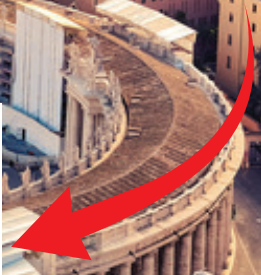




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A Jubilee Pilgrimage to Italy:

REGISTER TODAY

Join Fr. Edward Hathaway in Celebrating the 230th Anniversary of The Basilica of St. Mary of Alexandria, VA

This Catholic journey features six nights in Rome and three nights in Assisi, with day-trips to Orvieto and Siena built in as well. Daily Mass – the cornerstone of each day – will be complemented by a rich Catholic touring program designed to bring pilgrims face to face with the great saints, martyrs, Eucharistic Miracles and cultural heritage of Roman Catholicism. Highlights include St. Peter's Basilica, the Papal Basilicas, the Catacombs, the Colosseum, Roman Forum and Pantheon, and many incredible saints, churches, basilicas and holy sites throughout Italy.

Centrally-located and beautiful four-star hotels in Italy have been arranged. Roundtrip airfare will also be arranged. A ProRome tour manager will accompany the group, and private bus transportation, Catholic tour guides, all tours, tickets and headsets, daily breakfast and one daily meal either lunch or dinner are included in the price.

November 5 - 15, 2025

\$3490 per person, Land Only

Airfare will be booked in December 2024

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

THE ITINERARY



Wednesday, November 5 Departure

Departure information TBD.

Thursday, November 6 Arrival | St. Paul Outside The Walls

Upon arrival in Rome we will be met by our tour director and private bus and depart immediately 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 and the perfect place to begin our pilgrimage. Upon arrival we will enjoy a guided tour of the Basilica followed by a private Mass in one of the Basilica's chapels. Following our time at Saint Paul's we will depart for our four-star hotel, where we will check-in and enjoy free time for lunch. Take some time to freshen up and relax before meeting the group in the lobby. From there we will depart for a walking tour of the local neighborhood before returning to enjoy a welcome dinner together at the hotel.

Holy Mass: St. Paul Outside the Walls
Meals Included: Dinner
Overnight: Starhotels Michelangelo in Rome

Friday, November 7 Saint Mary Major | The Catacombs | The Lateran | Holy Cross In Jerusalem

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. Sebastian, 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 are 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 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. We then return to our hotel in order to enjoy a group dinner together and then retire for the evening.

Holy Mass: Basilica of Saint Mary Major
Meals Included: Breakfast and Dinner
Overnight: Starhotels Michelangelo in Rome

Saturday, November 8 Ancient Rome | Trastevere

Following breakfast we are off to the Roman Forum, where we begin our day with Holy Mass in the Basilica of Saints Cosmas and Damian. We 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 will 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 first visit the church of Santa Maria della Scala, where we will venerate Saint Teresa of Avila's hand. We next 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 area for a free evening.

Holy Mass: Basilica of Saints Cosmas and Damian
Meals Included: Breakfast and Lunch
Overnight: Starhotels Michelangelo in Rome

Sunday, November 9 St. Peter's Basilica | Scavi Tour

Following an early breakfast we depart for Saint Peter's Basilica for Mass followed by a guided tour of the basilica. After the tour, all will have the option to climb to the top of Saint Peter's Basilica for perhaps the singularly most incredible view looking out over Rome! At noon we will join the Holy Father in praying the Angelus from St. Peter's Square, before breaking for free time for lunch.

After lunch we will return to St. Peter's Basilica where we embark on the Scavi Tour, a unique subterranean tour that takes the visitor right to the tomb of St. Peter himself. We then enjoy a free afternoon before returning to our hotel for a group dinner together.

Holy Mass: St. Peter's Basilica
Meals Included: Breakfast and Dinner
Overnight: Starhotels Michelangelo in Rome

Monday, November 10 Vatican Museums | Sistine Chapel

Today we will begin our day with Holy Mass, before proceeding to 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. At the conclusion of our tour we will have the rest of the afternoon free and at leisure to enjoy as we wish. This would be an excellent time to explore, rest, pray or visit a gelateria! In the evening everyone will rendezvous for a delicious group dinner before retiring for the evening.

Holy Mass: TBD
Meals Included: Breakfast and Dinner
Overnight: Starhotels Michelangelo in Rome

Tuesday, November 11 The Centro Storico & Counter-Reformation

Today we 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 Agnes 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 Caravaggio's striking artwork.

ITINERARY CONTINUED



After lunch, we 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 will 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 then enjoy a much deserved dinner together before returning to our hotel.

Holy Mass: Chiesa Nuova

Meals Included: Breakfast and Dinner

Overnight: Starhotels Michelangelo in Rome

Wednesday, November 12 **Orvieto | Assisi**

Today we depart on a private motor-coach for Assisi. On the way there we will stop in the beautiful city of Orvieto, home to one of Italy's finest Gothic cathedrals, the Duomo of Orvieto, which serves as a solemn reliquary for the Eucharistic Miracle of Bolsena, the first Church-approved Eucharistic miracle and the impetus behind the institution of the Feast of Corpus Christi! Here we will have Holy Mass and a private tour.

After enjoying free time for lunch in Orvieto, we are back on the bus and headed to 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 then proceed to Assisi, check-in at our beautiful four-star hotel and enjoy a group dinner together.

Holy Mass: Duomo (Cathedral) of Orvieto

Meals Included: Breakfast and Dinner

Overnight: Hotel dei Priori in Assisi

Thursday, November 13 **Assisi: Basilicas Of Sts. Francis & Clare**

Today we enter into the life and legacy of Saint Francis and Saint Clare! We will start our day with Holy Mass at the Basilica of St. Francis followed by a private tour of the basilica. We will then enjoy a guided walking tour of Assisi, which includes visits to the Basilica of Saint Clare, the Cathedral of San Rufino, the Chiesa Nuova, and so many other sacred churches and burial sites. We will walk in the footsteps of Francis and Clare and have the opportunity to pray at their tombs.

Along the way we will have lunch together as a group, and then proceed to the Church of Saint Mary Major, the resting place of Blessed Carlo Acutis, for a Holy Hour together. Everyone will then be given a free evening to explore, shop, pray and enjoy a local dinner on your own.

Holy Mass: Basilica of Saint Francis

Meals Included: Breakfast and Lunch

Overnight: Hotel dei Priori in Assisi

Friday, November 14 **Siena**

Following breakfast we will depart by bus for the city of Siena. Upon arrival we will enjoy a walking tour through Siena, found in the heart of the Chianti region of Tuscany. Here we will explore the life and legacy of Saint Catherine of Siena, the great mystic and Doctor of the Church. Saint Catherine helped to restore the faith of the people of Europe following the 14th century Black Death, through her incredible preaching,

miracle work and mission to bring the Pope back to Rome. Our morning tour in Siena features the Basilica of San Domenico (where we will have Holy Mass), the Sanctuary House of Saint Catherine and the Basilica of San Francesco, which is home to another Eucharistic miracle.

Following our morning tour, the group will enjoy free time for lunch in the Piazza del Campo, Italy's most celebrated medieval square known for the famous "Palio," a horse race in which ten of Siena's neighborhoods send a jockey and a horse to compete in a bareback race three times around the square. We then rendezvous for an afternoon tour through the Duomo of Siena, one of Europe's greatest Cathedrals which is full of incredible works of sacred art. We will then return to our hotel in Assisi for a farewell dinner and overnight.

Holy Mass: Basilica di San Domenico (Siena)

Meals Included: Breakfast and Dinner

Overnight: Hotel dei Priori in Assisi

Saturday, November 15 **Departure**

Following breakfast we depart for Rome FCO airport for our return flights home. Buon viaggio!

Holy Mass: TBD

Meals Included: Breakfast



► Final Cost

- \$3490 per person, Land Only
 - Airfare will be booked in December 2024

► Payment Schedule

- \$200 - ProRome Registration Fee - Due upon Registration
- \$1645 - Due May 2, 2025
- \$1645 - Due July 4, 2025
- \$990 - Single Occupancy Surcharge (If Applicable) - Due July 4, 2025

► Price Includes

- Nine nights lodging in double occupancy room
 - Six nights lodging at the four-star Starhotels Michelangelo in Rome
 - Three nights lodging at the four-star Hotel dei Priori in Assisi
- 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 three-course dinner (without choice of menus) (except on 11/8 and 11/13)
- Water and house wine at meals
- Deluxe a/c coach when required (note that we will still walk 3-5 miles per day)
- Audio guiding system throughout the course of the trip

► Price Exclusions

- Any personal expenses
- Daily lunch (Except for on 11/8 and 11/13 when it is provided)
- Beverages other than water and house wine at included meals
- Trip Insurance (available for purchase through ProRome)
- Gratuities for the Tour Manager and Driver- Suggest \$20-\$30 per person for both the tour manager and the bus driver



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