

Ostia

Christian
Community Living
for
University
Students

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Limerick

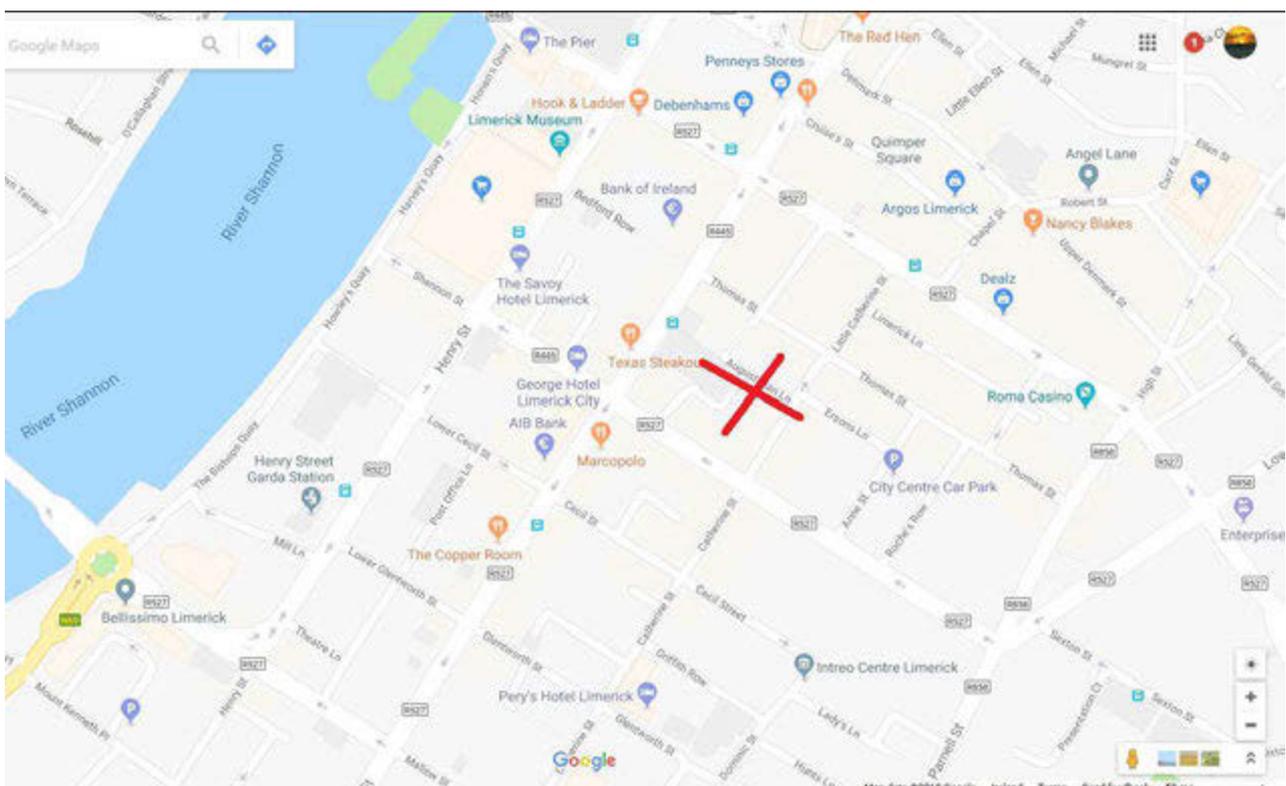
What is the Ostia Community?

The Ostia Community is a project of the Irish Augustinians where six young men are invited to live together as a Christian community during one year of their university studies.

Participants commit to share the life of the community by eating together (twice a week) and praying together (twice a week) during one academic year.

Our hope is that this experience will help you to benefit as much as possible from your university experience by providing you with a constructive, helpful, and Christian home away from home.

Situated just off O'Connell Street, in the centre of Limerick City, the community residence is in an ideal location for getting to and from all of Limerick's colleges



What do members of the Ostia Community do?

Members of the Ostia Community are normally 3rd level students and, as such, are expected to commit themselves to their studies and to all that goes with that.

Participation in the Ostia Community is intended to facilitate this, not to make it more difficult. With this in mind, the programme specific to the Ostia Community is one that leaves plenty of space for college, for studying, for participating in sporting and cultural activities, and, of course, for your social life.



By committing to the Ostia Community you commit to:

1. Pray with other participants twice a week
2. Eat with other participants twice a week
3. Spend one weekend a month in the community house, taking responsibility for the cleaning of the common areas of the house, shopping for the community, and helping in the Augustinian Church at one of the masses on Sunday.
4. Take part in a weekly community meeting to address any issues that may have arisen for the community.

Contact Information

All enquiries regarding the Ostia Community should be directed to the Director: ostiacommunity@gmail.com

**The Ostia Community
Augustinian Lane
Thomas Street
Limerick V94 DA29**

Practical Matters:

1. All participants make a deposit of €500 as security against damage to the premises. This will be refunded at the end of the year if no damage has been occasioned.



2. All participants make a monthly contribution of €450 which includes all utilities, wifi, meals from Monday to Friday (on these days the management of the residence will provide a basic breakfast and also an evening meal for those who want it - these meals are in addition to the community meals which form part of the normal commitment to the life of the community).
3. All participants have their own individual room with fully-equipped en-suite facilities.
4. Parking is not available to residents but there is a secure place to leave a bicycle.

A full description of the ethos, programme, and organisation of the Ostia Community is available to you in the participants' booklet.

Also available on line www.ostia.ie

Frequently Asked Questions:

What do members of the OSTIA community actually do?

- Each member participates in the day to day life of the community. They spend some time together during the week in prayer as they pursue their studies. They are also involved in the life of the church community at St. Augustine's, Limerick.

How long does it last?

- Each member is expected to commit for a period of one academic year, which is not extendable.

How do I participate?

- There are two ways to participate: as a full member of the community, and as an associate member. Full members participate in all the community activities; associate members participate according to their availability. Only full members of the community may reside in the community residence

Will this interfere with my University studies?

- NO! The programme of the OSTIA community will be tailored to suit the requirements and timetables of the group of participants.

What does it cost?

- A subsidised rent of €450 per month covers the basic living costs (with a prepaid deposit of €500 to cover damage—this is refundable if no damage is incurred). Expenses relating to community activities are covered by the Augustinians.



The Augustinians

The Augustinians are a Roman Catholic religious Order founded in the 13th century.

Our goal is to promote the search for God through prayer, study, and reflection, and, especially, by community living.

The Ostia Community is an extension of Augustinian community living where we invite a group of young people to experience our way of living and to live in a Christian context as part of their university experience.

If you would like to know more about the Augustinians please go to:

www.augustinians.ie (Irish Augustinians)

www.augustinians.net (Order homepage)

