

# A Jubilee Pilgrimage to Italy Join Fr. Andy Booms & Fr. Jose Maria Cabrera Bustamante

This pilgrimage features two nights in Milan, two nights in Florence, one night in Assisi and five nights in Rome, with a day-trip to Pisa along the way. 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 Colosseum, the Duomo of Milan, Michelangelo's David in Florence, and the Basilicas of Saint Francis and Saint Clare in Assisi.

Roundtrip airfare and centrally-located four-star hotels will be arranged. A ProRome tour manager will accompany the group throughout the course of the pilgrimage, and private bus transportation, Catholic tour quides, all tours and tickets, daily breakfast and daily dinner are included in the price.

### September 23 - October 4, 2025

\$3990 per person, Land Only \$1500 per person, Airfare from Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport \$5490 per person, Total Package Including Airfare



#### Tuesday, September 23 Departure

Departure information TBD.

# **Wednesday, September 24**Milan

Welcome to Milan! After meeting our tour manager and bus driver we will board our motorcoach and depart for the Duomo di Milano, the Cathedral of Milan. Here we will receive a guided tour of this magnificent church and then celebrate Holy Mass together. Before departing the Cathedral, be sure to find the tomb of St. Charles Borromeo!

From the Duomo we will continue to the Convent of Santa Maria delle Grazie where we will view perhaps the most famous attraction in all of Milan: Leonardo da Vinci's "Last Supper." \*\*\* The masterpiece painted on the wall of the dining room of the convent is said to have taken da Vinci two years to finish. Following our viewing we will have some free time to explore the city of Milan, before we check-in to our four-star hotel for dinner and overnight.

\*\*\*Based on availability at time of booking.

Holy Mass: Duomo di Milano Meals Included: Dinner

### Thursday, September 25 Milan

Following a leisurely breakfast, we will make our way to the Basilica of St. Ambrose. Here we will enjoy a guided tour followed by the celebration of the Holy Mass. We will then have the rest of the day free to ourselves to explore, rest, pray, shop or sightsee. In the evening, everyone will return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

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

#### Friday, September 26 Pisa

Following breakfast, we will board our motorcoach and depart Milan for the city of Pisa. Upon our arrival we will all have free time to enjoy an independent lunch. The group will then rendezvous after lunch for a guided tour and the celebration of Holy Mass at Santa Maria della Spina. We will then proceed as a group to the Leaning Tower of Pisa for a tour and an opportunity for photos. We then conclude our time in Pisa and board our motorcoach to continue on our way to Florence. Upon our arrival we will check in to our four-star hotel and enjoy a little free time to freshen up. The group will then delight in a delicious group dinner before retiring for the evening.

Holy Mass: Santa Maria della Spina Meals Included: Breakfast and Dinner

### **Saturday, September 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" Meals Included: Breakfast and Dinner

#### Sunday, September 28 Assisi

Today we depart Florence for Assisi! Upon arrival we will visit the Basilica of Saint Francis for Holy Mass and a tour with a Franciscan friar. The tour begins in the crypt where Saint Francis is buried and culminates 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. Following the tour there will 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 year 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 our four-star hotel for a dinner together.

Holy Mass: Basilica of Saint Francis Meals Included: Breakfast and Dinner

#### Monday, September 29 Assisi | Rome

Following breakfast we will visit the original home of the Franciscan Order and the place of St. Francis's death: the Papal Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels. Here we will celebrate Holy Mass. We will then depart Assisi for Rome, a three-hour bus drive, through the beautiful Umbrian countryside. Along the way, we will stop for an independent lunch and an opportunity to stretch our legs.

Upon our arrival in Rome, we will check in to our beautiful four-star hotel and take a moment to freshen up. Once settled into our accommodations, 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. After a walking tour through Saint Peter's Square, the Via della Conciliazione and the Bridge of the Angels, we will return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Holy Mass: Papal Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels

Meals Included: Breakfast and Dinner

#### Tuesday, September 30 Rome: St. Peter's Basilica | Colosseum | St. Clement | Centro Storico & Counter Reformation

Following an early breakfast we depart for Saint Peter's Basilica for Holy Mass followed by a guided tour of the basilica. Following the tour you might consider climbing to the top of Michelangelo' dome - nearly 450 feet above the streets below! There will then be free time for lunch.

After lunch we will depart to the Colosseum for a guided tour. This incredible amphitheater once hosted gladiator games, mock sea battles, and public executions. Christians were martyred here, and the Colosseum is therefore a sacred place, a reminder for us that the blood of the martyrs is indeed the seed of the Faith. Following



the Colosseum, we will walk down the street to the Basilica of San Clemente for a brief tour and time for personal prayer.

In the late afternoon/early evening there will be an optional tour for those interested in learning 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 such as the Piazza Navona, artwork by Bernini and Carravaggio, the Pantheon, the Trevi Fountain and more! We will then return to our hotel for dinner and some much needed rest.

\*Tour schedule in Rome subject to change due to pending Diaconate Ordination schedule.

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

#### Wednesday, October 1 Rome: Papal Audience | Vatican Museums

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 Holy 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.

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

## Thursday, October 2 Rome: Diaconate Ordination

Today will be set aside for the Diaconate Ordination Mass and Celebration. Schedule forthcoming.

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

### Friday, October 3 Rome: The Basilicas

Following breakfast, we will depart for 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. We will proceed 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. After the tour, which will include not only the Cathedral but also the exquisite Baptistry as well, 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. Everyone will then have free time to rest and enjoy an independent lunch.

Following lunch, we will board our motorcoach and 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 for pilgrims. Here we will receive a guided tour of the Basilica before returning to

our hotel for a final farewell dinner and overnight.

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

### Saturday, October 4 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

\$3990 per person, Land Only \$1500 per person, Airfare from Detroit Metropolitan Wayne County Airport \$5490 per person, Total Package Including Airfare

### Payment Schedule

\$200 - ProRome Registration Fee - Due upon Registration (online on trip specific webpage)

\$2645 - Due March 21, 2025

\$2645 - Due May 23, 2025

\$990 - Single Occupancy Surcharge (if applicable) - Due May 23, 2025

#### Price Includes

- 10 nights lodging in double occupancy room
  - Two nights lodging at the four-star Duo Milan Porta Nuova Hotel in Milan
  - Two nights lodging at the four-star Hotel Baglioni (or similar) in Florence
  - One night lodging at the three-star Domus Laetitiae in Assisi
  - Five nights lodging at the Hotel Villa Pamphili 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 three-course dinner (without choice of menus)
- 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
- Beverages other than water 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 driver)



