



A Special Pilgrimage to visit Rome & the Shrines of Italy

August 31 – September 9, 2009

This will be the last chance to venerate the exhumed body of St. Pio!

Proposed Itinerary

Day 1 - USA - Rome - Depart New Orleans for Rome. Dinner and breakfast are served on board.

Day 2 - Arrival in Rome - Upon arrival in Rome, you will meet your tour escort and board your private motorcoach for a Panoramic City Tour of Rome. You will have Mass and transfer to your hotel where you will have time to relax and freshen up before dinner. Dinner and overnight in Rome.

Day 3 - Rome (Papal Audience at the Vatican - if available)

This morning you will go to Vatican City to attend the weekly Papal Audience and Blessing given by His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI. Following the audience visit of the Vatican Museums, a group of most impressive edifices with hundreds of galleries filled with art treasures. See awe-inspiring relics and works of art donated throughout centuries as tributes of faith. See the Tapestry Gallery, The Raphael Rooms and the Sistine Chapel. Later, enter the largest church in Christendom St Peter's Basilica, built on the site where St Peter was martyred. Marvel Pieta and Bernini's amazing bronze canopy. You will have time for prayer before returning to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 4 - Rome - This morning you will visit the three major Basilicas: St Mary Major, one of the oldest shrines dedicated to the Blessed Virgin; The Basilica of the St John in Lateran, the former residence of the popes prior to their return to Rome in 1377; and St Paul Outside the Walls, which houses the remains of St Paul under its main altar. You will also see the ancient Baths of Caracalla, Arch of Drusus, Chapel "O' Domine Quo Vadis?" the remains of imperial tombs, Tomb of Celilia Metella, and the catacombs of St Callixtus where the early Christians hid themselves to escape persecution. Dinner and overnight in Rome

Day 5 - Rome - San Giovanni Rotondo - We leave the Eternal City and head southeast to San Giovanni. Enroute you will stop in Monte Cassino to see the Monastery founded by St Benedict in 529. Dinner and overnight in San Giovanni Rotondo, the home of Padre Pio.

Day 6 - San Giovanni Rotondo - Monte Sant' Angelo - Visit the tomb of Padre Pio and see his body laid out in a glass case. Here you will have Mass before touring the sanctuary and seeing the crucifix from which he received the stigmata in 1918. You will also see the confessional where Padre Pio spent innumerable hours with a multitude of pilgrims, directing them on their journey toward God. Enjoy a breathtaking view of the Cargano Peninsula and a visit to the Grotto of Michael the Archangel. Six different popes, St Francis and at least four other saints have knelt in prayer at this grotto, seeking the protection of St Michael. A panoramic view of the ocean and the surrounding countryside awaits you at this most celebrated shrine of early Christianity, a shrine consecrated by St Michael himself in 490. Return to San Giovanni for devotions, reflection.

Day 7 - San Giovanni Rotondo - Lanciano - Loreto - Assisi - Travel to Lanciano to see the eighth-century Eucharistic Miracle in the little Church of Lagontial. After expressing doubts about Christ's true presence in the consecrated host, a monk found himself holding a host that had changed into flesh and wine that had changed into blood. Next, follow the lush Adriatic coast to the great Marian shrine of Loreto to visit the Holy House of Nazareth and the beautiful Madonna of Loreto. More than 50 popes have made a pilgrimage to the house transported by angels to this hill in central Italy in 1294. Tradition has it that this is the house in which Mary prayed the Magnificat, in which Jesus grew to manhood, and in which the Holy Family lived. Mass at the Shrine in Loreto, then transfer for dinner and overnight in Assisi.

Day 8 - Assisi - After breakfast celebrate mass and visit tomb of St Francis. Explore the quaint hilltop birthplace of St Francis that still retains something of the atmosphere of the early 1200s, the period when St Francis began his ministry. Contained within the huge 13th-century Basilica are many of his possessions and a series of frescoes depicting his life. You may kneel before the crucifix from which Jesus spoke to St Francis, asking him to rebuild His church. It was in St Mary of the Angels Basilica where St Francis spent most

of his life. Here you will visit the Chapel, Portiuncola, the rose bush, and the cave where the saint retired for prayer. Stroll the medieval streets of the compact little town. After stopping at an outdoor cafe with a view of an ancient Roman temple, you'll go to the Church of St Clare to see the saint's incorrupt body. The foundress of the Order of Poor Clares followed the teachings of St Francis by living a life of poverty and humility. Dinner and overnight in Assisi.

Day 9 - Sienna - Rome - Today you will visit the beautiful town of Siena, the birthplace of Saints Catherine and Bernardine and one of Italy's loveliest medieval cities. Here you will stroll the Piazza Del Campo, one of Italy's finest squares and visit the Cathedral and the Basilica of St. Francis, containing the miraculous consecrated hosts that remained intact since 1730. View the incorrupt head of St. Catherine at the Basilica of St. Dominic. This evening you will return to Rome for your Farewell dinner and overnight.

Day 10 - Rome - USA - After breakfast, transfer to the Rome airport for return flights to New Orleans.

Tour Features

- Round trip airfare from New Orleans
- Accommodations in Superior Tourist and/or First Class Hotel, twin-bedded rooms with private facilities
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- Transfers between airport and lodging with portage at hotels
- Multi-lingual Tour Escort
- Sightseeing as specified in itinerary
- Welcome Packet / Document Portfolio
- Daily Mass and all spiritual activities coordinated with

Fr Joseph Cazenavette

TOUR NO: RI09 0831-JR
TOUR DATES: August 31 - September 9, 2009
TOUR PRICE: \$3,299 from New Orleans

Airport Taxes: \$270 (Subject to change.)

Single Supplements Available

Optional Trip Insurance is available



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INCLUDED IN TOUR PRICE:

Round-trip international air fare; Transfers from airports, hotels, and piers; Porterage of one suitcase; Air-conditioned motorcoach transportation; Hotel accommodations (first class, deluxe, or superior tourist) based on double occupancy; Breakfast and dinner daily unless designated otherwise; Admission to all sites and sightseeing as outlined in the tour itinerary; Services of a CatholicJourneys.com representative at each destination; Services of licensed English-speaking tour guides and drivers.

NOT INCLUDED IN TOUR PRICE:

(1) Taxes, customs and security fees, and facility charges, border taxes, and port taxes are additional. Taxes for Extensions are additional. If airport taxes are shown on the front of a flyer, it is an approximate price only, and is subject to change without notice. Taxes will be recalculated 45 days prior to departure, and a new invoice will be sent to all passengers for any increases, if applicable. An increase in airport taxes are beyond our control and will not be grounds for cancellation.

(2) Optional Travel Insurance Protection Plan (Information will be sent separately).

(3) Fuel surcharges which may be imposed by airlines and other suppliers. If applicable, fuel surcharges will be paid by the passenger.

(4) Miscellaneous fees such as individual transfers, passports, laundry, meal beverages, excess baggage, and other items of personal nature.

(5) Appreciation offerings to tour guides and drivers.

(6) Visa fees if necessary and if not included in tour price.

AIRLINE TICKETS AND FLIGHT TIMES:

Air transportation will be via jet economy class via IATA carriers utilizing APEX or SUPER APEX non-refundable, non-amendable tickets for groups of 10 or more flying together for the entire itinerary. All flight times are subject to change by the airlines without advance notice. CatholicJourneys.com is not responsible for such changes or delays and does not reimburse expenses resulting from such delays.

PAYMENT:

(1) Participant must enclose \$400 deposit with their application.

(2) Balance of fees are due no later than 70 days prior to departure. Anyone not paid in full 70 days prior to departure will be subject to a \$100 late payment fee. Late registration (within 60 days of departure) may be accepted with payment in full, subject to space availability, air fare and a \$100 late fee.

PRICE GUARANTEE: Participants who **Pay-in-Full at the time of Registration**, are protected against price increases, including those due to rising airfares, taxes and fuel surcharges, and fluctuations in currency exchange. For more information, visit our website at www.CatholicJourneys.com/priceguarantee.htm

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Price is based on double occupancy. Single rooms will be arranged, if available, for an additional supplement. Single rooms are normally smaller than doubles. CatholicJourneys.com will endeavor to match roommates but will not guarantee this. If itinerary changes necessitate extra overnights, you will be charged an additional supplement. Meals for extra overnights are not included.

DEVIATIONS:

Deviations from the standard tour program must be submitted in writing and are subject to a \$125.00 per person assessment fee. Transfers for passengers who deviate are not included.

A **minimum of 25 participants** is required to operate a tour or pilgrimage. A tour may operate with fewer passengers at a higher price at the sole discretion of CatholicJourneys.com. A change or cancellation of the group leader or the Spiritual Director is not grounds for cancellation by participant.

TRAVEL INSURANCE:

We strongly recommend the optional travel insurance program, which provides a number of benefits including coverage for Trip Cancellation / Interruption and Medical Emergencies. Details including Coverage schedule and premium amounts will be sent to each passenger upon receipt of their registration.

CANCELLATION FEES:

100% of Cancellation Fees are covered by the optional Travel Insurance Protection Plan provided premium has been paid and reason for cancellation is insurable. Those who do not take insurance should be aware of the following cancellation fees:

STANDARD PROGRAM AND EXTENSIONS:

\$200.00	Day of Registration to 90 Days prior to departure
\$300.00	89-60 Days prior to departure
\$400.00	59-46 Days prior to departure
50 % of total tour cost	45-31 Days prior to departure
100% of total tour cost	30 - 0 Days prior to departure

On or after day of departure, no refund for any service not used. All refund claims must be received in writing by the CatholicJourneys.com office. Additionally, once tickets are issued (approximately 4-6 weeks prior to departure) the ticket value is non-refundable. Cancellations which force your roommate into a single within 60 days of departure will be assessed as additional cancellation fees. Refunds for payments made by credit card are subject to an additional 3.5% fee.

STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY:

CatholicJourneys.com agrees to provide the itinerary described in this brochure, no changes or deviations to the itinerary are effective unless approved in writing and signed by an authorized officer of the tour operator. Except as stated herein, no person is authorized to cancel, modify or vary the tour arrangements or to make any representation of warranty concerning the tour. CatholicJourneys.com reserves the right to refuse or revoke travel to anyone who is, in the sole judgment of CatholicJourneys.com, incapable of group travel without causing undue demands upon the staff or other tour participants.

Except where otherwise stated, CatholicJourneys.com acts only as an agent for the relevant supplier in securing hotels, transportation, and other travel services and in no event shall CatholicJourneys.com be liable for failure by any such supplier to render any transportation, lodging or other travel service to be provided on the tour.

The passenger agrees that CatholicJourneys.com assumes no liability for injury, death, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may occur by reason of any negligent or willful act or omission of any suppliers of service. CatholicJourneys.com does not own or operate any of the suppliers of services to your tour. Similarly, without limiting the foregoing, passenger agrees to hold CatholicJourneys.com harmless for any defect in any vehicle, plane, boat, bus, car, van or other vehicle, act of war or insurrection, terrorist activity, revolt or other civil uprising, military action, strikes or labor unrest or any Act of God or for any other act of any third party.

CatholicJourneys.com does not accept responsibility for losses or additional expenses due to delay or changes in air schedules, hotel overbookings or other hotel related problems or other causes. All such losses or expenses will be the responsibility of the passenger. The right is reserved to make adjustments to the itinerary as deemed desirable to CatholicJourneys.com and the right is reserved to cancel any tour prior to departure. CatholicJourneys.com may not be held responsible for any loss or damage to luggage during the tour program. Enrollment in, payment of deposit and/or acceptance of final documents, vouchers, or tickets shall be deemed to be consent to the Program Conditions and Statement of Responsibility. Prices are based on tariffs in effect as of January 1, 2008 and are subject to increase or adjustment without notice in the event of any exchange rate, or currency fluctuation.

It is agreed by and between the passenger and CatholicJourneys.com that all disputes and matters whatsoever arising under, or in connection with or incident to the responsibilities of CatholicJourneys.com shall be litigated in and before a court located in the State of Louisiana, USA to the exclusion of the courts of any other state or country. Louisiana law will be applicable to any dispute which arises out of/or concerns this brochure or your tour.

Shrines of Italy Participant Application

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Last Name _____ First Name _____

(as it appears in passport)

Title: _____ Preferred Name: _____ Male _____ Female _____ Non-Smoker _____ Smoker _____

Address _____

number street city state zip

Home Telephone (_____) _____ E-mail address: _____@_____

Cell / Work Telephone (_____) _____ I am a U.S. citizen with a valid U.S. Passport: Yes _____ No _____

Departure Airport _____ Passport # _____ Exp _____

Program **RI09 0831-JR**

Date of Birth ____/____/____

Rooming With _____

Optional Travel Insurance available.

A separate brochure outlining the details will be sent along with your first statement.

Participant Signature _____ Date _____

My signature indicates that I have read the Terms of Participation and will abide by its contents, and that I am physically and emotionally capable of group travel.

Send your application and \$400 deposit check made payable to: "CatholicJourneys.Com Trust Account"

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