

Brothers and Sisters,
It is my pleasure to invite you to join in a pilgrimage to Italy. A religious pilgrimage is a grace-filled opportunity to join together in prayer, both in gratitude for blessings received, as well as in petition for the continuing growth in holiness of our Church.

We will have a unique opportunity to be in Rome during a Jubilee Year of the Catholic Church which presents the opportunity for special graces throughout the pilgrimage. Some things to look forward to in the Eternal City will be visiting the famous Coliseum and Carcere Mamertino where St Peter was imprisoned. We will also plan to have an audience with the Pope in St. Peter's Square (pending his availability), in addition to visiting the Vatican Museum, the Sistine Chapel, and Saint Peter's Basilica. There will be a guided tour of the Cathedral of Saint John Lateran where the Pope has his Cathedra. Six Popes are entombed here. Next door is the Holy Staircase (Scala Santa), brought from Pilate's Palace in Jerusalem by Saint Helena in the 4th century.

During our pilgrimage, May 17, 2025 will mark the 100th Anniversary of Saint Thérèse of Lisieux's canonization and to commemorate this momentous occasion of the Greatest Saint of Modern Times, we will celebrate Holy Mass at The Church of Santa Teresa di Gesu Bambino in Panfilo which is named after her. Afterward, we will go to Siena, the home of Saint Catherine and visit one of Italy's finest squares, the Piazza Del Campo and the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Francis. Speaking of Saint Francis, we will also go to Assisi, the home of Saint Francis who remains one of the most famous and beloved saints ever. And then, among the most significant places that can be visited in the world is Loreto, where is kept the Holy House where Jesus lived and was raised by the Virgin Mary and Saint Joseph.

This is only a sample of the priceless experiences that pilgrims who join me on this journey will get to savor. I hope you will consider this most special gift to yourself and join me as we embark on a pilgrimage that promises to offer not only a journey of faith, but also time for prayer, meditation, and enjoyment. As space is limited, reservations should be made as soon as possible.

Peace and God bless,
Father John Wright



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Your Pilgrimage Features

- + Round trip air transportation on economy class from departure city to Italy
- + Land transportation via deluxe private motor coach
- + Taxes, Fuel Surcharges and Tips
- + Breakfast and Dinner Daily
- + Entrance fees to all sites on itinerary
- + Professional Christian English-speaking guide
- + The Itinerary is subject to change
- + Porterage includes one bag per pilgrim
- + Single occupancy supplement \$700
- + Land only price \$4,000



Please Read This Important Information

Deposit - \$400 (Payable on booking)
Second Payment 50% due - Dec 1, 2024
Full balance due - Feb 1, 2025

Each tour member must hold a U.S. passport valid up to 6 months after the scheduled return. The passport must be valid until Nov 19, 2025

Application forms are available at your local passport office or U.S. Postal Service. Any required visas will be processed for US citizens only. Non-US citizens are solely responsible for obtaining any required visas.

Rates based on Double-occupancy, the airline tax and fuel surcharge and currency exchange rate(s) at the date of quotation to your host. Subject to change up to 30 days prior to departure.



HOLY YEAR PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY The Jubilee of Rome 2025

Led by: Fr. John D. Wright Author of "The Smallest Spark"



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DAY 1: U.S.A. / EUROPE – Monday, 12 May 2025

Pilgrims will depart to Rome. Dinner and breakfast will be served aboard the flight.

DAY 2: ROME – Tuesday, 13 May 2025

Arrival in Rome and transfer to our hotel. In the afternoon guided tour of Ancient Rome. We will start with the visit at the Coliseum, then we visit the Carcere Mamertino where St Peter was imprisoned. Celebrate Holy Mass at Cosma and Damiano Church or at the Basilica of Santa Francesca Romana.

Dinner and overnight at hotel.

DAY 3: ROME – Wednesday, 14 May 2025

After breakfast, we will transfer to St. Peter Square for the Audience with the Pope**. Afterward, free time for lunch. Then visit the Vatican Museum, The Sistine Chapel and St. Peter’s Cathedral. Then, we walk through Saint Peter’s Basilica. The present structure was completed in 1590 was built over the Byzantine and Middle Ages structures that marked the Tomb of Saint Peter. There are more than 100 tombs within the basilica, including most recently Saint Pope John Paul II. Holy Mass at the St. Joseph Altar (to be reconfirmed). Free time before dinner and overnight at our hotel.

DAY 4: ROME – Thursday, 15 May 2025

Breakfast in hotel. Then we have a guided tour of the Archbasilica of Saint John Lateran. Six Popes are entombed here. Next door is the Holy Staircase (Scala Santa), brought from Pilate’s Palace in Jerusalem by Saint Helena in the 4th century. Climbing the stairs on your knees is a devotion that many pilgrims perform, and a plenary indulgence is granted for completing this feat. We celebrate HOLY Mass here. We will continue on your pilgrim journey to the Basilica of Saint Mary Major (Maria Maggiore). This is the largest Marian Church in Rome. Its construction began after the Council of Ephesus in 431 proclaimed that Mary was the Mother of God. Saint Jerome, translator of the Bible into the Latin Vulgate, is buried here. Time for a glance in the city. Dinner and overnight.

DAY 5: ROME – Friday, 16 May 2025

Breakfast in hotel. We visit Saint Paul Outside the Wall Church. Holy Mass in one of the Chapels. In the afternoon, we have a guided visit to the Center of Rome where we can admire Piazza Navona and the Pantheon, The Church of St. Agostino where is conserved the Michelangelo famous painting “The Pilgrim’s Virgin”, The Church of San Luigi dei Francesi where we can admire the other famous Caravaggio Painting “The Conversion of St. Matthew”. We will end with Fontana di Trevi and The Spanish Steps. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

DAY 6: ROME/ SIENA/FLORENCE – Saturday, 17 May 2025

Breakfast in hotel. We will celebrate Holy Mass at The Church of Santa Teresa di Gesu Bambino in Panfilo. Afterward, we transfer to Siena. Upon arrival, time for lunch and a visit of the city. Visit of one of Italy’s finest squares, the Piazza Del Campo and the Cathedral and Basilica of St. Francis. Following this visit, we will continue to view the incorrupt head of St. Catherine at the Basilica of St. Dominic. Continue to Florence. Arrival in Florence, accommodation at your hotel, dinner and overnight.

DAY 7: FLORENCE/ASSISI – Sunday, 18 May 2025

Breakfast in hotel. WE have a full day visit of Florence: Piazza del Duomo, Santa Maria del Fiore, the St. John Battistero, and the Giotto Bell Tower. We continue



to Piazza della Signoria, Palazzo Vecchio, the “Ponte Vecchio”, where many gold artisan had their shops. Then visit of the Church of St Ambrogio, built in 989 in memory of the place where the Saint was hosted in 393 when he visited the city. We celebrate Holy Mass and transfer to Assisi. Accommodation in our hotel, dinner and overnight.

DAY 8: ASSISI – Monday, 19 May 2025

Breakfast in hotel. In the morning, we have a guided visit of the center of the city and the Basilica of St. Francis built in 1228 to house the Relics of the Saint. The “upper “basilica houses beautiful frescoes of Giotto. It is from these frescoes that we will know and understand the life and the spirit of St. Francis. Celebrate Holy Mass in one of the chapels of the Basilica. We will continue with the visit of the Church of St. Clare which houses her incorrupt body. One of the chapels contains the crucifix that bowed its head and ordered St. Francis to “repair God’s Church”. We will continue with the visit at the Church of St. Mary the Major and the “Sanctuary of Dispossession” where is hosted the incorrupt body of the Blessed Carlo Acutis. In the afternoon, we visit St. Mary of the Angels Basilica. This Basilica is where St. Francis spent most of life, and is made up of two structures; both of which you will visit. The Porziuncola is where St. Francis founded his order of the Friar Minor (Franciscans), and the Capella del Transito, which is the place of St. Francis’ death. During this visit, your group will have the opportunity to visit the beautiful Rose Garden where St. Francis and other Friars lived, as well as the cave where the Saint retired to pray. Dinner and overnight at the hotel

DAY 9: ASSISI/LORETO/RAVENNA– Tuesday, 20 May 2025

Breakfast in hotel and departure to Loreto. Visit of the Basilica della Santa Casa. The Basilica construction begun in 1469 and was sponsored by Paul II. The Heart of the Basilica is the Shrine of the Holy House. It consists of three walls which - according to the ancient and authoritative tradition - would be the walls in front of the Cave of Nazareth where the Blessed Virgin Mary was born, lived and received the Annunciation. At the end of the visit, we celebrate Holy Mass in the Holy House (to be reconfirmed), time for lunch and departure to Ravenna. Accommodation in our hotel, dinner and overnight.

DAY 10: RAVENNA/PADOVA – Wednesday, 21 May 2025

Breakfast in hotel. We have a guided visit of the City of Ravenna. We will begin our visit with the Mausoleum of Teodorico. We celebrate Holy Mass at the St Mary the Major Church. We will end our visit with the Church of Sant’ Apollinare in Classe. Transfer to Padova. Accommodation in our hotel, dinner and overnight.

DAY 11: PADOVA – Thursday, 22 May 2025

Breakfast in hotel. The we visit of Padova, starting with the city center and the fresco cycle of Giotto, created at the beginning of the 1300’s and to be found in the Scrovegni Chapel. Time for lunch. In the afternoon, we visit of the Basilica of Saint Anthony built to house his remains starting from 1238. It’s an imposing spiritual monument blending several architectural styles – Romanesque, Gothic, Byzantine, Moorish – which houses many splendid works of art. Today, the church is a centre of pilgrimage from all over the world. We celebrate Holy Mass. Dinner and overnight.

DAY 12 VENICE/USA – Friday, 23 May 2025

Celebrate Holy Mass in the meeting room of the hotel (if our flight schedule allows) and breakfast. Transfer to the airport for the departure.

