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When in Rome... Don't Use Illicit Drugs

Volunteers from the Churches of Scientology across Italy reach out this summer to create a drug-free country.

Millions of tourists from around the world vacation in Italy each summer. In Rome alone, a city of over 3 million, the population swells by more than three times with visitors each year. As the last of the tourists return home, the Church of Scientology's "Say 'No' to Drugs, Say 'Yes' to Life" teams caps this summer's drug-education and prevention activities, bringing their drug-free message to local residents and tourists alike.

They distribute copies of *The Truth About Drugs* in busy shopping districts and at famous historic locations such as the Spanish Steps, the Victor Emmanuel Monument and the Coliseum.

Scientologists on five continents work in their communities throughout the year to empower others with the truth about drugs. The Church and its members are dedicated to eradicating drug abuse through education.

The Church of Scientology supports The Truth About Drugs initiative, one of the world's largest nongovernmental drug education and prevention campaigns.

It has been conclusively proven that when young people are provided with the truth about drugs—factual information on what drugs are and what they do—usage rates drop commensurately.

The Church of Scientology has published a brochure, *Scientology: How We Help—The Truth About Drugs, Creating a Drug-Free World*, to meet requests for more information about the drug education and prevention initiative it supports. To learn more or read the brochure, visit the [Scientology website](#).

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Scientology Founder L. Ron Hubbard wrote, "The planet has hit a barrier which prevents any widespread social progress—drugs and other biochemical substances. These can put people into a condition which not only prohibits and destroys physical health but which can prevent any stable advancement in mental or spiritual well-being."



At the Coliseum in Rome, volunteers from the Church of Scientology promote drug-free living.



The Church of Scientology of Rome's "Say 'No' to Drugs, Say 'Yes' to Life" team reaches out, bringing their drug-free message to local residents and tourists alike.