



# PROROME



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## **A Pilgrimage to Italy**

*Featuring, Milan, Pavia, Siena, Assisi, Orvieto and Rome*

Join St. Ambrose Parish of Bristol, Vermont

**April 11-22, 2027**

This pilgrimage will immerse you in the vast cultural and Catholic heritage of Italy. The itinerary features two nights in Milan, three nights in Siena, and five nights in Rome, with a full day in Assisi, a day trip to Orvieto, and an optional excursion to Monte Cassino included. Daily Mass—the cornerstone of each day—will be complemented by a rich touring program designed to bring pilgrims face to face with the great saints, martyrs, Eucharistic Miracles, and cultural heritage of Roman Catholicism. Highlights include Mass at the tomb of your parish patron Saint Ambrose, the relics of Saint Augustine in Pavia, the shrines of Saint Francis and Saint Catherine of Siena, Mass at the Eucharistic Corporal of Orvieto, St. Peter's Basilica, the Vatican Scavi Tour, the Papal Audience, and many other extraordinary churches and holy sites throughout Italy.

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 daily dinner are included in the price.

**\$3,990 per person (land only — airfare TBD)**

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

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# THE ITINERARY



*Daily Mass is the heart of our pilgrimage; specific locations will be confirmed closer to departure based on availability. Breakfast and dinner are included each day, with the exception of arrival and departure days. Please note that while all Masses, meals, and visits listed in this itinerary are included in the tour, their scheduling and sequence are subject to change.*

## **Sunday, April 11** **Departure**

Our pilgrimage begins with a departure from the USA, with a recommended flight from Montreal. An overnight transatlantic flight carries us toward Italy, where the footsteps of some of the Church's greatest saints await.

## **Monday, April 12** **Arrival in Milan**

We arrive at Milan Malpensa Airport, where our ProRome Tour Manager will be

waiting to welcome us to Italy. After checking into our four-star hotel, we set out on an afternoon orientation walk through central Milan, taking in the magnificent facade of the Duomo, the elegant Galleria Vittorio Emanuele II, Teatro alla Scala, and the Castello Sforzesco. We close the day with a festive welcome dinner together.

## **Tuesday, April 13** **Milan: The Last Supper & The Patron of the Parish**

Today we encounter two of the greatest treasures associated with your parish's patron saint. We begin at Santa Maria delle Grazie for a private viewing of Leonardo da Vinci's The Last Supper, depicting the very moment Christ instituted the Eucharist. We then proceed to the Basilica of Sant'Ambrogio, built by Saint Ambrose himself in the 4th century, where we celebrate Mass at his tomb and venerate his incorrupt remains. It was at this very site that Saint Ambrose baptized Saint Augustine on Easter Vigil in 387 A.D. In the afternoon, we visit the magnificent Milan Cathedral and venerate the relics of Saint Charles Borromeo in the crypt.

## **Wednesday, April 14** **Pavia & Transfer to Siena**

We depart Milan and travel to Pavia to complete a remarkable spiritual circuit. At the Basilica of San Pietro in Ciel d'Oro, we celebrate Mass at the shrine of Saint Augustine of Hippo and venerate his relics, the great Doctor of Grace whose conversion was made possible by the prayers of Saint Monica and the preaching of Saint Ambrose. After free time for lunch in Pavia, we board our coach for the scenic drive through the Tuscan countryside to Siena.

## **Thursday, April 15** **Siena: City of Saint Catherine**

We spend the day in medieval Siena, one of the most beautiful cities in the world. Our guided tour takes in the great Romanesque-Gothic Cathedral, the Piccolomini Library, and the Basilica of San Domenico, where we venerate the head relic and incorrupt thumb of Saint Catherine of Siena, Doctor of the Church and Co-Patron of Italy, in the very chapel where she received the stigmata. We also visit the Basilica of San Francesco to adore the Eucharistic Miracle enshrined there, and the Sanctuary marking Catherine's birthplace.

## **Friday, April 16** **Assisi: A Day of Prayer & Pilgrimage**

We rise early and travel to Assisi for a full day of prayer in the city of Saint Francis. We begin with Mass at the Basilica of Santa Maria degli Angeli at the Porziuncola, the tiny chapel where Saint Francis founded his Order and received the Pardon of Assisi. From there we make our way to Assisi proper, where the remainder of the day is given freely for self-guided prayer and exploration. Pilgrims may visit the great upper and lower churches of the Basilica of Saint

Francis, venerate the tomb of Saint Clare, pray in the Cathedral of San Rufino where both saints were baptized, or climb to the hermitage of the Eremo delle Carceri on Monte Subasio. A self-guided map will be provided.

## **Saturday, April 17** **Orvieto, Transfer to Rome & Vatican Museums**

We depart Siena and travel to Orvieto, where we celebrate Mass in the Chapel of the Corporal inside one of Italy's finest Gothic cathedrals. Here the bloodstained corporal from the 13th-century Eucharistic Miracle of Bolsena is preserved in a magnificent golden reliquary, the very miracle that moved Pope Urban IV to commission Saint Thomas Aquinas to compose the Corpus Christi liturgy. After a brief walk through the clifftop city and lunch, we continue south to Rome and check into our four-star hotel. This evening we visit the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel, enjoying a full experience of Michelangelo's ceiling and the Raphael Rooms with thinner late-afternoon crowds.

## **Sunday, April 18** **Saint Paul, the Catacombs, Santa Maria Maggiore & Vespers at the NAC**

We begin at Tre Fontane, the site of Saint Paul's martyrdom on the outskirts of Rome, tended today by a Trappist community. We then proceed to the Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls for Mass and a guided tour of the second-largest church in the city, built over the tomb of the Apostle. In the afternoon we visit the Catacombs of San Sebastiano on the ancient Via Appia Antica, where the bodies of Saints Peter and Paul were once brought for safekeeping during the persecutions. We conclude with a visit to the Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore to venerate the Salus Populi Romani and the

# ITINERARY CONTINUED



relic of the Manger of Christ, before gathering for Vespers at the Pontifical North American College.

## **Monday, April 19** **Santa Croce, the Lateran Basilica & Ancient Rome**

We begin at the Basilica of Santa Croce in Gerusalemme, founded by Saint Helena to house the relics she brought from Jerusalem—fragments of the True Cross, the Titulus Crucis bearing Pilate's inscription, thorns from the Crown, a nail from the Crucifixion, and the finger of Doubting Thomas. We then celebrate Mass at the Basilica of Saint John Lateran, the Cathedral of Rome and "Mother and Head of All Churches in the World." The optional ascent of the Holy Stairs on one's knees follows nearby. In the afternoon, we visit the Basilica of San Pietro in Vincoli to venerate the chains of Saint Peter and Michelangelo's monumental Moses, before an optional walk through the ancient Forum, Colosseum, and Mamertine Prison.

## **Tuesday, April 20** **St. Peter's Basilica & the Vatican Scavi Tour & Optional Monte Cassino Tour**

We begin with Mass at a side altar in St. Peter's Basilica, followed by a guided tour of the greatest church in the world. The tour will take us past countless tombs, funerary monuments and works of art,

such as Michelangelo's Pietà, Bernini's magnificent Baldacchino, and the Papal Tombs in the Vatican Grottoes. In the afternoon, we descend beneath the Basilica for the Vatican Scavi Tour\*, walking through the ancient Roman necropolis to stand before the Trophy of Gaius and the bones of Saint Peter himself, the highlight of the Rome portion of our pilgrimage. An optional afternoon excursion to the Abbey of Monte Cassino is available for those who wish to visit the mother abbey of Western monasticism, founded by Saint Benedict in 529 A.D.

*\*A note on the Vatican Scavi Tour: The Scavi Tour — a guided descent into the ancient necropolis beneath St. Peter's Basilica to the tomb of Saint Peter himself — is one of the most sought-after pilgrim experiences in Rome. Tickets are strictly limited and issued by the Fabbrica di San Pietro; availability is unpredictable and cannot be guaranteed on any specific date. For this reason, ProRome will secure Scavi tickets for whichever day during our time in Rome they become available, and the itinerary will be adjusted accordingly. Pilgrims should be aware that on the day the Scavi Tour is scheduled, optional excursions such as the day trip to Monte Cassino may not be possible, as the Scavi typically occupies a significant portion of the afternoon. ProRome will communicate the confirmed Scavi date to all pilgrims well in advance of departure.*

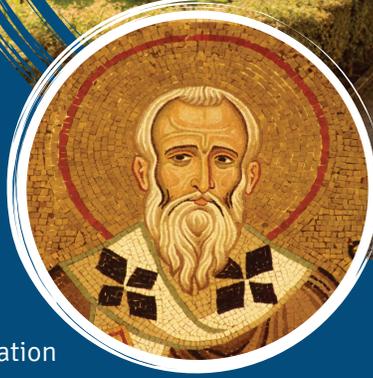
## **Wednesday, April 21** **Papal Audience & the Centro Storico**

This morning we participate in the Papal Wednesday General Audience in St. Peter's Square. Be sure to bring religious articles for the Holy Father's Apostolic Blessing. In the afternoon, we explore the heart of Baroque Rome: Piazza Navona, the Pantheon, Caravaggio's magnificent canvases in San Luigi dei Francesi, and Sant'Agostino—where the tomb of Saint Monica, mother of Saint Augustine, provides a deeply fitting conclusion to the Augustinian thread woven throughout this entire pilgrimage. We close the evening with a farewell dinner together.

## **Thursday, April 22** **Departure**

After breakfast, we transfer to Rome's Fiumicino Airport for our journey home, carrying with us the graces and memories of our pilgrimage through the ancient heart of the Church.





## More Details

### ► Final Cost

- \$3,990 per person (land only)

### ► Payment Schedule

- \$300 ProRome Registration Fee — Due upon Registration
- 50% First Installment — Due 6 months prior to departure
- 50% Second Installment — Due 5 months prior to departure
- TBD Airfare — Due 4 months prior to departure
- \$1,190 Single Occupancy Surcharge (If Applicable)

### ► Price Inclusions

- 10 nights lodging in double occupancy rooms (2 nights at a four-star hotel in Milan; 3 nights at a four-star hotel in Siena; 5 nights at a four-star hotel in Rome)
- 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, including The Last Supper, Milan Duomo, Vatican Museums & Sistine Chapel, Catacombs of San Sebastiano, and Colosseum & Forum (if visited)
- Vatican Scavi Tour reservation — secured upon booking confirmation
- Papal Wednesday Audience tickets
- All Mass bookings and suggested donations
- Deluxe a/c coach throughout (note that we will still walk up to 8 miles per day)
- Daily buffet breakfast
- Ten group meals, either lunch or dinner (beverages excluded)
- Audio guiding system throughout the course of the trip
- All local, city and state and country taxes

### ► Price Exclusions

- Round-trip international airfare (recommend Montreal or Boston BOS to Milan MXP outbound; Rome FCO to USA return) — quoted separately
- One daily meal - either lunch or dinner
- Beverages at included dinners
- Trip Insurance (available for purchase through ProRome)
- Personal expenses (souvenirs, laundry, snacks, etc.)
- Gratuities for Tour Manager, Driver, and Local Guides (suggested 2–5 euro per person per day for each)



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