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Mangia! Timothy Cardinal Dolan reveals his top 3 restaurants in Rome

Italian eateries outlying the Sistine Chapel find relief in fact that their favorite customer has not been stolen away for the papacy, which now belongs to the archbishop of Buenos Aires, Jorge Cardinal Bergoglio.

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Timothy Cardinal Dolan is joined by his 'spiritual mother' Sister Mary Bosco (left) while he enjoys a dish he specifically requested at Cecilia Metella in Rome: pappardalle. Though not among the archbishop's top three restaurants, Cecilia Metella will surely miss the Dolan's appetite.

ROME — There's at least one group in Rome that is happy Timothy Cardinal Dolan didn't become Pope: the owners of his favorite restaurants.

The staff at pasta joints in the Italian capital were fearful for a major loss of business if their favorite prince of the church had won the papal horserace inside the Sistine Chapel.

"If he became Pope, he probably couldn't eat here anymore," lamented Livio Giometto, a waiter at Abruzzi where Dolan frequently takes friends for some of the best Spaghetti alla Carbonara in town. "He'd be too busy and important."

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Timothy Cardinal Dolan, the archbishop of New York, will be able to enjoy more fine Italian dining before returning to St. Patrick's Cathedral on Madison Ave.

The traditional Italian restaurant is tucked away on a quiet cobbled street, a few minutes walk from the Angelicum University where Dolan studied theology before ordination.

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It's a white tablecloth place, but also low key, as staffers know regulars by name.



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Chef Naser Kazimovski prepares Timothy Cardinal Dolan's favorite Spaghetti alla Carbonara at Sor'Eva restaurant in Rome.

Dolan has been a regular at Abruzzi for years and just last week treated a big group of New York seminarians and staff to lunch there.

"He comes with a lot of people, he's always smiling. ... He's animated," Giometto said.

"His favorite is the Carbonara: pasta with a fresh egg, bacon and Parmesan. A lot of the American people love that."

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Vincenzo Di Paola, 22-year employee of a Dolan favorite restaurant, Sor'Eva, says the cardinal is "primo," which, loosely translated, means he loves his pasta.

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Near the North American College, where Dolan studied as a seminarian and served as rector, are two more of Dolan's favorite hangouts.

Lo Scarpone is more formal than Abruzzi — and it was reportedly one of ex-Pope Benedict's favorites when he was still Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger.



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Chef Antonio Grillo cooks at Scarpone restaurant in Gianicolo. Scarpone was once frequented by Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger before he become Pope Benedict XVI. Ratzinger stopped showing up after taking the papacy.

Benedict stopped dining at the family-run eatery after he became Pope — and staff were concerned the same could happen if Dolan ended up wearing the white suit.

"For us it would have been a big honor for Cardinal Dolan to be the new Pope," owner Antonello Soccorsi said.

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Da Roberto in Rome didn't make Dolan's top three but you may spot the cardinal there. It's still a favorite.

"I've known him a lot of years ... (but) if he became Pope, he probably couldn't come here anymore."

At Lo Scarpone, Dolan often orders the fettucini with zucchini, saffron and cream, and a bottle of Chianti.

"He's a big man," Soccorsi said. "When he comes here he greets everyone. He's always smiling. He knows people by name."

Down the hill from Lo Scarpone is Sor'eva, a typical informal trattoria that puts a bottle of the house wine on the table as you sit down.

Dolan has been alternating between the Spaghetti alla Carbonara and the Spaghetti all'Amatriciana for decades.

"He's a good person," said Vincenzo DiPaola, whose eyes light up at the sound of Dolan's name.

"Yes, we know him. He's been coming here for a long time. ... He's a big guy with a big smile."



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