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*Walking in the Footsteps of the Martyrs:
A Catholic Pilgrimage to Japan*

This Catholic pilgrimage features four nights in Nagasaki, two nights in Kyoto, two nights in Akita, and two nights in Tokyo. Daily Mass - the cornerstone of each day - will be complemented by a touring program that will immerse the pilgrims in the incredible history, heritage and relics of our Catholic Faith. Highlights include the Shrine of Our Lady of Akita, the Samurai District, the Museum and Monument of the 26 Martyrs of Nagasaki, St. Maximilian Kolbe's Hongochi Monastery, Oura Cathedral, the Atomic Bomb Museum of Nagasaki and walking in the footsteps of many saints and martyrs.

Roundtrip airfare and centrally-located four-star hotels will be arranged. A ProRome tour manager will accompany the group throughout the course of the trip, and private bus transportation, a Catholic tour manager, all tours and tickets, and daily breakfast and dinner are included in the price.

November 3 - 14, 2026

\$5250 per person, Land Only

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

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Tuesday, November 3 **Departure**

Departure information from the USA to Japan to be determined.

Wednesday, November 4 **Nagasaki**

Today we arrive in Japan! Welcome to Nagasaki! Here we will stay for four days taking in the immense history that resides here for both our Catholic faith and the world. Upon our arrival, we will check into our hotel and take some time to get settled and freshen up. We will conclude our day with the celebration of Holy Mass returning to our hotel for dinner and our overnight stay.

Holy Mass: TBD

Meals Included: Dinner

Thursday, November 5 **Nagasaki**

Following breakfast, we will begin our day with a visit to the Nagai Takashi Memorial Museum, which commemorates the life of Dr. Takashi Nagai, a Roman Catholic who, though losing his wife to the Atomic Bomb, dedicated the rest of

his life to treating other bomb victims. We will then break for lunch. After lunch, we will proceed to the Immaculate Conception Cathedral, also known as the Urakami Cathedral. The Urakami District was not only the location of the Atomic Bomb, but it was also the home of the Hidden Christians who kept the faith alive for over 250 years while Christianity was outlawed. When the ban on Christianity was lifted, the Urakami area became the “center of Christianity in Nagasaki” and the Cathedral was finished in 1914. Here we will receive a guided tour and celebrate Holy Mass, before breaking for lunch.

After lunch, we will proceed to the Hypocenter Park, which marks the spot where the Atomic Bomb was dropped on August 9, 1945 at 11:02am, and we will then proceed with a visit to the Atomic Bomb Museum. We will conclude our day with a visit to the gravesites of Dr. Takashi Nagai and his wife. The group will then be given free time before returning to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Holy Mass: Urakami Cathedral (if available)
Meals Included: Breakfast and Dinner

Friday, November 6 **Nagasaki**

After breakfast, we will depart for a day trip to the Unzen Onsen, which are hot springs located in Mount Unzen. The area is “littered with billowing steam vents and gushing hot springs” which draw many to this resort. Although a major modern tourist attraction now, it should be noted that this site was once the very spot where many Christians were martyred from 1627-1631. A monument has been erected at the springs in their honor. From here we will continue on to Shimabara Catholic Church, also dedicated to the 26 Martyrs of Nagasaki, and here we will celebrate Holy Mass.

After lunch we will visit Arima Beach, the site of more Japanese martyrs, tour the Hara Castle Ruins and see the world’s largest wooden statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary in Minamishimabara. We will then return to Nagasaki, where everyone will be given the rest of the day to enjoy as he/she wishes. One can explore local sites or take some time for personal prayer or catch up on some much needed rest. In the evening we will return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Holy Mass: Shimabara Catholic Church (if available)

Meals Included: Breakfast and Dinner

Saturday, November 7 **Nagasaki**

Following breakfast, we will proceed to the Oura Cathedral, which is dedicated to the 26 Martyrs of Nagasaki and known to be the oldest Christian church in Japan. This church was also notably St. Maximilian Kolbe’s first home when he first came as a missionary to Nagasaki in 1930. We will then continue to the Hongochi

Monastery, founded by St. Maximilian Kolbe. Here we will visit a museum dedicated to the saint, the Lourdes grotto built by Kolbe, and the printing machines he used to publish his famous “Militia Immaculatae.” Here we will have the opportunity to celebrate Holy Mass together before breaking for an independent lunch.

We will then visit the Museum and Monument of the 26 Martyrs of Nagasaki, built on Nishizaka Hill. This site commemorates the 26 Catholics who were arrested under the order of Toyotomi Hideyoshi, and forced to walk 800 km to Nagasaki where they were executed on February 5, 1597. One of these was Paul Miki, a Jesuit Brother studying for priesthood. From his cross, Paul preached his last sermon. “I am happy to die for such a cause and accept death as a great gift from my Lord. At this critical time, when you can rest assured that I will not try to deceive you, I want to stress and make it unmistakably clear that man can find no way to salvation other than the Christian way. The Christian law commands that we forgive our enemies and those who have wronged us. I must therefore say here that I forgive Hideyoshi and all who took part in my death.” All of the martyrs were canonized by Pope Pius IX in 1862.

While on Nishizaka Hill, we will also visit the nearby St. Philip’s Church, also known as Nishizaka Church. This church is dedicated to St. Philip of Jesus, who was one of the 26 martyrs and the “first ever Mexican Christian martyr.” It should also be noted that on this same site, Nishizaka Hill, forty years later on September 27, 1637, St. Lorenzo Ruiz would refuse to renounce Christianity and thus win the crown of martyrdom. St. Lorenzo Ruiz was canonized by Pope John Paul II and became the first Filipino saint. He is included in what is known as the 16 Martyrs of Nagasaki and they are honored at the nearby Nakamachi Catholic Church, which we will visit as well. We’ll then return to our hotel.

Holy Mass: Hongochi Monastery (if available)

Meals Included: Breakfast and Dinner

Sunday, November 8 **Kyoto**

Following an early breakfast, we will depart Nagasaki for the city of Kyoto by bullet train. Kyoto resides on the island of Honshu and is often considered the “cultural capital” of Japan. Upon our arrival, we will check in to our beautiful hotel and take some time to get settled and enjoy an independent lunch.

After lunch, we will visit the Kawaramachi Catholic Church, also known as the Cathedral of St. Francis Xavier. This cathedral commemorates the 52 Kyoto Martyrs of the 187 Japanese martyrs who died for their faith during the Azuchi-Momoyama Period and Edo Period. These men, women and children were beatified in 2008 by Pope Benedict XVI. Here at the

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cathedral we will celebrate Holy Mass before concluding our day with a visit to the Fushimi Inari Shrine. We will then enjoy a delicious dinner before retiring for the evening.

Holy Mass: Kawaramachi Catholic Church (if available)

Meals Included: Breakfast and Dinner

Monday, November 9 **Kyoto**

Today we will begin our day with the celebration of Holy Mass at a nearby church before beginning our morning tour of the Nijo Castle. Built in 1603, the castle was the home to the first shogun of the Edo Period and declared a UNESCO world heritage site in 1994. We will enjoy a guided tour of this expansive castle and its surrounding gardens, complete moats and stone walls. From the castle we will then proceed to one of the most famous buildings in Kyoto, the Golden Pavilion, also known as the Kinkakuji Temple. In the evening we will return to our hotel for dinner and overnight

Holy Mass: TBD in Kyoto

Meals Included: Breakfast and Dinner

Tuesday, November 10 **Akita**

Following breakfast, we depart Kyoto by bullet train for the city of Akita. Upon our arrival, we will check into our hotel and take some time to get settled and freshen up. The group will be given free time for an independent lunch before beginning our afternoon tour. After lunch, we will visit the Chapel of Seitai Hoshikai, or Our Lady of Akita. Here houses the wooden statue of Our Lady of Akita which miraculously shed tears 101 times between 1975 and 1981, stopping on the feast of Our Lady of Sorrows. We will receive a guided tour and celebrate Holy Mass together. We will then have time to visit the outdoor stations, pray a rosary or visit the nearby Catholic gift shop. We will then return to our hotel for a group dinner and overnight.

Holy Mass: Chapel of Seitai Hoshikai (if available)

Meals Included: Breakfast and Dinner

Wednesday, November 11 **Akita**

Following breakfast, we will begin our day with the celebration of Holy Mass before proceeding to the sites. After Mass we will depart for the nearby town of Kakunodate, which is known to be one of the most beautiful and well preserved areas of the Samurai District. The samurai houses and the cherry trees in springtime are particularly noteworthy. Here we will have free time to explore the Samurai District at our own pace before breaking for an independent lunch.

In the afternoon, we will remain in Kakunodate and tour the Aoyagi Samurai Manor, which previously was a samurai residence before it was converted to a museum of many samurai artifacts. After our tour we will also visit some nearby attractions before returning to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Holy Mass: St. Augustine's Church (if available)

Meals Included: Breakfast and Dinner

Thursday, November 12 **Tokyo**

Following breakfast, we depart Akita by bullet train for Tokyo. Upon our arrival, we will see some of the major tourist sites of Tokyo, including the Meiji Shrine and the Asakusa Senso-ji Temple. Time permitting, we will also visit the Tokyo Skytree, where we will hopefully be able to enjoy a view of Mt. Fuji, weather permitting. After an afternoon of tourism, we will return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Holy Mass: Takanawa Catholic Church (if available)

Meals Included: Breakfast and Dinner

Friday, November 13 **Tokyo**

We will begin our day with a visit to the Takanawa Catholic Church, dedicated to Our Lady Queen of Martyrs. Here we will receive a guided tour of this church and the nearby site that commemorates the Great Martyrdom of Edo, where 50 Catholics were burned alive for their faith in 1623. After our tour, we will celebrate Holy Mass. At the conclusion of Mass, everyone will be given the rest of the day to enjoy on their own. Each person will have time to explore, shop, pray or rest as he or she wishes. In the evening we will return to our hotel and pack our belongings in preparation for our departure from Tokyo tomorrow morning. We will then enjoy a delicious hotel dinner before retiring for the evening.

Holy Mass: TBD in Tokyo

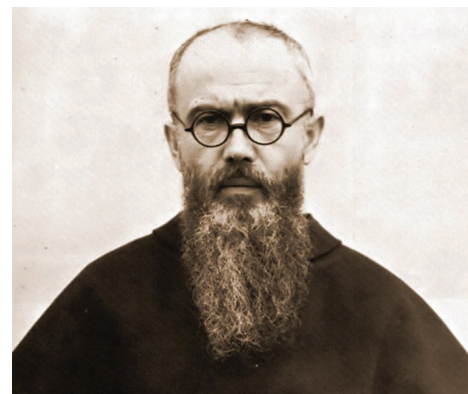
Meals Included: Breakfast and Dinner

Saturday, November 14 **Departure**

Following breakfast, all pilgrims will be given free time to rest or walk the city. In the afternoon, we will depart our hotel for Tokyo Airport, where we will fly home to the USA. Safe travels!

Holy Mass: TBD

Meals Included: Breakfast





More Details

► Estimated Cost

\$5250 per person, Land Only

► Payment Schedule

\$300 - ProRome Registration Fee - Due upon Registration

50% First Installment - Due May 2, 2026

50% Second Installment - Due July 2, 2026

TBD - Single Occupancy Surcharge (if applicable) - Due July 2, 2026

► Price Inclusions

- Ten nights lodging in double occupancy room
 - Four nights lodging at the four-star Nagasaki Marriott Hotel in Nagasaki
 - Two nights lodging at the four-star Kyoto Tokyu Hotel in Kyoto
 - Two nights lodging at the four-star Akita Castle Hotel in Akita
 - Two nights lodging at the four-star Royal Park Hotel ICONIC Tokyo Shiodome in Tokyo
- Bullet Train tickets, 2nd class seat, non-smoking
- ProRome Tour Manager throughout the course of the trip
- Professional English-speaking guides for all visits according to the above itinerary
- Tours and all entry-tickets
- Daily Breakfast
- Daily Dinner
- Deluxe A/C coach when required (note that we will still walk 4-8 miles per day)

► Price Exclusions

- Airfare
- Any personal expenses
- Daily lunch
- Trip Insurance (available for purchase through ProRome)
- Gratuities for the Tour Manager and Driver - suggested \$25-\$30 per person for both the tour manager and the bus driver



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