

## From Milan: 5/16/05

This is a sidewalk café near the university. Lunch is usually “taken” standing up at a bar eating a panino, a sandwich, with a glass of water or espresso afterwards. Their word for coffee is espresso, but it is served in a tiny cup (about two inches tall) with about 3/4” of very, very thick, black coffee. Most stores open at 9:00am, close for lunch and rest around 2:00pm and reopen at 3:30 or four and then stay open to seven or eight. They don’t even think about dinner until after seven; most restaurants don’t open until seven for the evening meal.



This is a view of the interior of the Duomo in Milan. The next several are other interior shots.





We are getting to know our way around Milan very nicely. We tell the students to meet us somewhere in Milan the next morning and they all seem to find it without any trouble. Because Milan has acted like a “gateway” into and out of (what is now) Italy; it’s history dates back more than a thousand years before Christ - many cultures have influenced its development. I will send more tonight or tomorrow of our weekend trip to Venice. The weather was incredible!