

NON ENIM TAM PRAECLARVM EST SCIRE LATINE QVAM TVRPE NESCIRE  
NEQVE TAM ID  
ORATORIS BONI QVAM CIVIS ROMANI PROPRIVM VIDETVR

[Marcus Tullius Cicero, *Brutus* 37, 140]

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AESTIVA MILVAVCHIAE LATINITAS  
FIT  
LATINA TELEPHONIO FESTIVITAS

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(SUMMER LATIN IN MILWAUKEE  
BECOMES  
A LATIN CELEBRATION BY TELEPHONE)

~ Not any kind of rushed immersion into Latin nor a high-pressure tour of so-called 'Latin Grammar', rather: a slow and thorough, real and immediate experience of the whole Latin language in all its historical periods and types of literature from the past 2300 years – through a total, conscious involvement by telephone in precise personal comprehension of original texts and unprepared first-sight Latin readings, in personal composition and extemporaneous Latin Conversation, in discussions about classroom pedagogy and teaching methods.

~ Projected and provided only for well-trained Latin teachers and prepared Latin scholars who have decided to develop further and are determined to advance in Latin mastery and competence through serious, joyful, constant application by means of modern communication. Consequently: The summer program is for sure not advisable nor available to inexperienced beginners, to first-level students, to fresh grammar-victims, even with the best of intentions.

~ A minimum of two encounters of 90 minutes in the course of a week according to a separately printed outline of class material for eight complete weeks from Monday, June 8, 2020 until Saturday, August 1, 2020, every weekday according to a separately printed outline.

~In this activity theoretically two levels are allowed or suggested. A slower pace: 'iuniores' = rusty scholars, antiquated Latinists and first-time summer-schoolers; at a faster pace: 'seniores' = better equipped, tested Latin veterans or perhaps former Foster subjects.

~ Contrary to traditional celebration of summer school in a classroom we will make contact by telephone. Some have suggested FaceTime, others using Zoom on our phones.

~ One-on-one electronic contact can be made from the student to the teacher's mobile phone at the number +1 (414) 755-9686 using FaceTime (Central Standard Time Zone) or from teacher to student if it is possible with FaceTime.

~Community transmission may be via Zoom.

~Required are personal conversations and also assignments outside of class times – both in writing and by memory. There will be home exercises ‘ludi domestici’ to be completed and corrected in subsequent dialogues.

~What follows is the traditional calendar of 18 parts which treats in one week whatever is possible to do in Latin. Each box on the calendar from A, B, C, D, E, F consists of an hour and half of class. The top line is a week for the juniors. The bottom line is a week for the seniors. The middle line is for both together.

~ One will not even dream of engaging in this Latin fun without having 4 books at hand. Every year some individuals are effectively excluded and left alone because they insist they have a better idea about what they need for summer Latin. The experiences of the past years have proven that, if we are not all together in this regard, we waste lots of time and energy trying to supply for various deficiencies. The books, which hopefully remain with you your entire Latin life, are:

\* LEWIS AND SHORT, Latin Dictionary, Oxford University Press [= large, complete, unabridged edition; not shorter school versions, after 1960].

The most recent reprint of this book after the Oxford Classical Dictionary, attests to its perennial lasting value and validity.

\* An acceptable Latin dictionary like SMITH, CASSELL, OXFORD or LANGENSCHIEDT which are really not sufficient but approved and which contain English to Latin vocabulary.

\* GILDERSLEEVE AND LODGE, Latin Grammar – Any edition is fine. (The latest seems to be by Bolchazi – Carducci, 2014)

\* OSSA LATINITATIS SOLA – Catholic University Press, Washington, D.C. (Foster and McCarthy)

~These are the only expenses you will have. All classroom materials and the instruction itself are supplied without any financial obligations or strings attached by Reginald Foster, by telephone or at the address provided below, in keeping with the spirit, conditions and principles indicated here; accordingly – without any fixed fees or tuition at all, even though spontaneous and completely anonymous contributions to the ‘good Latin cause’ are certainly presumed and most gratefully received.

~ I need complete phone numbers and postal snail-mailing addresses because I will send sheets before the classes and will also need to contact you via phone.

~ Anyone interested in this adventure and undertaking can contact – for answers and information:

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