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## A Summer Pilgrimage to Italy

*Join The Knights of Columbus of the Northeast Region of PA*

The itinerary features two nights in Padua, two nights in Assisi, two nights in Florence, and four nights in Rome, with a day-trip to Venice built in. Daily Mass – 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 the Basilica of Saint Anthony in Padua, the Basilica of San Marco in Venice, the Accademia Museum in Florence, and finally in Rome the Papal Basilicas, the Catacombs, St. Peter’ Basilica, the Vatican Museums and many incredible saints, churches, basilicas and holy sites throughout Italy.

As 2026 is the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis of Assisi, time spent in the Seraphic City will allow the group to understand St. Francis’s passionate love of the Faith, especially through Christ’s Real Presence in the Eucharist. Not coincidentally, in the third millennium, the great promoter of the Real Presence is also buried in Assisi, the soon to be canonized Carlo Acutis.

Roundtrip airfare and beautiful four-star hotels 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 21 - July 2, 2026**

\$3590 per person, Land Only

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



## The Itinerary

Every day of pilgrimage will include the celebration of Holy 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.

### Sunday, June 21 Departure

Departure information to Venice (VCE) TBD.

### Monday, June 22 Arrival In Italy: Padua

Welcome to Italy! Upon arrival, we will collect our luggage and meet our tour manager and board our private motorcoach for Padua, the burial place of Saint Anthony of Padua and home to the second oldest University in Europe, the University of Padua.

After checking-in at our hotel (four-star hotel TBD) we will depart for the magnificent Pontifical Basilica of Saint Anthony. Built during the Gothic and completed in the Renaissance style, this incredible building features diverse styles of architecture and is

the burial place of one of history's favorite and most invoked saints: Saint Anthony. Here we will enjoy a guided tour of the Basilica followed by Mass near the tomb of Saint Anthony. We will then return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

*Holy Mass: Papal Basilica of St. Anthony*

### Wednesday, June 23 Day Trip To Venice

After breakfast we will take in the charm of "La Serenissima" - Venice. Often considered the most beautiful city in the world, this island metropolis was first inhabited by those seeking refuge from the 5th century Barbarian invasions. Over time Venice would become one of Europe's most powerful maritime city states, and its many artistic and architectural treasures bear witness to this storied past.

Our day in Venice begins with a walking tour of the city center. From the Grand Canal we'll weave our way through Venice's storied streets and canals, making our way to the Basilica di San Marco where we will enjoy a tour of this, the Doge's Palace and the Bridge of Sighs. There will then be a free afternoon to explore Venice on your own. You might consider a private boat tour that will pass through and by some of the most beautiful and glorious canals, churches and monuments of the city. In the evening we will rendezvous for Mass at the Basilica of San Marco before returning to our hotel in Padua for dinner and overnight.

*Holy Mass: Basilica of San Marco*

### Thursday, June 24 From Padua To Assisi

Today we leave Padua and journey to Assisi, the home and final resting place of both St Francis and St Clare. Upon our arrival we will visit the original home of the Franciscan order, and the place of St. Francis's death at the Porziuncola chapel inside the great baroque Basilica of Saint Mary of the Angels. Here we will celebrate Holy Mass and receive a guided tour. After the conclusion of our tour we will check into our hotel (TBD).

*Holy Mass: Pontifical Basilica of Santa Maria degli Angeli*

### Friday, June 25 Assisi

Following breakfast we will proceed to the Basilica of Saint Francis where we will celebrate 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 at the four-star Hotel Cenacolo for dinner together and overnight.

*Holy Mass: Basilica of Saint Francis*

### Saturday, June 26 Assisi | Florence

After breakfast we will depart for Florence. By 1425 a complete intellectual and artistic transformation was occurring in Florence: through scientific observation of the natural world, artists sought to rival the perfection of pagan works done by the masters of Greek and Roman Antiquity. During the Renaissance, Florence had become the new Athens, the new Rome. This is evidenced in some of the greatest works of art and architecture ever created.

Upon arrival we will have Mass in the church of San Marco (a Dominican monastery) near the tomb of Saint Antoninus of Florence, a former Archbishop of Florence and one of the city's greatest saints. After Mass there will be free time for lunch, followed by a tour of the adjacent monastery, where we will marvel at Blessed Fra Angelico's great frescoes and experience the life of countless Dominican friars who lived here. We're then off to the Accademia Museum for a private tour of Michelangelo's David.

In the late afternoon we will check into our hotel and enjoy a little free time to freshen up and perhaps take an evening stroll of the beautiful city. The group will then delight in a delicious group dinner before retiring for the evening.

*Holy Mass: Basilica of San Marco*

### Sunday, June 27 Florence

Our day in Florence begins with a tour of the Accademia Museum where we will marvel at Michelangelo's David. After lunch we will tour the "Duomo Complex," visiting the marvelous baptistery, cathedral and cathedral museum along the way. Here we will celebrate Holy Mass together in the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore. For those brave enough, you might consider climbing to the top of the cathedral or the adjacent belltower, both towering more than 350 feet above the cobblestone streets below. We will then enjoy a free afternoon and evening in the city. One might consider visiting the Uffizi Gallery, the Basilica of San Lorenzo or the Basilica of Santa Croce. We will then return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

*Holy Mass: Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, the "Duomo"*

# ITINERARY CONTINUED



## **Monday, June 28** **Rome: St. Peter's & St. Paul's**

Today we will depart early for the Eternal City. Upon arrival 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 time in Rome. Here we will celebrate Holy Mass followed by a tour. There will then be free time for lunch.

After lunch we will depart for Saint Peter's Square for an introductory tour of Rome. The Eternal City would not be eternal were it not for the Church and the efforts made by her countless holy saints and martyrs to persevere in the Faith and pass it down. We then proceed inside St. Peter's Basilica where we will enjoy a guided tour and time for personal prayer. We will then check into our hotel for dinner and overnight.

*Holy Mass: Papal Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls*

## **Tuesday, June 29 - Rome:** **Saint Mary Major | The Catacombs |** **The Lateran | Holy Cross In Jerusalem |** **Saint Lawrence**

Today we will visit the Basilica of Saint Mary Major where we will have Holy Mass in the Sistine Chapel (not to be confused with the Sistine Chapel in the Vatican). On our tour of Saint Mary Major we will be able to venerate many sacred relics, such as the Manger in which Christ was born, the Madonna Salus Populi Romani (Rome's most important Marian image) and the tomb of Pope Saint Pius V. Following our tour we will make our way "outside the walls" to the Catacombs of St. Callixtus, where we will venerate this great saint and martyr, together with the many other witnesses of the Faith buried here.

After free time for lunch we're off 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 the Great. Following 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. Our day concludes with a visit to the Basilica of St. Lawrence Outside the Walls where we will venerate the tombs of St. Lawrence, St. Stephen and St. Justin Martyr. We'll then enjoy a group dinner together near the Vatican.

*Holy Mass: Saint Mary Major*

## **Wednesday, June 30** **Rome: Papal Audience and The Vatican** **Museums and Sistine Chapel**

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 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 the hotel for dinner and overnight.

*Holy Mass: San Lorenzo in Piscibus*

## **Thursday, July 1** **Centro Storico | Free Afternoon**

Today we'll 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. Our morning features visits to the Chiesa Nuova (where we will have Holy Mass) the site of the laughing saint, Phillip Neri's tomb. Then on to the Church of Sant'Agnese, built on the site of Domitian's Stadium, where the child martyr was martyred, framing the Piazza Navona and its famed Bernini fountains, and finishing with the Church of San Luigi dei Francesi and Sant'Agostino to get a taste of Carravaggio's striking artwork.

After lunch, we'll pay a visit to arguably the greatest building in Rome, the Pantheon. The Pantheon is the only fully intact building from Roman antiquity. It is a masterpiece of architecture and yet no architecture degree is necessary to appreciate the simple beauty of this, now Catholic, church.

The afternoon is then free. Take time to shop, explore more churches, enjoy a gelato in a piazza somewhere, or all of the above. In the evening we will then rendezvous in the hotel for a farewell dinner together.

*Holy Mass: Chiesa Nuova*

## **Friday, July 2** **Departure**

After breakfast we will depart for Rome FCO airport for our return flights home to the USA.



## More Details

### ► Final Cost

\$3590 per person, Land Only

### ► Payment Schedule

- \$300 - ProRome Registration Fee - Due upon Registration
- 50% First Installment - Due December 21, 2025
- 50% Second Installment - Due February 21, 2026
- \$1190 Single Occupancy Surcharge (If Applicable) - Due February 21, 2026

### ► Price Inclusions

- 10 nights lodging in double occupancy room
  - Two nights lodging at the four-star Hotel Biri in Padua (or similar)
  - Two nights lodging at the four-star Hotel Cenacolo in Assisi (or similar)
  - Two nights lodging at the four-star Grand Hotel Mediterraneo in Florence (or similar)
  - Four nights lodging at the four-star Hotel Michelangelo in Rome (or similar)
- 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 buffet breakfast (without choice of menus)
- Daily lunch or dinner (without choice of menus)
- Water and house wine at meals
- Deluxe a/c coach when required (note that we will still walk up to 8 miles per day)
- Audio guiding system throughout the course of the trip

### ► Price Exclusions

- Any personal expenses
- One daily meal
- Beverages other than water and house wine at included meals
- Trip Insurance (available for purchase through ProRome)
- Gratuities for Tour Manager and Bus Driver (suggested \$20-40 EUR pp)



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