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Join Rev. Ian Bozant & the National Shrine of St. Alphonsus Liguori, FSSP

A Catholic Pilgrimage to Italy

This itinerary features eight nights in Rome, with a day trip to Monte Cassino included as well. The celebration of the Traditional Latin Mass by Rev. Ian Bozant – the cornerstone of each day – will be complemented by a rich Catholic touring program designed to bring the pilgrims face to face with the great saints, martyrs, miracles and cultural heritage of Roman Catholicism. Highlights include St. Peter's Basilica, the Papal Basilicas, the Catacombs, the Vatican Museums, the Colosseum, the weekly Papal Audience, the tombs of St. Benedict and St. Scholastica and many more incredible saints, churches, basilicas and holy sites throughout Italy.

A centrally located religious guesthouse and group airfare will be arranged. A ProRome tour manager will accompany the group throughout the course of the trip, and private bus transportation, Catholic tour guides, all tours and tickets, daily breakfast and either daily lunch or dinner are included in the price.

June 16 - 25, 2026

\$2990 per person, Land Only

\$4552 per person, Airfare Included (from IAD Airport)

For more information or to register, please visit www.prorometours.com/saintalphonsusliguori or contact ProRome Tours directly at (434) 953 1112 or by email at office@prorome.com.

THE ITINERARY



Every day of pilgrimage will include the celebration of the Traditional Latin Mass, locations to be determined based on availability. Additionally, every day will include breakfast and either lunch or dinner. Thus pilgrims will be provided two meals daily, with the exception of the arrival and departure day. Please note that items listed in the itinerary, such as Mass, meals and tour bookings, will be included in the tour but the sequencing of events is subject to change.

Tuesday, June 16 Departure

Pilgrims depart from the USA for Rome. More details regarding departure forthcoming.

Wednesday, June 17 Arrival In Rome

Pilgrims arrive at Rome's Leonardo da Vinci-Fiumicino Airport and meet the ProRome Tour Manager at a designated location. After all group members have gathered, the group transfers to the religious guesthouse near the Vatican.

Upon arrival, pilgrims check in and have time to rest and refresh. In the evening, the group gathers for a welcome dinner at the guesthouse, where Father Bozant and the Tour Manager will review the pilgrimage schedule and answer questions.

Thursday, June 18 St. Peter's Basilica And Vatican Museums

The day begins with Mass at St. Peter's Basilica (pending availability), followed by a guided tour. Built over the tomb of Saint Peter, the basilica is the largest church in the world. The tour includes Michelangelo's Pietà, the bronze statue of St. Peter worn smooth by centuries of pilgrims touching its foot, Bernini's massive bronze baldacchino marking Peter's tomb, and the Cathedra Petri representing the teaching authority given to Peter.

For those who wish, there is an option to climb Michelangelo's dome (551 steps, or 320 steps if taking the elevator to the first level). The view from the top, 452 feet above St. Peter's Square, provides a panorama of Rome.

After the basilica, there is free time for lunch in the Borgo neighborhood near the Vatican.

In the late afternoon, the group has a private "after-hours" tour of the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel. The museums will be closed to other visitors, allowing the group to view the collections without crowds. The tour includes the Pio-Clementino Museum's classical sculptures, the Gallery of Maps, and the Raphael Rooms with frescoes including the School of Athens.

The tour ends in the Sistine Chapel. Michelangelo painted the ceiling between 1508-1512, depicting scenes from Genesis including the Creation of Adam. The altar wall features his Last Judgment. Experiencing the chapel in the quiet of evening, without other visitors, allows time to absorb both the artistry and spiritual significance of the space.

After the museums, the group meets at a local restaurant for a classic Roman dinner together.

Friday, June 19 St. Paul, Tre Fontane, And Catacombs

The morning begins at the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, the second largest church in Rome, built over the tomb of Saint Paul. Mass will be celebrated here (pending availability), followed by a guided tour. The basilica features medallion portraits of all the popes running along the upper walls. Beneath the altar, the tomb of St. Paul can be seen through a window in the floor, with the Latin inscription 'PAULO APOSTOLO MART' ('To Paul, Apostle and Martyr').

After St. Paul's, the group visits the Abbey of Tre Fontane (Three Fountains). According to tradition, this is where Saint Paul was beheaded. Legend says that when Paul's head was severed, it bounced three times on the ground, and a fountain sprang up at each spot. Three small chapels now mark these locations.

The motorcoach then travels to a local restaurant along the ancient Via Appia for lunch.

In the afternoon, the group visits the Catacombs of St. Sebastian, underground burial tunnels used by Christians from the 2nd through 4th centuries. The tour shows burial galleries decorated with early Christian symbols—fish, anchors, and Chi-Rho monograms. Walking through these passages where early Christians were buried provides a connection to the early Church.

After the catacombs, the motorcoach returns to the guesthouse for a free evening. Pilgrims can rest or explore the neighborhood near the Vatican.

Saturday, June 20 Day Trip To Monte Cassino

After breakfast, the motorcoach departs Rome for Monte Cassino, approximately a 2-hour journey through the countryside of southern Lazio. The route passes through the historic region where some of World War II's fiercest battles took place.

Upon arrival at Monte Cassino, the group ascends to the hilltop Abbey of Montecassino, one of the most famous monasteries in the world. Founded by St. Benedict of Nursia in 529 AD, this is the birthplace of the Benedictine Order and Western monasticism. The current structure was painstakingly rebuilt after its complete destruction during World War II in 1944, faithfully recreating the baroque splendor of the earlier abbey.

Mass will be celebrated in one of the abbey's chapels (pending availability), followed by a guided tour. The tour includes the magnificent basilica with its ornate decorations, mosaics, and marble work; the cloisters where Benedictine monks continue their life of prayer and work; and the war cemetery and memorial. The abbey also houses the tomb of St. Benedict and his sister St. Scholastica. From the terrace, visitors enjoy panoramic views over the Liri Valley and surrounding mountains.

After the tour, the motorcoach departs for the return journey to Rome, stopping en route for lunch featuring regional specialties from Lazio and Campania.

The group arrives back at the religious guesthouse in the late afternoon, with the evening free for rest or personal exploration.

Sunday, June 21 Marian Basilica And The Lateran

The morning begins with a visit to the Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore, Rome's oldest church dedicated to Mary, founded in the 5th century. The basilica contains relics venerated as pieces of wood from the manger in Bethlehem, preserved in a crystal reliquary beneath the altar. It also houses the Salus Populi Romani icon, a Byzantine image of Mary and the Christ Child that has been venerated by popes throughout history. Mass will be celebrated here (pending availability).

Following Mass, the group pays a visit to the Church of Saint Alphonsus Ligouri, which hosts the original icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. This stop is particularly special as our group is under the same patronage at their parish, the National Shrine of Saint Alphonsus Liguori in Baltimore.

Next is the Archbasilica of St. John Lateran, the cathedral of Rome and the Pope's official seat as Bishop of Rome. The basilica dates back to 313 AD when Emperor Constantine donated the Lateran Palace to Pope Miltiades. Famed archaeologist Richard Kratheimer states that perhaps "as early as 311 AD" the foundations of the Lateran were being laid. The Papal Altar contains relics of Saints Peter and Paul.

Across the piazza from the Lateran is the Santuario della Scala Santa, housing the stairs that Jesus climbed when brought before Pontius Pilate. Saint Helena brought these 28 marble steps from Jerusalem to Rome in 326 AD. Pilgrims have ascended them on their knees for over 1,600 years. Down the street is the Basilica of the Holy Cross "In Jerusalem". This church was built over a shipload of soil brought back from Calvary by St. Helena, and preserves pieces of the True Cross, nails from the

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Crucifixion, fragments of the crown of thorns, and part of the inscription that Pilate placed on the cross.

Free time for lunch is provided in the area.

In the afternoon, there is an optional walking tour of Trastevere available for those interested. This neighborhood across the Tiber River is known for its narrow medieval streets and local character. Churches on this tour include Santa Maria della Scala, Santa Maria in Trastevere, San Crisogno and Santa Cecilia. Those who prefer can rest at the guesthouse or explore independently.

The group returns to the guesthouse to freshen up before departing for dinner at a traditional Roman restaurant.

Monday, June 22 **Centro Storico**

The morning begins with Mass at the Chiesa Nuova at the tomb of Saint Philip Neri (pending availability). Philip Neri founded the Congregation of the Oratory in the 16th century and is known for his joyful spirituality and work with young people in Rome. There is the possibility of visiting the rooms of Saint Philip, where the great saint passed into eternity.

After Mass, a walking tour of Rome's historic center takes place. The route includes Piazza Navona with Bernini's Fountain of the Four Rivers and the church of Sant'Agnese, built where Saint Agnes was martyred. The group visits San Luigi dei Francesi, which contains three Caravaggio paintings depicting scenes from the life of Saint Matthew. The Basilica of Sant'Agostino is also included, known for Caravaggio's painting of the Madonna of Loreto.

Free time for lunch is provided near the Pantheon, where numerous restaurants and cafés are located.

In the afternoon, the tour continues with visits to the Pantheon, the only fully intact building from ancient Rome, consecrated as a church in 609 AD. Following the Pantheon the group turns a corner and discovers one of Rome's greatest Gothic treasures, the church of Santa Maria Sopra Minerva where Saint Catherine of Siena is buried.

After venerating the great saint, the group moves on to even more great saints in the churches of Sant'Ignazio, a baroque church with a famous trompe-l'oeil ceiling by Andrea Pozzo, and the Gesù, the mother church of the Jesuit order. These churches preserve the remains of some of Catholicism's greatest heroes, such as Saint Ignatius of Loyola, Saint Francis Xavier, Saint Robert Bellarmine, Saint John Berchmans and Saint Aloysius Gonzaga.

After the afternoon tours, the group returns to the guesthouse for dinner and overnight.

Tuesday, June 23 **Ancient Christian Sites**

The day begins with a visit to the Case Romane beneath the Basilica of Santi Giovanni e Paolo. These are Roman houses from the 1st through 4th centuries that have been excavated under the church. Early Christians likely lived and worshiped in these houses.

Next is the Basilica of San Clemente, where Mass will be celebrated (pending availability). After Mass, a guided tour descends through three levels of history. The current 12th-century church sits above a 4th-century basilica, which was built over a 1st-century Roman house. The lowest level contains a Mithraic temple. The contrast between the pagan temple below and the Christian church above illustrates Christianity's growth in Rome.

The motorcoach then travels to a local restaurant for lunch.

In the afternoon, there is an optional guided tour of the Colosseum and Roman Forum for those interested. Those who prefer can have free time to explore Rome independently or rest at the guesthouse.

The evening is free. Pilgrims can have dinner on their own in the neighborhood around the guesthouse.

Wednesday, June 24 **Papal Audience**

The morning begins early as the group gathers in St. Peter's Square for the weekly Papal Audience with Pope Leo XIV. The audience typically begins around 9:30 or 10:00 AM. The Pope arrives in the popemobile and processes through the crowd. The program includes readings, the Pope's catechesis, greetings to groups from around the world, and the apostolic blessing.

After the audience, Mass will be celebrated at Santo Spirito in Sassia, a church near St. Peter's Square (pending availability). Following Mass, there is free time for lunch in the Borgo Pio neighborhood, which has many restaurants and shops.

The afternoon is free for personal activities. Pilgrims may wish to revisit favorite sites, shop for religious articles, or simply rest at the guesthouse.

The evening features a farewell dinner at the guesthouse.

Thursday, June 25 **Departure**

After breakfast at the guesthouse, pilgrims gather their luggage and prepare for departure. The ProRome Tour Manager will accompany the group to Leonardo da Vinci-Fiumicino Airport, assisting with check-in and security procedures.

Pilgrims depart on their individual flights home.

More Details

► Final Cost

- \$4552 per person, Airfare Included
 - \$2990 per person, Land Only
 - \$1562 per person, Airfare Only

► Payment Schedule

- \$300 - ProRome Registration Fee - Due upon Registration
- 50% First Installment - January 21, 2026
- 50% Second Installment - February 21, 2026
- \$790 - Single Occupancy Surcharge (If Applicable) - Due February 21, 2026

► Price Inclusions

- Eight nights at a religious guesthouse near the Vatican in Rome (double occupancy)
- Daily breakfast at guesthouse
- Meals as specified in the itinerary (menus to be proposed by ProRome and confirmed by Father Bozant)
- Unlimited water and house wine at meals
- Private air-conditioned motorcoach for the entire pilgrimage including day trip to Monte Cassino
- Professional English-speaking driver
- Airport transfers on arrival and departure
- ProRome Tour Manager accompanying the group throughout the pilgrimage
- Professional English-speaking guides for all tours
- Entrance fees to all museums, churches, and sites listed in itinerary
- Private evening "after-hours" tour of Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel
- Reservation fees for Masses at basilicas
- 24/7 support from ProRome staff
- Pre-departure orientation materials
- Hotel taxes and service charges

► Price Exclusions

- Round-trip international airfare to Rome
- Meals not specified as included in the itinerary
- Beverages other than water and house wine at included meals
- Personal expenses (souvenirs, laundry, telephone, snacks, etc.)
- Travel insurance (strongly recommended)
- Gratuities for tour manager, driver, and guides (suggested 20-30 EUR per person for both driver and guide)
- Any items or services not explicitly mentioned as included



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