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From Bitetto to New York - 100 Years of History 1908-2008 & Annual Puglian Food Tasting

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NEW YORK - Summer in New York City this year boasts a new initiative, designed to bring together people with interests as varied as food and wine, religious celebrations, cultural and social aspects. The common thread of all events is Puglia.

On July 10, 11, and 13, 2008, the Mutual Aid Society Beato Giacomo of Bitetto is organizing “**From Bitetto to New York, 100 Years of History, 1908 - 2008, & Annual Puglian Food Tasting**”. New Global Market-Tipici di Puglia is assisting in Puglia with the organization of the event. Regione Puglia - Commissioner for Migration, Provincia di Bari, the City of Bitetto, and the Consulate General of Italy in New York are sponsoring the events.

On the occasion of the festivities for the Beato Giacomo anniversary, the events will include, in addition to the religious celebrations, a presentation of specialty food products, a round table on the social and historical aspects of migration, and musical entertainment.

The kickoff will take place on July 10, 2008, at 4:00 pm, at the **Westchester Italian Cultural Center, Generoso Pope Place, in Tuckahoe, NY, with the Annual Puglian Food Tasting.**

Well-known companies of food and wine from Puglia will present their products at the prestigious Westchester institute: wine, olive oil, vegetables preserved in olive oil, taralli, pasta, olives, cheeses, and much more.

At 7:00 pm a round table will follow, entitled: **Beato Giacomo Society, 100 Years of Emigration from Bitetto to New York.**

Panelists:

Giovanni Favilli - Deputy Consul General of Italy in New York

Elena Gentile - Regione Puglia Commissioner for Migration

Giovanni Iacovelli - Mayor of Bitetto



Father Miro Relota - Rector, Beato Giacomo Sanctuary
Giovanni Mariella - Member of the President's Committee of CGPM,
John Mustaro - President, United Pugliesi Federation of the New York Metropolitan Area
Michele Intranuovo - President, Mutual Aid Society "Beato Giacomo" of Bitetto
Daniele Di Fronzo - New Global Market

Moderator: **Maria Galetta**

On July 11, 2008, at 7:30 pm, at **Chateau Briand Caterers, 440 Old Country Road - Carle Place, NY**, there will be a gala dinner including typical food and wine from Puglia and musical entertainment.

The festivities will conclude on July 13, 2008, at 11:00 am, at the **Fireman's Memorial Park, in - Lindenhurst NY (Long Island)** with a Mass and the Procession of Beato Giacomo, lead by the fathers of the Beato Giacomo Sanctuary in Bitetto.

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