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# YEAR OF MERCY ITALY PILGRIMAGE

Tour 61020

The Catholic Voice invites you to celebrate the Holy Year of Mercy in Venice, Padua, Bologna, Florence, Siena, Assisi and Rome, Italy

## OCTOBER 20-29, 2016

10-day pilgrimage includes:

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- Full-time English-speaking tour escort
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**NOT INCLUDED:** 1: Tips to guides and drivers, meal servers and luggage handlers (est. - \$13 per day); and 2: optional travel insurance. **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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**Tour 61020**

**Day 1: Thursday, October 20, 2016, USA / VENICE**

Today we depart the United States for our overnight flight to Venice. Meals are served on board.



**Day 2: Friday 10/21 VENICE**

Upon our arrival in Venice, we have an orientation tour of the charming city. Venice is built on 118 tiny islands, criss-crossed by 160 canals, and linked by 400 footbridges.

We will celebrate **Mass and tour the Basilica di San Marco** (subject to confirmation). We proceed to our hotel to check in for a welcome dinner and overnight. [D]

**Day 3: Saturday 10/22 VENICE**

Morning **Mass** will be celebrated at **Chiesa di San Salvatore** (subject to confirmation). Then, the day is free to explore independently. Suggestions include:

- ▶ The Merceria, the main shopping street of Venice, is located by the Chiesa di San Salvatore.
- ▶ Browse in and around St. Mark's Square.
- ▶ Take a water taxi to and between the three islands in the Venetian lagoon: Murano, Burano and Torcello.
- ⇒ **Murano** is known for its beautiful glassworks. Since 1291, Murano has been a prominent supplier of beautiful glass products. Demonstrations by master craftsmen can be observed and their creations can be purchased in island shops.
- ⇒ **Burano** is famous for its artisan lace. Treasures of the trade can be seen in the Lace Museum or purchased in lace boutiques. Besides lace, Burano's 15th-century leaning bell tower, part of San Martino Church, attracts tourists as well. If you are looking for souvenirs, restaurants, pastry shops, or stores you will want to spend some time on Via Galuppi, the island's main street. If natural beauty and tranquility attracts you, wander about. The colorful hues on homes attract artists to the area.
- ⇒ **Torcello**, continually draws tourists to see the incredible mosaics within the 7th-century Cathedral of Santa Maria Dell'Assunta. One of the most impressive of the Byzantine mosaics is a depiction of the Last Judgment. This island is unique as it is primarily a nature reserve, accessible only by walk paths. Enjoy exploring this ancient island.
- ▶ Experience a gondola ride and weave through the canals. Note: standard ride is 40 minutes. Fares are higher at night. Gondolas will hold six people so standard fares can be divided. Most gondoliers speak some English. Different views of Venice can be seen on quiet, back canals where you won't be bumper to bumper. If you opt for a back canal, walk a few blocks off the main street (away from San Marco). If you are more interested in the tourist route, you will want to be on the Grand Canal.
- ▶ Venice is home to the world-famous opera house, Teatro La Fenice, one of the most renowned landmarks in Italian theatre. Daily tours of Teatro La Fenice are

- ▶ Art enthusiasts may want to visit the Guggenheim, a modern art museum, located on the Grand Canal.
- ▶ Enjoy observing the culture of the Venetians. Do a photo shoot and capture all the natural beauty and the "scenes" of the city.

This evening, join new friends or enjoy a private sampling of authentic northern Italian cuisine as **dinner is on your own**. Overnight in Venice. [B]

**Day 4: Sunday 10/23 VENICE / PADUA / BOLOGNA / FLORENCE**

We depart Venice this morning and proceed to nearby Padua to visit and celebrate **Mass** at the **Basilica of St. Anthony** (subject to confirmation), built to honor the patron saint of lost things. Associated with many miracles, St. Anthony was renowned for his passion for preaching. Displayed in the Basilica are St. Anthony's tongue and vocal chords. These organs have remained incorrupt, although the rest of his body disintegrated after death. Our journey continues to Bologna, where we visit the **Duomo**, and the medieval brick church **San Petronio**. From there, we travel to beautiful Florence. Upon our arrival, we proceed to the **Accademia** to see the original statue of "David". Our day concludes as we check in at our hotel for dinner and overnight. [B,D]

**Day 5: Monday 10/24 FLORENCE / SIENA / ASSISI**



This morning we begin with a panoramic view from the **Piazza Michelangelo** and an **orientation tour** of the city. Then, we proceed to visit and celebrate **Mass at the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore** (subject to confirmation), view the Baptistery and Campanile (bell tower). The Cathedral is the fourth largest church in Europe and the tallest building in present day Florence. Especially notable are the Baptistery's gilded bronze doors, which were done by Ghiberti in 1401. From there, we visit the historical and present day center of Florentine activity, the **Palazzo Vecchio** ("old palace") and the **Piazza della Signoria**. The Piazza is a popular area for people to stroll and gather; in the past it has served as a place of public meeting and even execution. There are many statues found in the vicinity - some are originals and some are copies, like David (the original is housed in the Academy of Fine Arts). From there, we depart Florence and proceed south to **Siena**, which boasts one of the most charming town squares in all of Italy, the **Piazza del Campo**. The fan shaped Piazza is home to the barebacked horse race, known as the Palio, and many other important events. We visit the **Basilica of St. Dom-**

where we have an opportunity to view the relics of St. Catherine. We stop at the **Duomo** (cathedral) of Siena, a remarkable example of Italian Gothic architecture. We complete the journey through the Umbrian hills to peaceful Assisi, where we check in at our hotel for dinner and overnight. [B,D]

**Day 6: Tuesday 10/25 ASSISI / ROME**

This morning, we will be escorted by cars to the **Church of St. Damiano**. Then, we are driven to the **Basilica of St. Clare**,



which houses her incorrupt body in a crystal casket in the crypt. Off the main nave 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 and celebrate **Mass** (subject to confirmation) at 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. Then, we continue to the lower plains of Assisi, taking time to explore the **Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels**, built in 1569 to protect the Portiuncula. The Portiuncula is the church that St. Francis and his brothers were given shortly after Pope Innocent III approved of their rule. We also see the statue of St. Francis with the live white doves, the thornless rose bush and the cave where St. Francis prayed in solitude. After spending time in Assisi, we depart for the Eternal City, Roma. Upon our arrival, we check in at our hotel for dinner and overnight. [B,D]

**Day 7: Wednesday 10/26, ROME (PAPAL AUDIENCE)**

Good morning, Roma! We attend the **Papal Audience** at St. Peter's today (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 visit and celebrate **Mass at St. Praxedes** (subject to confirmation) to venerate the Column of Christ's Flagellation. This afternoon, we proceed to the beautiful **Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls** which houses the remains of St. Paul under the main altar. We also visit the **Catacombs** before we return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. [B,D]



### Day 8: Thursday 10/27 ROME

Our day begins with a **guided tour of St. Peter's Basilica**. 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 Pietà. From there, we visit the **Vatican Museum and Gallery, and the Sistine Chapel** (where Michelangelo's restored masterpieces adorn the ceilings and walls). The remainder of the day is free to explore independently. Suggestions, other than those we will be visiting tomorrow, include:

- ▶ Visit the Pantheon, Roman Forum, or Colosseum.
- ▶ Go to Trevi Fountain to toss your coin in the famous fountain, which as legend says, will assure your return to Rome.
- ▶ Retail and souvenir shops are everywhere. Those interested in upscale shopping will want to head to the Spanish Steps, where the streets are lined with designer boutiques.
- ▶ Stop for gelato (delicious Italian ice cream).
- ▶ Spend time in prayer at some of the magnificent churches that dot the streets of Rome.

This evening, join friends or enjoy a private sampling of authentic Italian cuisine at the restaurant or trattoria (local diner) of your choice as **dinner is on your own**. After dinner, you may want to capture the city lights of Roma at dusk. Overnight in Rome. [B]

### Day 9: Friday 10/28 ROME

On our last day of sightseeing, we begin with **Mass at the Basilica of St. Mary Major** (subject to confirmation). Inside the Basilica we view relics of Jesus' manger from Bethlehem. From there, we proceed to the Cathedral Church of the pope, **St. John Lateran**. Constantine built the original church on this site when he ended the Christian persecutions. Here we see the Altar that holds the relics of Sts. Peter and Paul. Next to the Basilica is the Baptistery and across the street visit la **Sancta Scala** (Holy Stairs), which were transported from Pilate's palace in Jerusalem and on which the Savior climbed before His crucifixion. 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. This afternoon, spend some time at the sites of your choice. We gather this evening for a group dinner at **Ristorante de Benito**. Overnight in Rome. [B,D]



ST JOHN LATERAN

### Day 10: Saturday, October 29, 2016, ROME / USA

Today we begin our journey back to the United States. We arrive home inspired by the holiness of the saints, mesmerized by the grandeur of God's landscape and blessed by memories we made as we experienced holy places throughout Italy. [B]

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