

Join St. Michael's Catholic Church
on a Pilgrimage to

ITALY

NOVEMBER 6-16, 2023



PILGRIMAGE LEADER:
Fr. Michael Dion,
Spiritual Director



Monte Cassino



St. Peter's Basilica



Colosseum



Monte Sant'Angelo



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DAY 1: NOVEMBER 6, 2023 • DEPART FOR ROME

Make your way to your local airport, where you will board your overnight flight(s). Your meals will be served on board.

DAY 2: NOVEMBER 7, 2023 | Arrival in Rome – Pietrelcina | San Giovanni Rotondo 🏠

Upon arrival in Rome airport, we will meet our guide and enjoy our first glimpse of the Italian countryside as we drive to the town of Pietrelcina, birthplace of St. Pio. After free time for lunch, we will enjoy a guided tour of the quaint town where we will hear of the early years of Francesco Forgione and how he overcame many obstacles in order to fulfil his dream of becoming "a monk with a beard." We will visit the Forgione family home where baby Francesco was born and the Church of Sant'Anna where he was baptized. In the Church of the Holy Family, we will celebrate the opening Mass of our pilgrimage and afterwards, in nearby Piana Romana will visit the Chapel of St. Francis where we will have time for prayer before the tree beneath which Padre Pio received the first signs of the stigmata. We will continue our drive to San Giovanni Rotondo, home to Padre Pio for over fifty years. Arriving at our hotel, we will check into our rooms and have a group dinner. Overnight in San Giovanni Rotondo (1).

DAY 3: NOVEMBER 8, 2023 | San Giovanni Rotondo ☕ 🏠

This morning we will celebrate Mass in the ancient Church of Our Lady of Grace where Padre Pio spent many hours each day hearing confessions, and afterwards in the English Office will receive a blessing with the glove and crucifix used by the capuchin friar. After lunch on our own, we will walk in the footsteps of Padre Pio during his time in San Giovanni Rotondo. Visiting the capuchin friary will allow us to learn more about the "poor friar who prays" as he often described himself. Here we will have the opportunity to see the cell once occupied by the humble friar and the crucifix before which he received the stigmata. Our day will conclude with a visit to the Church of St. Pio of Pietrelcina where we will have time for private prayer before the mortal remains of the great saint of our time. Group dinner and overnight in San Giovanni Rotondo (1).

DAY 4: NOVEMBER 9, 2023 | San Giovanni Rotondo | Monte Sant'Angelo | San Marco in Lamis ☕ 🏠

After breakfast, we drive to the town of Monte Sant'Angelo we will hear of the apparitions of the Archangel Michael before we celebrate Mass. Afterwards, we will enjoy a stroll through this unique town with its cobbled streets and quaint, white-washed houses. In the afternoon we will drive to the nearby St. Matthew's monastery and receive a blessing with the relic of St. Matthew and Holy Oil. Before returning to our hotel, we will stop at the cemetery in San Giovanni Rotondo and have time for prayer at the tombs of Fr. Alessio and Fr. Joseph Pius and visit the chapel where the parents of Padre Pio and Mary Pyle are entombed. Dinner on your own and overnight in San Giovanni Rotondo (3).

DAY 5: NOVEMBER 10, 2023 | San Giovanni Rotondo | Monte Cassino | Rome ☕ 🏠

Following breakfast, you will board your bus to enjoy the scenic route to Monte Cassino. Passing through the Roman countryside that is known for its villas and vineyards. During the bus ride, your tour escort will share interesting information regarding the spiritual, historical, and cultural aspects of Italy. Monte Cassino, the principal monastery of the Benedictine Order, was founded by Saint Benedict around 530 A.D. Celebrate Mass. Following the tour, there will be an opportunity to visit the gift shop, before you board the bus to continue toward Rome. Group dinner and overnight in Rome (1).

DAY 6: NOVEMBER 11, 2023 | Rome | Vatican Museums/Sistine Chapel ☕ 🏠

This morning, you will enjoy an early breakfast before making your way to the largest church in Christendom, St. Peter's Basilica. Celebrate Mass. This Basilica was built on the site where St. Peter, the first Pope and Bishop of Rome, was martyred. Also, it was Our Holy Father, Pope Francis, who was the first Pontiff to visit the necropolis since extensive archaeological excavations were conducted at the ancient site decades ago. It is here that you will view Michelangelo's Pieta. This stunning marble sculpture depicts the Virgin Mary holding Christ after His crucifixion, death, and removal off the cross before being placed in the tomb. Continue to proceed to the Vatican Museums. At the world-renowned museum, you will see the most impressive of edifices, galleries, and awe-inspiring relics. Additionally, you will observe the Tapestry Gallery, Raphael Rooms, Sistine Chapel, and Michelangelo's Masterpiece, the restored mural of the Last Judgment. The final stop on your Vatican tour is at the tomb of Saint John Paul II. Tour as well the Scavi (underground tunnels beneath the Vatican) (subject to be confirmed). Balance of the day at leisure. Group dinner this evening and overnight in Rome (2).

DAY 7: NOVEMBER 12, 2023 | Rome | Sunday Mass/Angelus | Evening Vespers ☕

This morning attend Sunday Mass at St. Peter's Basilica and remain in St. Peter's Square for the Holy Father's Angelus. The balance of the afternoon is leisure time. Lunch and an early dinner on your own. This evening visit the North American College (PNAC) and participate in Vespers with the seminary community. (subject to client arrangement) Overnight in Rome (3).

DAY 8: NOVEMBER 13, 2023 | Day Excursion | Orvieto ☕ 🏠

This morning depart for the lovely Etruscan town of Orvieto in Umbria. Take a guided tour to see the church and learn about the Eucharistic Miracle of Corpus Christi. Also see the famous cycle of frescoes by Signorelli. Orvieto is famous for its ambiance highlighted by cobblestone streets, fantastic pottery, world famous wine and Italy's most famous mosaic façade on its Duomo. Celebrate Mass at the Duomo. Return to Rome in the late afternoon. Group dinner and overnight in Rome (4).

DAY 9: NOVEMBER 14, 2023 | Rome | Catacombs ☕

This morning celebrate Mass at Santa Maria Sopra Minerva. After Mass, we will spend the balance of the morning visiting St Callistus Catacombs. This afternoon escape the crowds at Rome's blockbuster sights and discover the lesser-known artistic treasures in the Chiesa di Sant'Ignazio di Loyola and Chiesa del Gesù with your guide. Admire masterpieces like the three-dimensional trompe l'oeil dome and tomb of St. Ignatius by Jesuit artist Andrea Pozzo in two of the most important Jesuit churches in the world while learning about the history of the order and its premier artist. Evening at your leisure. Dinner on your own. Overnight in Rome (5).

DAY 10: NOVEMBER 15, 2023 | Rome | Christian Rome Tour ☕ 🏠

This morning embark on a Christian Rome Tour, including St. Mary Major, St. Paul Outside the Walls, and St. John in Lateran, which is the Cathedral of Rome. Celebrate Mass. Then see the Holy Steps climbed by Christ in Jerusalem, and the Basilica of the Holy Cross where some of Christianity's most important relics are housed, including a piece of the True Cross, thorn and nails. Farewell dinner at a local restaurant and overnight in Rome (6).

DAY 11: NOVEMBER 16, 2023 | Departure ☕

Morning transfer to Rome Fiumicino airport for return flight back home.



= BREAKFAST |



= DINNER

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- Round trip scheduled commercial economy air from Seattle, WA (SEA) to Rome, Italy (FCO) (including fuel surcharges and government-imposed fees of \$300 as of November 2022; final amount subject to change)
- 9 nights' accommodations at 4-star hotels
 - 3 nights in San Giovanni Rotondo
 - 6 nights in Rome
- Continental breakfast daily
- 6 dinners, including a Welcome and Farewell Dinner with wine
- Luxury motor coach for airport transfers in Italy and specified sightseeing
- Local, Catholic tour manager while in Italy
- CTS Tour manager from the USA
- Local guides according to the itinerary
- Sightseeing and entrance fees according to the itinerary
- Arrangements of daily Mass including donations in unique and historical churches (all locations are tentative and subject to confirmation)
- Hotel & city taxes and portorage for 1 piece of luggage
- Gratuities payable to escort, guides, and drivers
- Whisper sets

YOUR TOUR DOES NOT INCLUDE:

- Airport transfers for travelers not on group flights
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- Beverages with meals unless specified
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PAYMENT & CANCELLATION TERMS:

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