REGISTRATION FORM

Please reserve _____ seat(s) on:

A JUBILEE YEAR CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE TOUR TO ITALY WITH FR. JED SUMAMPONG

April 21 – May 3, 2025

Please enclose a \$500 deposit per person

Name(s) _____

Address

Cell Phone: _____

Home Phone: _____

E-Mail:

Rooming with: _____

OR

 \Box I request a single room at an additional \$800.

My signature on the line below indicates that I have read and agree to the terms and conditions in this brochure.

Send check or money order to: **PILGRIMAGE TOURS LLC** 1766 Scherersville Road Allentown, PA 18104

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

AIR TRANSPORTATION: Round-trip coach class on American, Delta, United or other International Air Transport Association member. Meals served in flight.

LAND TRANSPORTATION & SERVICES: By deluxe airconditioned motor coach with professional driver, services of an English-speaking tour director, any local guides, all admission & entrance fees and international airport transfers. Mass scheduled daily. Daily schedule per your itinerary, however we reserve the right to modify any itinerary if circumstances deem necessary.

LODGING: First-class accommodations, based upon double occupancy with <u>limited</u> single accommodations available at an additional charge of \$800.

MEALS: Breakfast Buffet and Dinner DAILY.

ALSO INCLUDED IN PRICE: Round-trip transfer service to Newark Liberty Airport. All taxes, including airport taxes. Gratuities for tour directors, local guides, bus drivers, porters, wait staff, housekeeping and front desk personnel. Tipping will be conducted by a tour leader during the course of your tour.

NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE: The cost of obtaining your passport and any required visa fees, meals not included as well as wine bottled water, coffee or tea, excess luggage, airport service charges, any sightseeing not included in the itinerary, and any credit card processing fees.

GROUP REQUIREMENT: The minimum number of passengers needed to assure a group's departure is 15. We reserve the right to cancel up to 30 days from departure should the total number of registered passengers be fewer than 15. If there are fewer than 15 passengers, Pilgrimage Tours will do all that is possible to assure your group's departure without having to resort to charging a supplemental fee for a group with less than 15 passengers. If Pilgrimage Tours cancels the tour, you will receive a full refund.

DEPOSIT AND FULL PAYMENT: A deposit/payment of \$500 towards the price of the tour, per person is required to book your reservation. The balance is due two months prior to departure; February 21, 2025. Balances not paid by this date may be subject to a \$100 late payment fee. Reservations made within 30 days of departure may be subject to a \$100 late reservation fee. Upon receipt of your completed registration form and deposit, a confirmation invoice along with travel insurance & other information will be mailed to you.

INSURANCE: Trip Cancellation and Interruption Insurance is highly recommended. Cancellation fees are covered by CSA Travel Protection's plan, as long as your premium has been paid, your policy is in effect and the reason for your canceling is insurable. Waivers for pre-existing medical conditions are available at no additional cost, but your policy must be purchased before your final payment for the tour. **CANCELLATION FEES:** Passengers not taking the CSA travel insurance need to be aware of the following cancellation fees. From day of registration to three months prior to departure, you may cancel for any reason without penalty and receive a full refund of your deposit. The remaining cancellation fee schedule is as follows: 89-60 days = \$300; 59-45 days = 50% of tour price; 44-30 days = 75% of tour price; 29-15 days = 80% of tour price; 14 days or less = 100% of tour price.

RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY: Pilgrimage Tours LLC acts only as an agent for hotels, transportation companies, sightseeing tours or any service in connection with the itineraries of tour members who by acceptance thereof, acknowledge that neither Pilgrimage Tours LLC and/or its agents and suppliers shall be liable for accident, injury, damage, loss, liability or expense to person or property due to any acts by hotel, carrier or other company providing services included in the tour. Further, Pilgrimage Tours LLC and its agents accept no responsibility for any sickness, theft, loss of property, labor disputes, machinery breakdown, government restraints, acts of war and terrorism or by acts of God, pandemics, weather conditions, defect in any vehicle of transportation or for any misadventure or casualty or any other causes beyond their control. Any ARC or IATA carrier, including airlines, are not responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their planes or conveyances. Prices are estimated based on exchange rates and fuel charges effective June 15, 2024. Pilgrimage Tours LLC reserves the right to charge additional fees for any significant changes in either exchange rates or fuel surcharges.

PILGRIMAGE TOURS LLC 1766 Scherersville Road Allentown, PA 18104

E-mail: PilgrimageTours@aol.com www.catholic-pilgrimage-tours.com

1-800-278-1351

All deposits by check or money order. If paying your final balance by credit card, the price of the tour will be \$5,995.

For more information:

E-mail Madeleine Jabonillo at mjabonillo@aol.com

You Are Invited To Join Fr. Jed Sumampong

on a 13-day Jubilee Year Catholic Pilgrimage Tour to Italy



Saint Peter's Basilica

<u>Including:</u> Orvieto, Assisi, Loreto, Lanciano, San Giovanni Rotondo, Pietrelcina, Sorrento, Capri, Pompeii, Amalfi, Rome & the Vatican.

April 21 – May 3, 2025

\$5,695

All-inclusive from New York - JFK

DAILY MASS AT THE HOLY SITES

A JUBILEE YEAR CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE TOUR TO ITALY

UNDER THE SPIRITUAL DIRECTION OF FR. JED SUMAMPONG

April 21, 2025 - Monday NEW YORK / ITALY

Today we gather at New York's JFK International Airport for our overnight flight to Italy. Meals are served on board our transatlantic flight.

April 22, 2025 - Tuesday ROME / ORVIETO / ASSISI

Upon our arrival in Rome, we meet our Pilgrimage Tours' tour director who will remain with us until the end of our tour. From the airport we drive north through the Umbrian Hills to the town of Orvieto for a visit to its impressive Cathedral, dedicated to the Assumption of Mary, where the blood-stained linen corporal of the miracle of Bolsena is enshrined. Later in the afternoon we drive to the medieval town of Assisi, the home of Saint Francis, the gentlest of saints. We arrive for a visit and celebration of Mass at the Basilica of Santa Maria degli Angeli, built to enclose the tiny Church of the Porziuncola, Saint Francis' first retreat and place of prayer, where he consecrated Clare as the Bride of Christ. Finally, we arrive at our hotel for check-in, followed by dinner. Overnight in Assisi.

April 23, 2025 - Wednesday ASSISI

This morning we awake in Assisi, where we will enjoy a full day visiting the important sites in the life of the "gentlest of all saints". We begin our day with a visit and celebration of Mass in the Lower Basilica of St. Francis. Following Mass, we will visit the Basilica of St. Clare, the foundress of the Poor Clare nuns, and see the crucifix that spoke to St. Francis in San Damiano. Following free time for lunch and shopping in Assisi's historic center, we will visit the Cathedral of San Rufino where both St. Francis & St. Clare were baptized. Later in the afternoon we arrive in San Damiano to pray in the place where Francis wrote the "Canticle of the Sun". Dinner and overnight in Assisi.

April 24, 2025 - Thursday ASSISI / LORETO / LANCIANO / SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO

Today we bid farewell to Assisi and drive to Loreto, one of Italy's leading pilgrimage sites, where local tradition says angels moved the house that had been the Holy Family's home in Nazareth. Here we visit the Sanctuary of the Holy House and explore its grounds. In the afternoon we arrive in Lanciano where a priest who was doubtful about the Real Presence, during his celebration of Mass, witnessed the host had turned into flesh and the wine into blood. Here we will visit the Church of San Francesco, the Sanctuary of the Eucharistic Miracle. Following Mass, we continue driving south and enter the Region of Puglia to reach San Giovanni Rotondo, the home to Padre Pio, who was made a saint in 2002 by Pope John Paul II. Here we will learn of the extraordinary life and reputation for sanctity of the Franciscan Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, who lived, labored, and died here in 1968. The remainder of our day is free to explore the grounds and institutions Padre Pio helped to build. Dinner and overnight in San Giovanni Rotondo.

April 25, 2025 – Friday SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO / MONTE SANT'ANGELO

Our day begins with a drive to nearby Monte Sant'Angelo, one of the most ancient of Christian shrines, dedicated to the Archangel Michael who appeared here in the 5th and 8th centuries. Following Mass in the Grotto of St. Michael, we enjoy free time for personal exploration of the Sanctuary of the Archangel Michael. In the afternoon we return to San Giovanni Rotondo and visit the Saint Pio Church and the beautiful mosaic crypt that houses a glass reliquary containing Saint Pio's body. The remainder of our afternoon is free at the shrine. Dinner and overnight in San Giovanni Rotondo.

April 26, 2025 - Saturday SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO / PIETRELCINA / SORRENTO

This morning we celebrate Mass inside the Church of Santa Maria delle Grazie, where Saint Pio celebrated Mass for many years. Following Mass, we drive to Pietrelcina, the birth place of Saint Padre Pio and where he experienced the first apparitions of Jesus and Mary. Here we will visit his home, as well as the Church of Saint Anna, where Padre Pio was baptized and received his first communion. Following a visit to the Convent of Friars Minor Capuchin Pietrelcina, we continue onto the town of Sorrento on the Bay of Naples, one of Italy's loveliest resorts with its captivating views of the coastline and majestic Mount Vesuvius. We enjoy a walk to Sorrento's historic center, where we will visit the Cathedral of Saints Philip & James as well as visit the Basilica of Saint Antonino, the patron saint of Sorrento. Finally, we arrive at our hotel for check-in. Dinner and overnight in Sorrento.

April 27, 2025 - Sunday SORRENTO / CAPRI

This morning we depart for our boat ride to the fabled Isle of Capri and an enjoyable day on the Mediterranean Sea. We tour the island and see some of its spectacular and enchanting sights, including the rock formation Faraglioni situated off the coast and La Piazzetta with its cafes and shops. We will visit the wonderful look-out point of Giardini di Augusto, as well as visit and celebrate Mass at the Church of Saint Stephen, followed by free time for lunch and shopping. Later in the afternoon we visit the village of Anacapri with its panoramic views. Here we visit the Church of San Michele, famous for its marvelous hand painted ceramic floor. Late afternoon we return to the harbor for a panoramic boat tour around Capri prior to returning to mainland Italy. Dinner and overnight in Sorrento.

April 28, 2025 – Monday SORRENTO / POMPEII / AMALFI

Our day begins with a visit to the ancient city of Pompeii, famous for its destruction due to the volcanic eruption of Mount Vesuvius in the year 79 AD. Pompeii was "lost" for nearly 1,700 years before it was rediscovered by archaeologists in the mid-18th century. Here we will explore the archeological site and ruins of the Roman city destroyed by Mount Vesuvius. We will also visit and celebrate Mass at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Rosary. In the afternoon, we arrive in Amalfi on the Gulf of Salerno, where we enjoy free time for lunch and shopping prior to our visit to Saint Andrew's Cathedral, housing relics of the Apostle. We return to Sorrento for dinner and overnight.

April 29, 2025 - Tuesday SORRENTO / ROME

Today we drive to the Eternal City of Rome. Upon our arrival, we will drive by a section of the ancient Appian Way, the traditional pilgrims' route followed by Peter and Paul, en route to the ancient Catacombs of St. Callixtus, where we enjoy a guided tour. Following free time for lunch, we will visit the Basilica of Saint Paul's Outside the Walls, where the Apostle is buried. Here we will walk through St. Paul's Holy Door and celebrate Mass. Next, we arrive at our hotel for check-in. Following dinner this evening, we enjoy our "Rome by Night" motor coach tour, including a walk to the worldfamous Trevi Fountain. Overnight in Rome.

April 30, 2025 – Wednesday ROME – Papal Audience

This morning we attend the Papal Audience with the Holy Father. Following our time with Pope Francis and free time for lunch, we will visit the Basilica of Saint Mary Major, the most important church in the world devoted to Our Lady. After walking through St. Mary's Holy Door, we celebrate Mass where Mass has been celebrated every day since the 5th century. While at St. Mary's we enjoy some free time for prayer and further exploration of this wonderful basilica. We will next visit the Church of St. Alphonsus Liguori, where the original Our Lady of Perpetual Help icon is housed above the main altar. Our day concludes with free time in Piazza del Popolo or "People's Square", where one may choose to visit the Basilica of Santa Maria del Popolo to see Caravaggio's *Crucifixion of Saint Peter*. Dinner and overnight in Rome.

May 1, 2025 - Thursday ROME – the Vatican

Our day begins with a celebration of Mass at Saint Peter's Basilica. Following Mass, we enjoy a guided tour of the Basilica, where we see a young Michelangelo's wonderful *Pieta*. Here we enjoy free time for personal exploration of the basilica where you may choose to visit the Vatican Grottos and of course walk through the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica. We will next visit one of the great art collections in the world, the Vatican Museums. At the end of the tour, we visit Michelangelo's Sistine Chapel that has been restored to its original beauty. In the afternoon, we enjoy free time for lunch and shopping near St. Peter's Square on the Via Ottaviano and Via Cola di Rienzo. Later in the afternoon, we will visit the Basilica of Saint John Lateran, the Pope's cathedral church where relics of both Peter and Paul remain under the main altar. As we enter the basilica through its Holy Door, we will see its impressive statues of each of the Apostles. From here we cross the street to visit the church of the Scala Santa. Here we see the Holv Staircase of 28 marble steps (now covered in wood) which is believed to be a staircase from Pilate's palace in Jerusalem and brought to Rome by Saint Helen in the 4th century. Our day of sightseeing concludes with a visit to the Basilica of Santa Croce in Gerusalemme (Holy Cross), which houses pieces of the True Cross. Finally, we arrive at Piazza di Spagna where we enjoy free time near the famous Spanish Steps. Dinner and overnight in Rome.

May 2, 2025 - Friday ROME

Our day begins with a drive to Capitoline Hill, where we will enjoy a view of the ancient Roman Forum and see Constantine's Arch, the Arch of Titus, the Circus Maximus, and ancient Roman Aqueducts. We arrive for a visit and celebration of Mass at the Basilica of Saint Peter in Chains, which contains a glass reliquary displaying the chains of Saint Peter. Following Mass, we enjoy a guided tour of the Colosseum. In the afternoon, we arrive at the vibrant Piazza Navona, where we enjoy free time for lunch and shopping. Later in the afternoon we will visit the ancient Pantheon, the best-preserved building of ancient Rome. This evening, we gather for our "farewell dinner" at Ristorante La Carovana. Overnight in Rome.

May 3, 2025 - Saturday ROME / NEW YORK

Following breakfast, we transfer to Rome's Leonardo da Vinci Airport in Fiumicino for our return flight home. Though our pilgrimage draws to a close, its blessings will last a lifetime and its graces are certain to draw us closer to the Lord.