

REGISTRATION FORM

Please reserve _____ seat(s) on:

AN 11-DAY CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE TOUR TO ITALY

LED BY FR. PAUL SPARKLIN

Sept. 28 – Oct. 8, 2026

Please enclose a \$500 deposit per person

Name(s) _____

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Rooming with: _____

OR

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 only 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 air-conditioned motor coach with professional driver, services of an English-speaking tour manager, 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 limited single accommodations available at an additional charge of \$800.

MEALS: Breakfast Buffet and Dinner DAILY.

ALSO INCLUDED IN PRICE: 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.

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 of \$500 towards the price of the tour, per person, is required to book your reservation. The balance is to be paid in full 75 days prior to departure - July 15, 2026. Balances not paid by this date may be subject to a \$100 late payment fee. Reservations made within 60 days of departure may be subject to a higher price. Upon receipt of your registration form and deposit, a confirmation invoice along with a travel insurance flyer and other information will be mailed to you. Passport picture page copies should be included with your final payment.

INSURANCE: Trip Cancellation and Interruption Insurance is highly recommended. Cancellation fees are covered by Generali Global Assistance's plan, if 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 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.

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All deposits by check or money order only.

Please note the "cash price" for the tour is \$5,695. If paying your final balance by credit card, the price of the tour will be \$5,895.

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DAILY MASS AT THE HOLY SITES

A CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE TOUR TO ITALY

UNDER THE SPIRITUAL DIRECTION OF FR. PAUL SPARKLIN

September 28, 2026 - Monday **WASHINGTON D.C. / ITALY**

Today we gather at Washington's Dulles International Airport for our connecting flight to Italy. Meals are served on board our transatlantic flight.

September 29, 2026 - Tuesday **MILAN / PADUA**

Today we arrive in Milan and are met by our Pilgrimage Tours' tour manager who will remain with us until the end of our tour. We depart the airport and arrive for a visit to Milan's beautiful Cathedral, or "Duomo", where Saint Ambrose baptized Saint Augustine. Following Mass at the Basilica of San Carlo al Corso, we depart for Padua, the home of Saint Anthony, where he centered his preaching mission. We arrive at our hotel for dinner and overnight in Padua.

September 30, 2026 - Wednesday **PADUA / FLORENCE / PISTOIA**

This morning we will visit and celebrate Mass at Saint Anthony's Basilica, where we will see the tomb of St. Anthony. Following our Mass, we depart for the Tuscany region of Italy and the center of the Renaissance. Upon our arrival and following free time for lunch, we enjoy a guided tour of Florence's main sights, including the Cathedral with its magnificent Dome by Brunelleschi, Giotto's elegant belfry and the Baptistery with Ghiberti's Gate to Paradise. Dinner and overnight outside Florence in Pistoia.

October 1, 2026 - Thursday **PISTOIA / FLORENCE**

Our day begins with a visit and celebration of Mass at the Basilica di Santa Croce. Here we will see the tombs of several renowned figures, including

Michelangelo, Galileo, and Machiavelli. We will next visit Florence's famous Uffizi Gallery, housing one of the world's most celebrated collections of art, featuring iconic works that shaped the Italian Renaissance. Following our visit to the Uffizi Gallery, the remainder of our day is free for personal exploration of Florence. We return to Pistoia for dinner and overnight.

October 2, 2026 - Friday **FLORENCE / SIENA / ASSISI**

This morning we drive to Siena, the quiet hometown of St. Catherine, second only to Florence in its contribution to the Renaissance. Here we will visit and celebrate Mass at the Basilica of San Domenico, followed by a visit to the Church of the Crucifix to see the Cross where Saint Catherine received the stigmata. Following free time for lunch in Piazza del Campo, we enjoy a guided tour of the historic center of Siena, including a visit to Siena's magnificent dark-green and white striped Cathedral. Late afternoon we continue onto Assisi, the birthplace of the gentlest of saints, Saint Francis. We arrive at our hotel in Assisi for dinner and overnight.

October 3, 2026 - Saturday **ASSISI**

Today we enjoy a full day in the medieval town of Assisi. We begin our day with a visit to the Lower Basilica of St. Francis. From here, we will arrive at the Church of St. Mary Major to view the body of the Church's newest saint; Saint Carlo Acutis, who was canonized last year. We will next pay a visit to the Basilica of Saint Clare, Francis' friend and 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. From here, we journey to San Damiano to pray in the place where Francis wrote the "Canticle of the Sun". Our day concludes with 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' place of prayer and where he consecrated Clare as the Bride of Christ. Following Mass, we return to our hotel. Dinner and overnight in Assisi.

October 4, 2026 - Sunday (Feast of Saint Francis)

ASSISI / ROME

Following Mass this morning in Assisi, we drive to the Eternal City of Rome. Upon our arrival, we will visit to the first of the four major basilicas of Rome, the wonderful Basilica of Saint Paul's Outside the Walls, where the Apostle is buried. Here we will explore the basilica's beautiful grounds before continuing onto the ancient Catacombs of St. Calixtus, passing by the ancient Appian Way, the traditional pilgrims' route followed by Peter and Paul. Following our tour of the Catacombs, we will next visit Santa Croce in Gerusalemme (Church of the Holy Cross), which house pieces of the True Cross. Following check-in and dinner at our hotel, we enjoy a panoramic tour of "Rome by night", including a walk to see the world famous Trevi Fountain. Overnight in Rome.

October 5, 2026 - Monday **ROME**

Today we embark on a day's worth of sightseeing beginning with a drive to Capitoline Hill, where we will enjoy a view of the ancient Roman Forum and see Septimius Severus Arch and the Arch of Titus. Next, we see the Caracalla Baths and the Circus Maximus before we stop for some free time outside the famous Colosseum and an opportunity for some picture taking. We will next visit another of Rome's major basilicas, Saint Mary Major, the most important church in the world devoted to Our Lady. We celebrate Mass where Mass has been celebrated every day since the 5th century. Following Mass, we will visit the beautiful Church of Santa Prassede, which houses a piece of The Column of the Flagellation, where Jesus was scourged before his Crucifixion. In the afternoon we will visit one of the great art collections in the world, the Vatican Museums. Our tour culminates with Michelangelo's masterpiece, the Sistine Chapel, which was recently restored to its original splendor. Dinner and overnight in Rome.

October 6, 2026 - Tuesday **ROME**

Our day begins with a visit to St. Peter's Basilica for our celebration of Mass. Following Mass, we enjoy a guided tour of St. Peter's Basilica, where we see a young Michelangelo's wonderful Pieta followed by a visit to the Tombs of the Popes in the Vatican Grottoes. Following free time for lunch and shopping near St. Peter's Square, we will visit the Church of Santo Spirito in Sassia, where in 1994 Saint John Paul II appointed the church as the Divine Mercy Spiritual Centre. 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, 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 Holy 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 concludes in Piazza di Spagna to see the Spanish Steps and enjoy free time for shopping. Dinner and overnight in Rome.

October 7, 2026 - Wednesday **ROME - Papal Audience**

This morning we arrive at the Vatican for an Audience with the Holy Father. Following free time for lunch and shopping in Piazza Navona, we will visit the world-famous Pantheon. Later in the afternoon, we will visit and celebrate Mass in the Basilica of Santa Maria sopra Minerva. The church houses the tombs of Saint Catherine of Siena and the great early Renaissance painter Fra Angelico. Our day concludes with a visit to the Church of the Gesu', mother church of the Jesuit Order, which contains the remains of its founder Saint Ignatius of Loyola. This evening, we enjoy our "farewell dinner" at Ristorante La Carovana. Overnight in Rome.

October 8, 2026 - Thursday **ROME / WASHINGTON D.C.**

We rise for breakfast and depart for Leonardo da Vinci Airport to board 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.