

LETTER FROM THE MAYOR

Gentle Visitor to Monterosso Calabro,

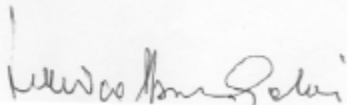
It is with great pleasure and open arms and hearts that we welcome to you our small village, rich and filled with history, tradition, beautiful views, and ancient flavors. We heartily hope that you find your visit here interesting, rewarding, and best of all, peaceful.

In the last thousand years, many visitors have passed through our town, but many had neither peace, nor traditions, nor our ancient flavors on their minds! Throughout history, this region was conquered, fought over, suppressed, raided, and then gently settled - by Greeks, Romans, Normans, Saracens, the French, and the Spanish. Look around you here. All left their mark. They built houses, Churches, and beautiful palazzi. Of course, the history of Monterosso and this region is very interesting and perhaps romantic to us today, but luckily for us, and for you, all the traditions of these peoples have fused and merged and remained with us, and we share those with you today. Now we wish to be conquered by you!

Please enjoy Monterosso, its history, its "bella vista," and its flavors. Find our restaurants and enjoy a good meal in them. Meet our people, and tell us where you are from and what you would like to see. Enjoy the nature that is all around us here. Enjoy how unusual our village is. We want to share our love of our village with you, and hope that you will go away with many kind thoughts of us, and a firm desire to return.

Come to Monterosso. And then, come back.

With much pleasure in your visit,



Ubaldo Galati, Mayor
Monterosso Calabro
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