



PROROME



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A Spring Pilgrimage to Rome & Assisi Join Unity Catholic High School, Minneapolis MN

This pilgrimage features one night in Assisi and seven nights in Rome. 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 an Audience with the Holy Father in Saint Peter's Square, the Papal Basilicas of Rome, the Catacombs, the Colosseum, the Roman Forum and the Pantheon, the Basilicas of Saint Francis and Saint Clare in Assisi and the incorrupt body of Blessed Carlo Acutis.

Roundtrip airfare from Minneapolis and centrally-located accommodations will be arranged. A ProRome tour manager will accompany the group throughout the course of the pilgrimage, and private bus transportation, Catholic tour guides, all tours, tickets and gratuities, and daily breakfast and an additional daily meal are included in the price. One daily meal (either lunch or dinner) is the only item not included in the price.

March 6 - 15, 2025

\$4360 per person (includes airfare from MSP airport)

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

THE ITINERARY



Thursday, March 6 Departure

Departure information from Unity Catholic High School TBD.

Friday, March 7 Arrival | Assisi

Today we arrive in Rome. Welcome to Italy! Upon arrival we will be met by our tour director and private bus and depart immediately for the beautiful town of Assisi. Prior to reaching the medieval city center of Assisi 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 St. Mary of the Angels. We will then proceed up the hill to Assisi where we will break for lunch.

After lunch, we will make our way to the Basilica of Saint Francis where we will celebrate Holy Mass and enjoy a guided tour, 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. After our tour we will check in to our religious guesthouse, the Domus Laetitia, and then enjoy a local dinner together before returning for our overnight stay.

Holy Mass: Basilica of St. Francis
Meals Included: Lunch and Dinner

Saturday, March 8 Assisi

Following breakfast our tour of Assisi continues, first with the Basilica of Saint Clare where we will celebrate Holy Mass. Here we will also have the opportunity to 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." After the basilica, 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. We will then have a free afternoon to enjoy an independent lunch and to shop, rest or pray.

In the late afternoon, we will board our motorcoach and depart for Rome. Upon our arrival we will check into our religious guesthouse, Casa per ferie Santa Maria alle Fornaci, and have some time freshen up before departing on a walking tour of the local neighborhood, ending in St. Peter's Square with our first glimpse of St. Peter's Basilica. We will conclude the evening with a delicious local dinner before returning to our guesthouse for the night.

Holy Mass: Basilica of St. Clare
Meals Included: Breakfast and Dinner

Sunday, March 9 St. Peter's Basilica | Scavi Tour & Cupola

Our first full day in Rome begins with a visit to St. Peter's Square, where we will enjoy an introductory tour of Rome, the Vatican and Christianity. We will then visit and receive a guided tour of St. Peter's Basilica, the greatest church in the world - built over the tomb of St. Peter himself. We'll then celebrate Mass at the Altar of the Chair in Saint Peter's Basilica. After some free time for lunch, we will embark on the Scavi Tour, a unique subterranean tour that takes the visitor right to the tomb of St. Peter himself. Following the tour we will climb to the top of Saint Peter's Basilica for perhaps the singularly most incredible view looking out over Rome! We will then enjoy dinner together.

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

Monday, March 10 St. Mary Major | The Catacombs | The Lateran | Holy Cross In Jerusalem

Today we will visit the Basilica of Saint Mary Major where we will have Mass. Following Mass we will make our way "outside the walls" to the catacombs of St. Sebastian, where we will venerate this great saint and martyr, together with the many other witnesses of the Faith buried here.

After 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 group dinner before returning to Santa Maria alle Fornaci.

Holy Mass: Basilica of St. Mary Major
Meals Included: Breakfast and Dinner

Tuesday, March 11 St. Paul Outside the Walls | St. Lawrence

Following breakfast we will depart for 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 outside the busy city. Upon arrival we will enjoy a guided tour of the Basilica followed by a private Mass in one of the Basilica's chapels. From St. Paul's, we will then depart for the Basilica of St. Lawrence Outside the Walls where we will venerate the tombs of St. Lawrence, St. Stephen and St. Justin Martyr. We will then travel back to the Vatican City area where we will break for lunch and have a free afternoon to spend as we wish. We will all reconvene in the evening for dinner before returning to our religious guesthouse.

Holy Mass: St. Paul Outside the Walls
Meals Included: Breakfast and Dinner

ITINERARY CONTINUED



Wednesday, March 12 **Papal Audience | Vatican Museums |** **Sistine Chapel**

In the morning 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 lunch we'll enjoy a tour through the rich and magnificent Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel. Here we will see everything from the Creation of Adam by Michelangelo to Raphael's School of Athens among other wonders. We'll then return for dinner together and overnight.

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

Thursday, March 13 **The Centro Storico & Counter** **Reformation**

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 we will explore Rome's most favorite and photographed places. Our morning features visits to the Chiesa Nuova (where we will have 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. We'll then enjoy a stroll through some of Rome's greatest piazzas and churches, including the Basilica of Saint Ignatius, the Gesu, the Trevi Fountain, the church of Sant'Andrea delle Fratte and the Spanish Steps. We'll then return to Vatican City for dinner and overnight.

Holy Mass: Chiesa Nuova
Meals Included: Breakfast and Dinner

Friday, March 14 **Ancient Rome | Trastevere**

Following breakfast we're off to the Roman Forum, where we will begin our day with Mass in the Basilica of Saints Cosmas and Damian. We'll then explore the ancient city of Rome, passing through the Roman Forum, the Colosseum and the Basilica of San Clemente. Here we will explore in detail the great story of

ancient Rome, from its founding in the 8th century BC up through the fall of Rome in the 5th century AD. After lunch we enjoy a tour through Trastevere, the most popular neighborhood of the Eternal City, known for its saints, medieval architecture and bustling restaurants, bars, and markets. In Trastevere, we will first visit the church of Santa Maria della Scala, where we will venerate Saint Teresa of Avila's hand. We will then visit the Basilica of Santa Maria in Trastevere, the oldest church in Rome, followed by a visit to the Basilica of San Crisogono and Santa Cecilia in Trastevere. After venerating the relics of the great saint and martyr Cecilia in the Basilica of Saint Cecilia we will return to the Vatican for dinner and overnight.

Holy Mass: Basilica of Saints Cosmas and Damian
Meals Included: Breakfast and Dinner

Saturday, March 15 **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

\$4360 per person, airfare included

▶ Payment Schedule

\$200 - ProRome Registration Fee - Due upon Registration

50% First Installment - Due September 6, 2024

50% Second Installment - Due November 1, 2024

▶ Price Includes

- 8 nights lodging in double occupancy room
 - One night lodging at the Domus Laetitia in Assisi
 - Seven nights lodging at the Casa per Ferie Santa Maria alle Fornaci 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
- Daily buffet breakfast (without choice of menus)
- Daily lunch OR dinner without choice of menus (see itinerary for included meals)
- Water at meals
- Deluxe a/c coach when required (note that we will still walk 4-8 miles per day)
- Audio guiding system throughout the course of the trip
- All tips or suggested gratuities

▶ Price Exclusions

- Any personal expenses
- One daily meal either lunch or breakfast (see itinerary for included meals)
- Beverages other than water at included meals
- Trip Insurance (available for purchase through ProRome)



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