial documents, which marked a milestone in the fight against Cosa Nostra. The documents, given to Corleone by the Criminal Chamber of the Court of Palermo, are testimony to the work of magistrates like Giovanni Falcone and Paolo Borsellino, who paid with their lives for their commitment to the fight against the Mafia. Among the folders there are the confessions of the famous "pentito" Tommaso Buscetta to Judge Falcone.

#### Room "Cataldo Naro"

In this room you can see the significant photos of Letizia Battaglia, well-known photographer in Sicily, who had the courage to go on site to capture tragic Mafia murders: the photographer was able to capture significant details that make his shots real documents of the mode of action of the Mafia in the 70s - 80s. The different positions of the bodies allow us to reconstruct the communicative strategy of the Mafia.

#### "Room of pain"

The room houses a permanent exhibition of Shobha, Letizia Battaglia's daughter, who followed her mother's footsteps, taking photos of the dismay, of the feeling of helplessness, of the despair felt by those who have lost someone because of the Mafia. In the room there are also photos of Letizia Battaglia documenting crimes of the Mafia, captured in their dramatic rawness. The approach allows us to understand the cause-effect relationships that exist between the crimes and the consequences they produce in the lives of affected families and of the entire community.

#### Room "Carlo Alberto Dalla Chiesa"

Dedicated to General Dalla Chiesa, the room contains photos of some of the main bosses of the Mafia, placed side by side with those of some great men of justice, who fought tenaciously organized crime. The tour begins in the waiting room, where there are photos of Shobha Battaglia depicting the glories of Sicilian high society, in stark contrast to the other images.

To make more meaningful the visit there will be a local guide who, with his stories, will give voice to the photos.

There is a ticket to pay. It's € 5,00 each person.

The C.I.D.M.A. is open during the winter time just by booking. During the summer time there is one tour every hour, but we suggest you to write (cidmacorleone@gmail.com) or call (+39 3404025601) before coming here.

Best regards

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