

San Romano ai Monti (deconsecrated)



Gateway to stairs up to former school and church.

San Romano ai Monti was an obscure deconsecrated church listed by the diocese at Via degli Zingari 13 in the rione Monti. The dedication was to St [Romanus Ostiarius](#).

History

The church was, in effect, the chapel of a boarding school established here at the end of the 19th century by the Salesians and called the Istituto Angelo Mai, built in the 1850's.

This had to close at the end of the 20th century, and in 2004 the premises were illicitly occupied by an artists' commune which described itself as an "open laboratory of art and culture". This in turn was evicted by the city authorities in 2006, since when the complex has been disused and is reportedly in a bad state of repair.

The diocese continued to list it as a subsidiary church of Santa Maria dei Monti, but deleted it in 2012.

Exterior

The church had no separate architectural identity. The address is of a gateway which is kept locked, behind which is a flight of stairs running up to an entrance in an upper storey. The gateway itself has some dignity, as it sports a floating cornice above a marble plaque proclaiming the identity of the institution.

Location:

Address: Via degli Zingari 13

Coord: [41° 53' 42.9" N, 12° 29' 30.6" E](#)

Links and sources:

http://romanchurches.wikia.com/wiki/San_Romano_ai_Monti