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Day 1: Monday, April 21, 2014 - MILWAUKEE / ROME

Tour members are welcomed at an international airport for our overnight flight to Rome via wide body aircraft arriving the next morning. Meals served on board. Begin to imagine all the graces in store for us as we begin our journey to the Canonization ceremony of our beloved Popes John XXIII and John Paul II.

Day 2: Tuesday 4/22, ROME

Buon giorno Italia! Upon our arrival in Rome, we catch our first glimpses of the Eternal City as our private motor coach escorts us to the hotel to check in for a welcome dinner and overnight. [D]

Day 3: Wednesday 4/23, ROME (PAPAL AUDIENCE) / ASSISI

After breakfast, our day begins as we proceed to St Peter's Square for the Papal Audience (provided our Holy Father is home). We listen to the words of His Holiness Pope Francis and receive his blessing with pilgrims from all over the world. After the audience, we board our motor coach and proceed through the Umbrian hills to the peaceful town of Assisi. Today's journey concludes as we make our way up the hill to check in at our hotel for dinner and overhight. [B, D]

Day 4: Thursday 4/24, ASSISI / FLORENCE / ASSISI

Today, we proceed to the lower plains of Assisi to visit the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels built in 1569 to protect the Porziuncola (the church St. Francis restored in 1205 and the birthplace of the Franciscans). We also see the statue of St. Francis with the live white doves, the thomless rose bushes and the cave where St. Francis prayed in solitude. From there, we travel by motorcoach to the exciting city of Florence to see the sites as time permits. Our first stop in Florence will be at the Piazza Michelangelo where we enjoy a spectacular panoramic view of the city. Then, we proceed to San Miniato al Monte, known locally as St Minias on the Hill. This church was constructed on the grave of the Saint Minias and is one of the most authentic Romanesque churches in all of Tuscany. Next, we visit the Duomo' (the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore), view the Campanile (bell tower) and Baptistery with its golden doors by Ghiberti. A brief stop at the Academia of Fine Arts enables us to see the original statue of "David" before we see the one of the copies in the Piazza della Signoria. Today the Piazza is a popular area for people to stroll and gather and in

the past it served as a place of public meeting and even execution. Our sightseeing tour will end in front of the Ponte Vecchio. We will make our way to Santa Croce area where we will have free time to explore on our own.



Duomo, Florence

We gather on the motor coach for our return trip to Assisi for dinner and overnight. [B, D]

Day 5: Friday 4/25, ASSISI / ROME



Basilica of St. Francis, Assisi

An early start will help us as we explore the city of Assisi. We are escorted by cars to the church of St Damiano. After we spend a little time there we visit the Basilica of St Clare, which houses her incorrupt body in a

crystal casket in the crypt. Off the main have of the Basilica is the crucifix from which Christ spoke to St Francis in San Damiano. St Francis heard a voice say, "Go Francis, repair my church, which is in ruin." Thinking that God was telling him to rebuild San Damiano, Francis renounced worldly goods and began immediately to repair the building. Only later did the saint realize that God had been speaking of His living Church. Next, we visit one of Christianity's most revered shrines, the Basilica of St Francis, and see the frescoes depicting events in the life of this gentle saint. We celebrate Holy Mass there (subject to confirmation). After Mass, there will be some free time to explore the city on your own. Suggestions include:

- Revisit the sites to which you feel the most drawn. • Spend time in prayer.

 Visit Santa Maria Sopra Minerva, the "underground" ruins of Assisi, the fortress of Roco Maggiori, the Cathedral (Duomo) and it's museum, and/or Carceri (St. Francis' retreat - an arduous hike up a steep hill - taxis available).

• Stroll through the city. Relax and observe the culture and its people.

Spend some time shopping for special mementoes.

Then we gather on the motor coach for our return to Rome. We check in at our hotel for dinner and overnight. [B, D]



Day 6: Saturday 4/26, ROME

Our day begins as we celebrate Holy Mass at the Basilica of St John's Lateran Church, the Cathedral church of the Pope. This church was originally built by Constantine when he ended the Christian persecutions. Here we see the Altar that holds the relics of Sts. Peter and Paul. Holy Mass will be celebrated there (subject to confirmation). Next to the Basilica is the Baptistery and across

the street we the Sancta Scalia - Holy Stairs, which were transported from Pilate's palace in Jerusalem and on which the Savior climbed before His crucifixion. At the top is the Sancta Sanctorum, the 14th-century religuary chapel of Pope Boniface VII. Those who wish to pray each step on their knees may do so. The option to take the side stairs on foot is also available. Then, we stop at the Basilica of St Mary Major, a beautiful Marian church. Inside the Basilica we view relics of Jesus' manger from Bethlehem. From there, we visit St. Alphonsus which is located close to the Basilica of St. Mary Major. The church was built and named in honor of the founder of the Redemptorist Congregation, St. Alphonsus Liguon, but was dedicated to the Most Redeemer. The church contains the original Picture of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. We have the opportunity to venerate this Holy icon.' This evening, join friends or enjoy a private sampling of authentic Italian cuisine at the trattoria (local diner) or restaurant of your choice as dinner is on **your own**. Overnight in Rome. [B]



1958-1963

Day 7: Sunday 4/27, ROME (CANONIZATION)

1978-2005

We have the rare privilege of being in St. Peter's Square this morning for the Canonization Celebration of our beloved Popes John Paul II and John XXIII. Note: Due to the large number of pilgrims expected for the canonization Mass, we cannot guarantee that our group will actually be in St. Peter's Square. We may be in an adjoining street or a different site watching the Mass on a screen. Bom in Poland to the name Karol Józef Wojtyla, John Paul Il made history for becoming the first non-Italian pope in more than 400 years. His vocal advocacy for human rights coupled with his charisma afforded him the opportunity to use his influence to propel political changes and also bring about the fall of communism in his native country. He was elected Pope in 1978 and was well loved until his death in 2005. Also being canonized by Our Holy Father Pope Francis is John XXIII, born to the name Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli of Italian sharecroppers. He was Pope from 1958-1963, called for the Second Vatican Council, and died of stomach cancer before it was completed. Next, we return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. [B, D]

Day 8: Monday 4/28, ROME

Our first stop today will be St. Paul Outside the Walls, a beautiful basilica which houses the remains of St. Paul under the main altar. We continue on the Old Appian Way to the Catacombs. Then, we pro-

ceed to proceed



St. Paul Outside the Walls

to St. Peter's Basilica for a guided tour. The Basilica is very impressive with its imposing architecture, rich ornamentation, and marvelous works of art. We view one of Rome's most recognized works of art, Michelangelo's Pieta. Then, we explore the Vatican Museum and Gallery, and the Sistine Chapel. The remainder of the day is free to explore on your own. Suggestions include:

 Visit the Piazza Navona, the Pantheon, Trevi Fountain, the Spanish Steps, etc.

• Stop to pray at one the oldest Christian sites in Rome-the Church of Santa Susanna (the American National Church in Rome).

· Spend time at the ancient Basilica church of Santi Giovanni e Paolo (referred to as Sts John and Paul). The Basilica was built in 398 over the home of two Roman soldiers, John and Paul, who were martyred 36 years earlier. Beneath the altar are the remains of the two martyrs.

 Visit the Gothic church of Santa Maria Sopra Minerva. The church was built in the 13th century over the ruins of what was thought to be the Temple of Minerva. The church contains the tombs of Pope Leo X and his cousin Clement VII and St. Catherine of Siena, etc.

 Spend time at Santa Cecilia in Trastavere, a Basilica church built over the home of St. Cecilia who was martyred in the 3rd century. In 1599 her incorrupt body was discovered complete with the deep axe cuts in her neck. Beneath the altar is a statue of the popular Roman saint which depicts the way it was found.

 Visit the Basilica of Santa Croce, also known as the Basilica of the Holy Cross in Jerusalem, which houses a number of relics from Christ's Passion and birth.

• Spend time at San Pietro in Vincoli (St Peter in Chains) where you would see the chains that bound Peter and also Michelangelo's Moses. Nearby are San Clemente and the Colosseum.

• Spend time shopping for souvenirs.

We conclude our day as we gather at the hotel for a group farewell dinner. Overnight in Rome. [B, D]

Day 9: Tuesday, April 29, 2014 - ROME / MILWAUKEE

This morning, we proceed to the airport to begin our journey back to the United States. We leave with lasting images of the grandeur of God's spectacular landscape and inspired by the spiritual examples of the saints. [B]

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Important Information You Need to Know:

Average temperatures this time of year are a high of 64 degrees and a low of 46 degrees. Layers are recommended (shorts and tank shirts can prohibit entry into holy sites).

Visit <u>www.weather.com</u> on the internet to get updated weather forecasts just before traveling.

Individuals who register will receive an important welcome letter and a Know Before You Go brochure. We highly recommend an immediate and thorough reading of both.

Please note that passports can take 3 months or more from the time you submit your paperwork.

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS / TOUR CONTRACT

TOUR PRICE: Based on tariffs and currency exchange rates in effect on 9/16/2013 and subject to change without notice should there be a revision in rates prior to departure of tour. The tour price is based on a minimum of 36 passengers. Should there be fewer, there could be a surcharge.

ACCOMMODATIONS: In superior first class hotels or better, based on double or triple occupancy with private facilities. Single-room supplement is \$59 per night and based on availability. Requests for a roommate are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis and are not guaranteed. The single-room supplement will be assessed if a roommate is not available when the group is finalized.

MEALS: Seven full hot breakfasts and six dinners throughout the basic tour (continental breakfasts in hotels only where full breakfasts are not available). Extra charge for beverage not included in the menu of the day.

TIPS AND TAXES: Those normally appearing on hotel and restaurant bills as "service" are included. Airport fees, departure taxes, and fuel surcharges are estimated on the original invoice and adjusted at the time of ticketing.

SIGHTSEEING: By modern motorcoach, including services of English-speaking guides and entrance fees to places included in the itinerary. Masses at churches indicated are subject to availability. NOTE: Due to the large number of pilgrims expected for the canonization Mass, we cannot guarantee that our group will actually be in St. Peter's Square. We may be in an adjoining street or a different site, watching the Mass on a screen.

NOT INCLUDED: 1: Airport fees, departure taxes and fuel surcharges (est. - \$699); 2: tips to guides and drivers, meal servers and luggage handlers (\$102); 3: optional travel insurance and 4: hotel city taxes in Italy. An amount to cover these items will be added to your original invoice. Also not included: domestic baggage fees, passport and visa fees, laundry, wines, liquors, meals not included in the itinerary, sightseeing or services other than those specifically mentioned and items of a personal nature. Note: Due to limited storage space on motor coaches, Pentecost Tours entitles each passenger to one checked bag and one carry-on bag that meets airline "size/weight" allowances. Domestic baggage fees, overweight baggage charges, and fees for additional bags fall under the responsibility of the passenger. Be aware, while you may agree to pay fees for additional luggage, there may not be room on the motor coach.

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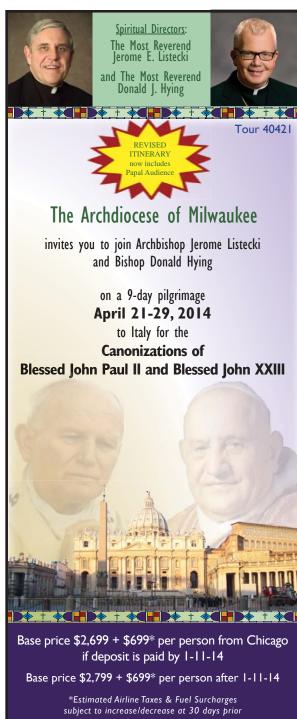
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