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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Joseph Long and I am the founder and managing director of ProRome Tours, LLC. ProRome has been contracted by the Chesterton Schools Network in order to plan, facilitate, book and operate the March 16 - 26, 2022 trip to Italy. There has been some confusion regarding the viability of the trip, mainly due to the stringent rules that Italy has recently set in place for incoming tourists from the USA. This updated official notice is meant to summarize the situation in Italy, introduce our “back-up” pilgrimage to Portugal, and clarify our cancellation policy.

The Situation in Italy

As of August 31st, 2021, the Italian authorities are requiring the following of all tourists coming from the USA:

- Negative Covid-19 test (rapid or PCR) taken within 72 hours of entering Italy
- Proof of a Covid-19 vaccine or proof of recovery
- Unvaccinated **MUST** quarantine for five days upon arrival

These rules are in effect until October 25, 2021. The Italian authorities will then decide in October whether to do away with or extend these rules. As of now, we plan on operating this trip. If these rules are still in place come next year, however, we will be forced to cancel. We will not out of principle mandate the vaccine on any of our travelers.

Back-Up Pilgrimage - Portugal!

Portugal is not requiring the vaccine nor have they implemented regular testing for unvaccinated American visitors. The only requirement is a negative test, to enter the country. We have therefore decided to arrange a back-up pilgrimage to Portugal, which will feature the greatest Catholic shrines and places of Portugal. More details can be found [here](#).

Cancellation Policy

Our cancellation policy states that if ProRome Tours or the Chesterton Network cancels on or before January 15, 2022, a full refund *less* a \$100.00 per person deposit will be made. ProRome stands by this cancellation policy. If the



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rules in Italy have not been relaxed before this date (January 15th, 2022), then we cancel the Italy trip and move forward with Portugal. If for some reason any traveler decides not to attend the back-up pilgrimage, we will make a full refund to each paying traveler, less the \$100.00 deposit. We will furthermore convert the \$100.00 deposit into a credit for the 2023 pilgrimage.

Let's wait, hope and pray for this. The pilgrimage will be of priceless worth for each and every student, teacher and chaperone. We ask Saints Peter and Paul to intercede for us. Pray for us!

Sincerely,