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A Jubilee Pilgrimage to Italy

Join Fr. Jeb Donelan & Cursillo de Cristiandad de la Diócesis de Arlington

This Catholic journey features two nights in Assisi, two nights in San Giovanni Rotondo and four nights in Rome, with day-trips to Orvieto and Monte Cassino built in as well. Daily Mass – the cornerstone of each day – will be complemented by a rich Catholic touring program designed to bring pilgrims face to face with the great saints, martyrs, Eucharistic Miracles and cultural heritage of Roman Catholicism.

Highlights include St. Peter's Basilica, the Papal Basilicas, the Catacombs, the Pantheon, and many incredible saints, churches, basilicas and holy sites throughout Italy.

Roundtrip airfare and beautiful, centrally-located four-star hotels have been arranged. A ProRome tour manager will accompany the group throughout the course of the pilgrimage, with private bus transportation, Catholic tour guides, all tours and tickets, daily breakfast, and either daily lunch or dinner are included in the price.

October 14 -23, 2025

\$3390 per person, Land Only

\$4664 per person (includes airfare from Washington Dulles Airport)

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

THE ITINERARY



Tuesday, October 14 **Departure**

Departure information from Washington Dulles (IAD) TBD.

Wednesday, October 15 **Arrival In Italy | Orvieto | Assisi**

Upon arrival in Rome we will be met by our tour director and private bus and depart immediately for Assisi. On the way there we will stop in the beautiful city of Orvieto, home to one of Europe's finest cathedrals, the Duomo (Cathedral) of Orvieto. Inside this stunning medieval church we will find a relic of Jesus Christ's Blood: the Eucharistic Miracle of Bolsena. In the 13th century a traveling priest doubted the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. Following the words of consecration ("This Is My Body") the Host spilled blood down the doubting priest's arms and onto the altar cloth. The priest was immediately converted and the altar cloth (the corporal) that soaked up Jesus's blood was placed in the Cathedral for adoration. The miracle is still preserved to this day, and it is in the very chapel where the miracle remains that we will have Mass! After Mass we will enjoy a tour of the Duomo

followed by free time for lunch. We will then board our bus and continue on to Assisi. Upon arrival we will check-in and enjoy a welcome dinner together.

Holy Mass: The Duomo of Orvieto
Meals Included: Dinner

Thursday, October 16 **Assisi: Saint Francis & Saint Clare**

Following breakfast we will depart for the Basilica of Saint Francis where we will celebrate Holy Mass. We will then enjoy a guided tour of the Basilica with a Franciscan friar, beginning in the crypt where Saint Francis is buried and culminating in the upper Basilica where we will explore in detail the life of Saint Francis, vividly displayed in Giotto's great frescoes that adorn the walls of the church. There will then be free time for lunch.

Following lunch our tour of Assisi continues, first with the Basilica of Saint Clare where we will venerate the incorrupt body of Saint Clare, as well as the San Damiano crucifix that spoke to Saint Francis more than 800 years ago, asking him to "repair the Church which is falling into disrepair." Our tour then features visits to the church of the Chiesa Nuova, built over the childhood home of Saint Francis, the church of Santa Maria Maggiore where Blessed Carlo Acutis is entombed, and the Cathedral of San Rufino, where Saint Francis and Saint Clare were baptized. There will then be free time in the city before rendezvousing for dinner together before retiring for the night.

Holy Mass: Basilica of Saint Francis
Meals Included: Breakfast and Dinner

Friday, October 17 **Assisi | San Giovanni Rotondo**

Following breakfast we will check out of our hotel and depart for the original home of the Franciscan Order and the place of St. Francis's death: the Papal Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels. Following Mass and a tour we will bid farewell to Assisi and depart for the city of perhaps the greatest miracle worker since Saint Francis: Padre Pio. Due to the duration of the journey to San Giovanni Rotondo - nearly six hours by bus - we will make one or two stops along the way, both for lunch and an afternoon espresso or tea. In the early evening we will arrive in San Giovanni Rotondo, check into our hotel and enjoy a welcome dinner together.

Holy Mass: Santa Maria degli Angeli
Meals Included: Breakfast and Dinner

Saturday, October 18 **San Giovanni Rotondo**

After breakfast we will visit the friary where Padre Pio lived and worked many miracles. We will visit the museum dedicated to his life and venerate many incredible relics of this truly Christ-like man. Our tour will conclude with prayers in front of the incorrupt body of St. Padre Pio.

Following free time for lunch we will depart by bus for the nearby Sanctuary of St. Michael the Archangel, a medieval sanctuary built into the rocky summit of a mountain overlooking the Adriatic Sea. In the 5th century, when barbarian invasions were unsettling many parts of the European continent, the local bishop saw a miraculous apparition of St. Michael on this site. For over a thousand years it has been one of the most important pilgrimage sites in Europe. We will then return to San Giovanni Rotondo for dinner and overnight.

Holy Mass: Sanctuary of St. Pio of Pietrelcina, San Giovanni Rotondo
Meals Included: Breakfast and Dinner

Sunday, October 19 **Monte Cassino | Rome: St. Paul** **Outside The Walls**

Following breakfast in San Giovanni Rotondo we will depart for Rome. Along the way we will stop at the mountain-top monastery of Monte Cassino. Monte Cassino is the motherhouse of the Benedictine Order (OSB) and the burial place of Saint Benedict and his sister Saint Scholastica. Here we will enjoy lunch and a tour of the monastery. Our time at Monte Cassino concludes with the celebration of Holy Mass. We will then depart for our final destination: Rome.

Upon arrival in Rome we will visit the Papal Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls, the burial place of Saint Paul and the second-largest Catholic church in the world. Located just south of the historical center on the banks of the Tiber River, Saint Paul's is a peaceful refuge and the perfect place to begin our Rome portion of the pilgrimage. We will then depart for our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Holy Mass: Abbey of Monte Cassino
Meals Included: Breakfast and Dinner

Monday, October 20 **Rome: Saint Peter's Basilica |** **The Catacombs**

Following an early breakfast we will depart for Saint Peter's Basilica for Holy Mass and a guided tour. After the tour you might consider climbing to the top of Michelangelo's dome - nearly 450 feet above the streets below!

Leaving St. Peter's behind us we will depart by coach for the Catacombs of St. Sebastian. We won't venture underground until

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we have been properly fed however. Lunch will be served at the beautiful restaurant Cecilia Metella, always a favorite for its great food and beautiful atmosphere.

After lunch we will explore the Catacombs on a guided tour before returning to our hotel for a free evening.

Holy Mass: St. Peter's Basilica
Meals Included: Breakfast and Lunch

Tuesday, October 21 **Rome: Basilicas | Centro Storico & Counter Reformation**

Today we will visit the Basilica of Saint Mary Major where we will celebrate Holy Mass followed by a tour. Following our time here we will make our way to the Cathedral of Rome, "the Lateran." Built by Constantine in the 4th century, this church is known as the "Mater et Caput" - the mother and head of all the churches in the entire world, as it officially became the seat of the Bishop of Rome upon the legalization of Christianity under the Emperor Constantine. After the tour everyone will have the opportunity to climb the Holy Stairs - the very stairs that Christ once walked in the Praetorium of Pontius Pilate. The stairs must be climbed on one's knees out of respect for our Lord and the suffering He endured. We will then

walk down the street to venerate the most Holy Relics of Christ's Passion, including a large relic of the True Cross, kept in the Basilica of Holy Cross in Jerusalem.

After a leisurely independent lunch, we will learn all about the Catholic Counter-Reformation, highlighting the saints, religious orders, art and architecture that all played a part in this great movement. This tour will take us through the "Centro Storico," the historic center of Rome, where you will explore Rome's most favorite and photographed places such as the Piazza Navona, artwork by Bernini and Caravaggio and the Pantheon. We will then return to our hotel for dinner and some much needed rest.

Holy Mass: Papal Basilica of Saint Mary Major
Meals Included: Breakfast and Dinner

Wednesday, October 22 **Rome: Papal Audience | Vatican Museums**

Following breakfast we will attend an Audience with the Holy Father in Saint Peter's Square. Make sure to bring religious articles which the Pope will bless at the conclusion of the Audience! After the Audience we will attend Holy Mass in the church of San Lorenzo in Piscibus, followed

by free time for lunch. You might consider strolling through the medieval Borgo Pio neighborhood and stopping in one of the Borgo's many quaint restaurants for a sumptuous Italian pranzo. Our favorites? I Tre Pupazzi and Arlu.

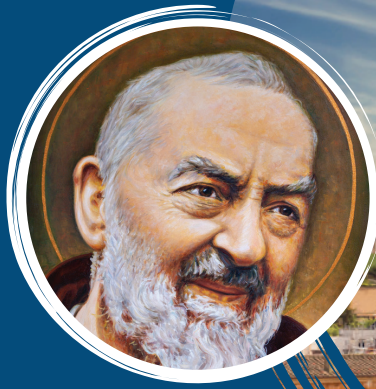
In the afternoon we will rendezvous in St. Peter's Square and depart for the Vatican Museums. Here our guide will take us through the most incredible collection of ancient, medieval and sacred art found anywhere in the world, which concludes in the Sistine Chapel. We will then return to our hotel for dinner and our overnight stay.

Holy Mass: San Lorenzo in Piscibus
Meals Included: Breakfast and Dinner

Thursday, October 23 **Departure**

Following breakfast we will depart for Rome FCO airport for our return flights home. Buon viaggio!

Holy Mass: TBD
Meals Included: Breakfast



▶ Final Cost

- \$4664 per person, airfare included
 - Land Only: \$3390 per person,
 - Airfare: \$1274 per person

▶ Payment Schedule

- \$200 - ProRome Registration Fee - Due Upon Registration
- \$2232 - Due April 11, 2025
- \$2232 - Due June 13, 2025
- \$990 - Single Occupancy Surcharge (if applicable) - Due June 13, 2025

▶ Price Inclusions

- Roundtrip Airfare on United Airlines
- 8 nights lodging in double occupancy room
 - Two nights lodging at a four-star hotel in Assisi
 - Two nights lodging at the four-star Villa San Pietro Hotel in San Giovanni Rotondo
 - Four nights lodging at a four-star hotel in Rome
- ProRome Tour Manager throughout the course of the trip
- Professional Spanish-speaking guides for all visits according to the above itinerary
- Tours and all entry-tickets
- Daily buffet breakfast (without choice of menus)
- Daily three-course dinner (without choice of menus) (except on 10/20)
- Water and house wine at meals
- Deluxe A/C coach when required (note that we will still walk 3-5 miles per day)
- Audio guiding system throughout the course of the trip

▶ Price Exclusions

- Any personal expenses
- Daily lunch (except when provided on 10/20)
- Beverages other than water and house wine at included meals
- Trip Insurance (available for purchase through ProRome)
- Gratuities for the Tour Manager and Driver - Suggested \$20-\$30 per person for each



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