

A Pilgrimage to Rome plus Assisi

Under the Spiritual Direction of Rev. R. Troy Gately
St. John Vianney Catholic Church, Houston, Texas
Group Coordinator: Ms. Carolyn Greene

9 Days: September 15 to 23, 2010

\$2999 Special Cash Discount Price / \$3178 Standard Base Price
From Houston (IAH), plus \$375 airport taxes & current fuel surcharges and \$100 tips



Travel Arrangements by: Catholic Travel Centre of Burbank, California

An Invitation to Join Us

Dear friends in Christ:

I invite you to join me and other parishioners as we visit and embrace the incredible country of Italy. We will enjoy some of the most beloved sites in Rome, Assisi & Vatican City on our pilgrimage. You will also have the opportunity to visit other beautiful and inspiring locales in Italy, including Florence or Naples & Pompeii.

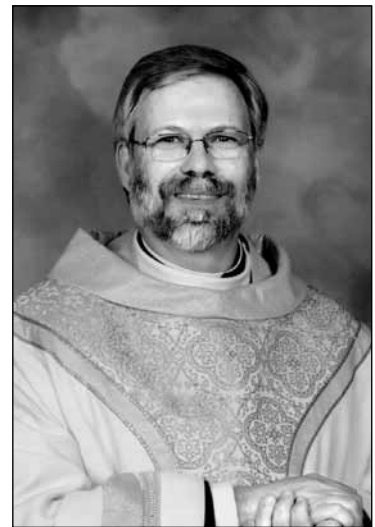
This is a once in a lifetime opportunity! Come and experience something truly special: a pilgrimage to places of historic significance, physical beauty and spiritual richness. Our pilgrimage will offer the General Papal Audience at Pope Paul VI Audience Hall (subject to the Holy Father's schedule), daily mass, wonderful meals and excellent guides. Of course there will be free time for exploring and yes, even shopping!

I hope that you will be able to join me and others from Houston as we journey to enrich our Catholic foundation.

In pace Christi,

Rev. R. Troy Gately

Pastor



Our Daily Itinerary

WED, SEPT 15, DAY 1: DEPART HOUSTON: We depart Houston en route to Rome with complimentary meals and beverages served aloft.

THU, SEPT 16, DAY 2: ARRIVE ROME: We arrive in Rome and are met by our Catholic Travel Centre representative, who will accompany us throughout our pilgrimage. We pass via the Appian Way and stop at the Basilica of St. Paul, affectionately known as the Apostle to the Gentiles. St. Paul is buried here. At the end of our tour, we transfer to Santa Susanna Parish for a one-hour presentation on 'Being a Pilgrim in Rome.' We check-in to our hotel, and the balance of the afternoon is at leisure. Dinner awaits us at our hotel. (D)

FRI, SEPT 17, DAY 3: ROME: ANCIENT ROME & CATACOMBS: This morning we enjoy a tour of some of the sites of Ancient Rome, including the Forum and Coliseum. Its real name was the Flavian Amphitheatre, after the emperors who built it in the first century after Christ. Coliseum refers to the 'colossal' statue of Nero that at one time stood at the entrance. We will drive by the Forum and enter into the Coliseum. We stop at the Church of St. Peter in Chains, featuring Michelangelo's famous statue of Moses. Then we proceed to the Catacombs, the underground burial site of the early Christians. The rest of the day is at leisure. Dinner will be served at our hotel. (B, D)

SAT, SEPT 18, DAY 4: ROME: FULL DAY EXCURSION TO ASSISI: Today we make a full day's excursion to Assisi, home of St. Francis and St. Clare. We visit the Basilica constructed over St. Francis' tomb. After Mass at the Basilica, we enjoy lunch together at a nearby hotel. After lunch, we visit the Church of San Damiano. It was here that the 'San Damiano Cross' hung when it 'spoke' to Francis, urging him to "rebuild My Church." Francis interpreted the dream literally and went to work on repairing the building at San Damiano. Only later did he understand the deeper meaning of the dream.

We continue then to the Church of St. Clare, where St. Clare lies in repose. Here too we see the original 'San Damiano' crucifix that spoke to Francis. After some time on our own in the upper town, we transfer to the town below to visit the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels, containing the Porziuncola, built in part by St. Francis. Nearby marks the site where Francis surrendered to "Sister Death." We make our way back to Rome for the evening, and dinner is on our own. (B, L)

SUN, SEPT 19, DAY 5: ROME: ST. PETER'S BASILICA & WALKING TOUR OF ROME: Today we make our way to the Basilica of St. Peter, built over the tomb of the first Pope. We participate in the High Mass, followed by the Papal Blessing on St. Peter's Square (subject to the Holy Father's schedule).

This afternoon we enjoy a walking tour of some of most beloved tourist sites in central Rome. We start at the Trevi Fountain, where we toss our traditional three coins. From here we continue to the Piazza Trinita dei Monti at the top of the Spanish Steps, affording a romantic panoramic view of the city of Rome. Our tour continues across the city to the Pantheon and the Church of Santa Maria Sopra Minerva, housing the remains of St. Catherine of Siena. Our walking tour concludes at the Piazza Navona, where many Romans traditionally gather on a Sunday afternoon for a gelato (Italian ice cream) or a cappuccino. Our motor coach will return us to our hotel for dinner and the evening. (B, D)

MON, SEPT 20, DAY 6: ROME: VATICAN MUSEUM, SCAVI & ST. PETER'S BASILICA: This morning we visit the Vatican Museum and Sistine Chapel, featuring Michelangelo's masterworks. This afternoon we request a visit of the Scavi, the excavations beneath the Basilica of St. Peter (tours of the Scavi are always subject to reconfirmation by the Vatican 24 hours prior to the tour).

Following our proposed visit of the Scavi, our guide will take us on a tour of St. Peter's Basilica. We will have some time to explore the Basilica on our own. Here we will see the famous statue of Mary holding her crucified Son. The statue, carved by Michelangelo, is known as La Pieta. Dinner is served at a local restaurant this evening. (B, D)

TUE, SEPT 21, DAY 7: ROME: AT LEISURE WITH OPTIONAL FLORENCE OR NAPLES & POMPEII EXCURSIONS: Today is at leisure in Rome. Perhaps this would be a good day to stroll around the city, do some shopping, or visit your own personal favorite Roman sites. If you would like to travel outside the city, you may select from a variety of optional tours. For those not opting for the sightseeing tours, our local escort will advise you of the possibilities of Mass at nearby churches. Dinner is on our own this evening, and our tour escort will have some suggestions on where to dine in the area. (B)

OPTIONAL EXCURSION TO FLORENCE – FULL DAY

Leaving Rome, we pass through three of the most beautiful regions of Italy, Latium, Umbria and Tuscany. Florence, lying amid the rolling green hills of Tuscany

is Italy's city of the arts. Florence owes its reputation as the jewel of the Renaissance to the Medici family. Under their patronage Florence became the liveliest and most creative city in Europe. During our visit we will see for ourselves that reputation is deserved even today.

We begin with a visit to the Academy with its impressive statue of "David" by Michelangelo. We'll admire the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, with Giotto's Belltower, one of Italy's most beautiful, and the Baptistery, with its famous bronze doors. We'll see the Piazza della Signoria, and visit the courtyard of Palazzo Medici, the first authentic Renaissance mansion. We'll lunch at a Florentine restaurant. This afternoon we continue to Santa Croce Square, with a visit to a leather factory, to see one of modern day Italy's more famous crafts. From there we will reach Piazzale Michelangelo, where we have a wonderful panoramic view of the city. We return to Rome in the evening. Cost TBA. Lunch included.

OPTIONAL TOUR: NAPLES AND POMPEII – FULL DAY

Leaving Rome in a southerly direction, we take the "Highway of the Sun" crossing the fertile Roman countryside known as the area of the 'Castelli Romani.' Along the highway you will be able to see the Abbey of Montecassino, noted for its famous battle and complete destruction during the World War II.

Arriving in Naples we will proceed towards the hill of Posillipo from where we can enjoy a spectacular view over the Gulf of Naples and the volcano Vesuvio. Descending, we arrive in the ancient fishing quarter of Santa Lucia and see the impressive Castel Dell'Ovo.

Our city tour continues to the Piazza del Plebiscito, the Royal Palace, the Basilica of San Francesco Di Paola, the San Carlo Opera House, the Gallery of Umberto I and the imposing Maschio Angioino.

We depart Naples for Pompeii where we enjoy lunch. After lunch we visit the excavations on foot with a local guide on an archaeological journey through the ancient city. You will see what was discovered in the 1900 plus years since Pompeii was covered by ashes during the eruption of Vesuvius in the year 79 AD. Through the remains and ruins of this ancient city, we can picture the everyday life of the Imperial Age and imagine the panic felt by the people in those last few minutes before the city was so disastrously buried. We return to Rome for the evening. Cost: TBA. Lunch included.

Note: These optional excursions are operated by a local tour company in Rome, and are not operated exclusively by Catholic Travel Centre. You may register for these tours on-the-spot in Rome, by speaking directly with your group's tour escort. Reservations should be made with your escort upon your group's arrival in Rome.

WED, SEPT 22, DAY 8: ROME: PAPAL AUDIENCE, LATERAN & ST. MARY MAJOR: This morning we make our way to the Vatican City to attend the General Papal Audience at Pope Paul VI Audience Hall (subject to the Holy Father's schedule). Afterward we take time to shop at some of excellent religious articles shops in the Vatican area.

This afternoon we visit Papal Basilica of St. John Lateran. It is here that St. Francis persuaded Pope Innocent III to give permission to begin the Franciscan Order. The night before the Pope had seen a man in a dream and the man was supporting the tottering building of St. John Lateran. The next day, when Francis appeared before Pope Innocent, His Holiness recognized the face from the dream and consented to Francis's request. Nearby is the Scala Santa, purportedly the stairs which Christ climbed prior to his condemnation by Pontius Pilate.

Just up the street we come to the Basilica of St. Mary Major, the oldest basilica in Rome dedicated to the Blessed Mother. Then we stop at the nearby Church of St. Alphonsus which houses the original icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Tonight we gather as a group for a festive dinner at the local restaurant. (B, D)

THU, SEPT 23, DAY 9: RETURN USA: This morning we transfer to the Rome airport for our return flight to the United States. (B)

Note: While no changes are anticipated, there may be unforeseen occasions when certain alterations become necessary to this itinerary, either due to changes in airline schedules or for other reasons. All Masses are subject to local church schedules and substitution if Masses are not available in churches mentioned.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

To make your reservation, simply complete the enclosed registration form and submit along with \$400 payment (mailed to the address shown on the bottom of the registration form). You will receive General Information (including *How to Obtain a Passport*), an invoice, and further information from Catholic Travel Centre via mail, usually within two weeks of our receipt of your deposit. *Please submit your registration form early, as all space is available on a first-come basis only.* Registrations are processed in the order they are received by Catholic Travel Centre.

YOUR PRICE INCLUDES

Price includes airfare based on non-refundable, economy class group fares on regularly scheduled IATA carrier from **Houston (IAH)**, accommodations in **First Class Hotels**, or best available hotel (all with private facilities), sightseeing, and meals per itinerary (B, L, D) and is based on a minimum of **30** fully paying passengers in the group. Airport taxes & security fees, current fuel surcharges, tips, and optional travel protection plan will be added separately on your invoice. No visa required for USA citizens - only a valid passport. Please see 'Registration Form' and 'Terms & Conditions' for more details.

OPTIONAL PASSENGER TRAVEL PROTECTION PROGRAM (PTPP)

Optional Passenger Travel Protection Program (PTPP) is available. Your invoice will show the Program fee. You may choose to accept or decline coverage. Coverage begins only upon receipt of your Program fee. See 'PASSENGER TRAVEL PROTECTION PROGRAM' under 'Terms & Conditions' on reverse side for full details.

FINAL PAYMENT

Final payment is due **90 days prior to departure**. This payment should be sent directly to Catholic Travel Centre. Instructions will appear on your invoice.

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TOUR NUMBER: 10-069-0915

Terms and Conditions

Making any payments (cash, credit card or otherwise) towards any tour constitutes your unconditional acceptance of all the terms and conditions stated in this tour brochure. Catholic Travel Centre shall be referred to as CTC within this document.

DOCUMENTS: US citizens require a valid passport. Other nationalities please inquire with the appropriate embassies. Passports must be valid for six months beyond the tour's return date.

REGISTRATION AND DEPOSITS: A deposit of \$400 per person is required upon registration along with a signed copy of the registration form. Registrations cannot be taken by telephone. Registrations are processed in the order received by CTC. Balance of payment is due 90 days prior to departure. Late payment is subject to \$50 late fee. Late registrations (fewer than 90 days) must be accompanied by full payment by cashiers check only (including the optional passenger travel protection program payment, if applicable), plus a \$50 late fee and are subject to availability. CTC reserves the right to cancel reservations that are not paid in full 75 days prior to departure and to charge cancellation fees/penalties indicated below. A \$25 fee will be charged on all checks returned by our bank.

CHANGES IN INVOICING: Please note that after initial invoicing, any requests for change in form of payment (cash discount vs. standard base) or in package (air inclusive vs. "land only") are subject to a \$50 per person per change processing fee.

INDIVIDUAL CANCELLATION FEES & REFUNDS: All cancellations must be received by CTC in writing via certified mail or facsimile. CTC will process your refund, minus a cancellation fee according to the following schedule:

- 1) \$150 if cancelled at least 150 days prior to the tour's departure date;
- 2) \$300 if cancelled 149 to 90 days prior to the tour's departure date;
- 3) \$400 plus any non-refundable amounts paid to and/or penalties assessed by airlines, hotels, or other suppliers of travel services (up to the total cost of the tour) if cancelled 89 to 8 days prior to the tour's departure date;
- 4) No refunds for cancellations received within 7 days of departure date.

The above cancellation fees and/or penalties will also apply if you register for an optional extension or airline routing, and you decide to cancel or change any of these. CTC strongly recommends the Passenger Travel Protection Program (see "PASSENGER TRAVEL PROTECTION PROGRAM" below.)

TOUR OPERATION & CANCELLATION: While no changes are anticipated, CTC expressly reserves the right to cancel all or any part of the tour or to make any changes to the itinerary, for any reason or whenever it deems it necessary for the comfort, convenience or safety of the tour participants. In the event of any alteration to the itinerary, every effort will be made to substitute the altered activity with a comparable replacement. If a tour is cancelled in its entirety, full refunds shall be issued within two weeks of such cancellation. This will constitute, in full, CTC's obligation to you and CTC bears no further responsibility beyond the full refund. CTC shall not be held liable and hereby expressly disclaims liability for any loss, expense, damage or inconvenience caused as a result of any tour cancellation or changes made to the itinerary. Furthermore, CTC is not responsible for any additional costs or fees relating to the issuance and/or cancellation of air tickets or other travel arrangements not made through CTC.

CANCELLATION BEYOND CTC'S CONTROL: CTC expressly disclaims any responsibility for any losses or expenses incurred due to cancellation or alteration of the tour resulting from, but not limited to: cancellations due to travel advisories or warnings issued by the State Department or any other relevant authority, acts of war, war, terrorism, acts of God, natural disasters or any other circumstance beyond CTC's control. In such case, CTC will assist you in requesting refunds for all services prepaid but not rendered, less a non-refundable \$200 per person administrative fee. CTC shall not be held responsible for any non-recoverable amounts disbursed to carriers or other service providers on your behalf.

PASSENGER TRAVEL PROTECTION PROGRAM: Passenger Travel Protection Program is offered by CTC and administered by Berkely Care, Ltd., and is strongly recommended. A Travel Protection Plan brochure consisting of a full description of coverage provided and exclusions, will be mailed with your invoice. The plan fee is based on the cash discount price and taxes (as well as single room supplement and airline add-ons, if applicable) and will appear as an optional item on your invoice. Travel Protection Plan cannot be purchased after you have made your final payment for the tour. All Travel Protection Plan fees are non-refundable.

HEALTH: Most foreign countries do not conform to the U.S.A. Disabilities Act standard. CTC cannot provide individual assistance to tour members for walking, dining, getting on and off motor coaches or other transportation vehicles. Participants who need such assistance must be accompanied by a qualified companion at all times and at their own expense. Furthermore, while CTC cannot accept responsibility for providing access to all facilities included in a tour, CTC will make every effort to assist in providing mobility aides to the extent feasible and with applicable costs borne by the participant. CTC assumes no responsibility for the participant's inability to fully participate in the tour, nor can CTC provide any refund for non-participation in any part of the tour.

AIR TRANSPORTATION: All airline tickets are round-trip economy class and are non-refundable unless specifically stated otherwise. Any cancellation, itinerary changes, or failure to use confirmed space would be subject to penalties and/or fees levied by the airline at the time of ticketing. Airfare, airline carrier, and airline schedules are subject to change without notice. Passengers arranging their own flights are responsible for meeting the group at the first hotel of the group's itinerary. CTC is not responsible for itinerary changes necessitated by changes in the airline's schedule. Airline and cruise fuel surcharges and security fee surcharges (if any) that occur after the date of printing of the brochure are the responsibility of the passenger.

DEVIATIONS: Deviations from the group flight itinerary are not possible. If you wish to make your own airline arrangements and purchase the "land only" version of the tour package, please contact your group coordinator for the "land only" pricing.

AIRLINE SEATING, FREQUENT FLYER & MEAL REQUESTS: Seating is on a group basis only. CTC cannot accommodate any individual requests. CTC advises that you contact the airline for frequent flyer miles and special meal requests two weeks prior to departure.

BAGGAGE: Baggage is at risk at all times. We strongly suggest that you bring only one piece of checked luggage and one carry-on. Portage is included at hotels only for one piece of luggage; the passenger is responsible at all times for carrying carry-on luggage. No portage at airports.

ACCOMMODATIONS AND MEALS: Based on double/twin accommodations with private bathroom facilities (limited number of single rooms available). No reduction for triple rooms. Triple room consists of twin/double room plus a rollaway bed, and confirmation is based on availability. If no roommate is available for you or your roommate cancels prior to departure, a single supplement surcharge will apply. Meals are menu of the day as shown in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner).

SIGHTSEEING: By private motor coach with English-speaking guide/escort. Entrance fees included per final itinerary.

PRICES: Pricing is based on exchange rates, fares applicable at the time of quotation and on minimum number of paying passengers stated in the brochure, and is therefore subject to change.

NOT INCLUDED: Passports and visas, meals not mentioned, beverages with meals, extras beyond standard menu, excess baggage, telephone calls, fuel surcharges, laundry or any other items not explicitly stated as included.

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Enclosed please find my \$400 per person deposit for the above referenced trip. By submitting this payment, I acknowledge that I have read, understood, and agree to the "Terms and Conditions" in the accompanying brochure. I agree to submit full payment 90 days prior to departure.

Please print in **BLOCK LETTERS** your complete Last Name, First Name and Middle Name as they appear on your PASSPORT.

Last Name _____ First and Middle Name _____

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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Tel: (_____) _____ Office Tel: (_____) _____

Email: _____ Date of Birth: _____ / _____ / _____ Gender: M / F

Do you or will you hold an American Passport at the time of travel? _____ If not, what nationality? _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Rooming Information (Please select one)

- I wish to room with _____ (enter name) _____ (relation if any)
- Please try to find a roommate for me. I understand if per chance you cannot find a roommate for me, I will be obliged to pay the single room supplement. Age: _____ ; Smoking: ___ Yes ___ No. (See terms and conditions.)
- I wish a single room at a supplement of \$545. Subject to availability and confirmation.

↓ PLEASE SELECT ONE OF THE TWO FORMS OF PAYMENT BELOW ↓

Cash Discount Price

- I wish to pay the cash discount price using my personal or cashiers check as my form of payment: **\$2999 from Houston (IAH)** plus airport taxes, security fees & current fuel surcharges of \$375 and tips of \$100. Please return this form with \$400 deposit payable to Catholic Travel Centre. You will receive an invoice including the optional Travel Protection Plan fee of \$219. The invoice will show your balance and due date.

Standard Base Price

- I wish to pay the standard base price using my credit card as my form of payment: **\$3178 from Houston (IAH)** plus airport taxes, security fees & current fuel surcharges of \$375 and tips of \$100. You will receive an invoice including the optional Travel Protection Plan fee of \$219. The invoice will show your balance and due date.

Credit Card Payment Authorization

I authorize Catholic Travel Centre to charge the standard base price amount, plus other fees outlined above to my credit card listed below (\$400 will be charged now; balance of payment will be charged to your card per the invoice due date.)

Credit Card Type: VISA MASTERCARD
Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____
Name as it appears on credit card _____
Signature _____ Date _____

Address where you receive your credit card statement if different from above:

Address _____
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Make Check Payable to: Catholic Travel Centre

Mail to: 4444 Riverside Drive, Suite 301, Burbank, CA 91505

Note: Further information on travel protection program will be sent within two weeks of receipt of your registration and deposit.