

# Francesco Vespignani

Italian Architect  
(1842-1899)

Son of Virginio, a very active architect during the pontificate of Pius IX, Francesco Vespignani, born in Rome on April 4, 1842, continued his father's profession by overseeing the construction of several buildings, mainly in Rome, including the Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on Via Marsala (Castro Pretorio district), for which, following the instructions of Don Giovanni Bosco, he modified the original project, increasing its length by about thirty meters, and the church of Sant'Anselmo on the Aventine, designed by the Belgian abbot Ildebrando de Hemptinne. He directed the renovation of the apse and presbytery of the Basilica of St. John Lateran, following the drawings prepared by his father and carried out the restoration of the eighteenth-century Villa Sarsina in Anzio.

He was a city councilor in Rome in the 1880s and 1890s.

He died in his hometown, at the age of fifty-seven, on July 1, 1899. He is buried in the Verano Cemetery.

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