

Tour 60411



Fr. Kevin McManaman

invites you to join him

April 11-21, 2016

on an 11-day pilgrimage to

Italy

Jubilee Year of Mercy



Early registration price \$2,799 + \$699* per person
from Chicago

if deposit is paid by 1-2-16

Base price \$2,899 + \$699* per person after 1-2-16

**Estimated Airline Taxes & Fuel Surcharges
subject to increase/decrease at 30 days prior*

TERMS AND CONDITIONS / TOUR CONTRACT

TOUR PRICE: Based on tariffs and currency exchange rates in effect on 6/1/2015 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 first class hotels or better, based on double or triple occupancy with private facilities. Single-room supplement is \$69 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: Nine full hot breakfasts and seven 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.

NOT INCLUDED: 1: Airport fees, departure taxes and fuel surcharges (est. - \$699); 2: tips to guides and drivers, meal servers and luggage handlers (est. - \$13 per day); and 3: 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.

ASSISTANCE: Pilgrims who require personal assistance must be accompanied by a paying passenger who will provide that assistance.

DEPOSIT AND CANCELLATION: A deposit of \$500 per person is required to secure reservations, which sum will be applied to the price of the tour, with the balance to be paid in full no later than 1/12/2016. Payment of remaining balance received after 1/12/2016 will incur a \$50 penalty. Reservations made within 90 days of departure may be subject to a late charge. In the event of cancellation, refund will be made up to 12/13/2015 with a \$100 administrative fee plus any airline cancellation penalties. From 12/13/2015 to 1/12/2016 the cancellation penalty is \$500 plus any airline cancellation penalties. If cancellation is received after 1/12/2016, refund will be subject to a minimum 40% cancellation fee plus any airline cancellation penalties, or an amount equal to expenses to the tour operator, whichever is greater. There will be no refund for cancellations within 33 days of departure. Cancellation must be in writing and the effective date will be the date that Pentecost Tours, Inc. receives it. In the event 15 passengers do not book the tour within 120 days of departure, the agent reserves the right to cancel the tour. If the entire tour is cancelled by Pentecost Tours, Inc., you are entitled to a full refund.

AIR TRANSPORTATION: Round trip Chicago/Rome and Rome/Chicago on economy class jet via Delta or any other IATA member. Based on 6-day minimum/21-day maximum advanced purchase fare, subject to participation of ten persons on entire flight itinerary. If cancellation is effected by passenger after 1/12/2016, or after air tickets are written, whichever comes first, 100% of airfare will be forfeited by passenger in addition to the penalties mentioned above. All airfares are subject to government approval and change without notice.

INSURANCE: Insurance is NOT included in the tour price. Because of the cost of medical care outside the United States, the fact that Medicare does not provide coverage outside the United States, the possibility that your own insurance provider may not cover you outside the United States, and due to the potentially high cost of escorted air evacuation, travel insurance is strongly recommended. Consequently, for the protection of our clients, you will be mailed a travel insurance brochure/policy along with an insurance waiver form in the event you choose to decline coverage. The effective date of coverage will be the date that the insurance premium is paid and not the date of the initial deposit.

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MISCELLANEOUS FEES: All changes must be in writing and may incur a per-person charge for each revision. Deposits received within 90 days of departure may incur a late registration fee.

LAND ARRANGEMENTS: The tour operator reserves the right to change the itinerary because of emergencies or extenuating circumstances beyond our control.

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MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED DAILY

Day 1: Monday, April 11, 2016, USA / ROME

Pilgrims depart on an international flight for Italy. Meals and beverages on the plane are included.

Day 2: Tuesday 4/12, ROME / CASCIA / ASSISI

Upon our arrival in Rome, we proceed directly to Cascia to see the **Eucharistic Miracle and the Sanctuary of St. Rita**, the patron saint of the impossible. A married woman, mother, widow, nun, mystic, and stigmatist, St. Rita played many roles in her life. We visit the **Basilica** where we see her incorrupt body and relics such as the crucifix from which she received the stigmata. We can also see the blood-stained pages of the breviary that cradled a miraculous host, which in 1330 left a perfect outline of Christ's face. We also visit **Roccaporeno**, the birthplace of St. Rita. Then, we continue our journey to Assisi to check in for dinner and overnight. [D]

Day 3: Wednesday 4/13, ASSISI



Today we will see the holy sites in the city made famous by St. Francis. **San Damiano** is the church he rebuilt with his own hands after hearing the voice of the Crucifix say, "Francis, rebuild my Church" and also the monastery where St. Clare founded the Poor Clares. The **Basilica Santa Claire** contains the incorrupt body of St. Clare of Assisi and the famous Crucifix that spoke to Francis. The **Basilica San Francesco**, built as the tomb and shrine of St. Francis, is decorated with Giotto's frescos and is one of the great churches of Europe. The **afternoon is free** for you to explore the town on your own. Suggestions include:

- Spend some time shopping for souvenirs
- Visit Santa Maria Sopra Minerva, the fortress of Roco Maggiori, or the Cathedral (Duomo) and its museum
- Make the arduous hike up the hill to the Carceri (St Francis' retreat). Note: taxis are also available.

This evening, we gather at the hotel for a group dinner. Overnight in Assisi. [B,D]

Day 4: Thursday 4/14, ASSISI / CITTA DI CASTELLO / FLORENCE

As we leave Assisi, we will stop at the **Basilica Santa Maria delgi Angeli** built over the small chapel known as the Portiuncula, the place dearest to St. Francis. Then, we travel northwest to **Citta di Castello**. St. Veronica Giuliani died there in 1727 and was incorrupt for many years before being destroyed as a result of the Tiber River overflowing its banks. A visible urn now houses her bones. Born Ursula Giuliani, she spoke her first words when she was 18 months old as she corrected a crooked salesman by saying, "Do justice, GOD sees you." She resolved to enter into a religious order and was received into the convent in 1677, taking the name Veronica in honor of the Passion. She had visions of Christ bearing his cross and suffered an acute physical pain in her heart. Later, the five stigmatic wounds of Christ appeared on her body. Before her death she drew a picture of her own heart bearing the symbols of Christ's passion. After her death, examination performed in front of observers proved her heart had the icon impressions of the sacred wounds corresponding to those she, herself, had depicted in her drawing. She was canonized in 1839, St. Veronica Giuliani. We visit the Church of St. Domenico and the body of Blessed Margaret. Margaret

was born a hunchback and midget, blind and lame. Her parents eventually abandoned her after keeping her locked in a small cell for fourteen years. She was taken in by the nuns of the Dominican Third Order and spent the rest of her life taking care of the sick, the dying, and the imprisoned and bringing hope to many. Since her death at the age of 33, the body of Blessed Margaret of Castello has remained incorrupt and many miracles have taken place through her intercession. From there we continue to **Florence** to check in at our hotel for dinner and overnight. [B,D]

Day 5: Friday 4/15, FLORENCE

Our first stop 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. Then, we proceed to the **Accademia** to see the original "David" before stopping at the **Piazza della Signoria**. Today 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. The **remainder of the day is free** to explore on your own. Suggestions include:

- Dante fans can discover Dante's Florence, where actual streets and people of the medieval city have had roles in some of his most famous works, such as *The Divine Comedy* and *La Vita Nuova*. Dante Alighieri (1265-1320) was a famous Florentine poet, whose autobiographical references and stories of unrequited love make him renowned for his literary work, both nationally and internationally. Exiled from Florence at the turn of the 14th century for his opposition to the Papal influence, he moved to Ravenna where in 1320 he died and was interred. Interested in returning him to Florence, the Florentines built Dante's tomb in Santa Croce but his body was never moved from Ravenna. Even today, his tomb in Florence remains empty. The four main sites associated with Dante are:

1. On the south side of Piazza Duomo, there is a wall plaque that marks one of the preferred locations where Dante allegedly sat and scripted some of his work. This is called Sasso di Dante (Dante's stone).
2. The church of Santa Margherita de' Cerchi is another important location in Dante's past. It was here in the church on Via Margherita that Dante's life-long love, Beatrice, first caught the 9-year-old's eye.
3. On Via Dante Alighieri, you can stop in at Dante's house, his actual home and now a museum. This area of Florence is demonstrative of the architectural style from the era as typical medieval buildings still stand (e.g.: Chestnut Tower, Church of San Martino, and Badia Fiorentina).
4. A block from Dante's neighborhood is the Bargello museum, where inside the Bargello chapel exists a Giotto fresco. The fresco depicting Dante in Paradise is believed to possibly be the oldest portrait and one of the earliest images of the poet.

- Explore the famous Uffizi Gallery, one of the most renowned houses of art in all of Italy.
- Stop at the Opera Del Duomo Museum, Bargello Museum, or the Galilei Science Museum.
- Visit the Santa Croce leather school and see a demonstration by their talented master craftsmen.

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



Day 6: Saturday 4/16, FLORENCE / SIENA / FLORENCE

The **Duomo** (the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore) is our first stop today. We view the Campanile (bell tower) and the Baptistery with its golden doors by Ghiberti. Then, we take a daytrip south to the charming walled-city of Siena. In Siena we visit the **Duomo of Siena**, a remarkable example of Italian Gothic architecture. Inside we find a treasure of sculptures and paintings, the work of some of Italy's most celebrated artists. We visit the **shrine of St. Catherine** and also visit the **Franciscan Church** where the Eucharistic miracle occurred. In 1730, thieves broke into the Church of St. Francis and stole a ciborium with consecrated hosts. Three days later, a parishioner noticed an illumination coming from within a collection box at St. Mary's church. The box was opened to find the stolen hosts covered in dirt and cobwebs. The decision was made that rather than consume them they should decompose naturally. That process should have taken a couple of weeks. Even today, the hosts have remained fresh and sweet-smelling. Various testing has authenticated this miracle. Then, we move on to the **Basilica of St. Dominic**, where we have the opportunity of viewing the incorrupt head of St. Catherine. After we've visited the sites of Siena, we return to Florence. Dinner and overnight in Florence. [B,D]

Day 7: Sunday 4/17, FLORENCE / ORVIETO / ROME

We bid farewell to Florence and travel southeast to **Orvieto**. In 1263 a pious German priest, Peter of Prague, stopped in Bolsena to celebrate Mass on his pilgrimage route to Rome. While a devout practicing-Catholic servant, Peter couldn't erase the skepticism he felt about Christ being present in the consecrated Host. As he uttered the words of Consecration at the altar above St. Christina's tomb, blood began seeping from the consecrated Host. Blood dribbled across his hands onto the altar and corporal leaving Fr. Peter quite stunned and confused. He interrupted Mass requesting to be taken immediately to the tiny neighboring city of Orvieto (just 10 miles away), where the Holy Father, Pope Urban IV, was residing. An investigation was launched and orders were given to retrieve and transport the Host and blood-stained linen to the Orvieto Cathedral where they were, and still are today, reverently enshrined and exhibited. It was this miracle that prompted Pope Urban IV to commission St. Thomas Aquinas to write a special Mass for what was to become our annual Feast of Corpus Christi. We visit the **Cathedral of Orvieto** (location of the shrine) where the Eucharistic Miracle is exhibited. We visit the **Chapel of the Miracles and the grotto of St. Christina**. Then we continue to Rome to check in at our hotel for dinner and overnight. [B,D]

Day 8: Monday 4/18, ROME

Our day begins at the **Basilica of San Maria Major** dedicated to the Mother of God, which houses the relics of the Manger from Bethlehem and the revered icon of Salvus Populus Romani - "Salvation of the Roman People." Nearby we will visit the **church of St. Alphonsus**, containing the original image of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Then, we proceed to **San Clemente**, view the **Colosseum** and visit **San Pietro in Vincoli** (St. Peter in Chains) to see the chains that bound Peter and the statue of Moses, one of the great masterpieces by Michelangelo. From there, we will see the cathedral church of Rome and the world, **Basilica di San Giovanni Laterano**, originally built by the Emperor Constantine. Nearby is the Baptistery



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of St. Gregory the Great. The **Sancta Scalia, Holy Stairs**, on which the Savior climbed before His crucifixion were transported to Rome from Pilate's palace in Jerusalem. 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. We return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. **[B,D]**

Day 9: Tuesday 4/19, ROME

The **Vatican Museum and Gallery**, and the **Sistine Chapel**, where Michelangelo's restored masterpieces adorn the ceilings and walls are our first stops today. Then, we proceed to the **Basilica of St. Peter** and enjoy a **guided tour**. We view one of Rome's most recognized works of art, Michelangelo's "Pietà" and spend some time absorbing the overwhelming size and beauty of the basilica and visit the **treasury**. As we exit the basilica, we are in front of the Vatican Post Office. The **remainder of the day is free** to explore on your own. Suggestions include:



ST. PETER'S BASILICA

• Stop in at the Post Office to purchase postcards and a few stamps to send family/friends, or even yourself, as a keepsake. Don't forget to bring addresses. Remember, although Vatican City is located within the city limits of Rome it is, in fact, its own state. With 110 acres and fewer than 900 residents, Vatican City State boasts the title of the smallest, international state that is recognized by the rest of the world. Therefore, the stamps will be quite unique.

- Go visit the Pantheon, the Colosseum or Roman Forum.
- Shoppers will be happy anywhere in Rome. Purchase souvenirs or select some special religious items to have blessed by Pope Francis at the Papal Audience tomorrow. Those interested in upscale shopping, go to the Spanish Steps, where the streets are lined with designers' shops.
- Stop in and pray at some of Rome's beautiful churches. There is an endless list of options, including:
 - One the oldest Christian sites in Rome—Santa Susanna (the American National Church in Rome).
 - Stop and check out a few of the many churches.
 - The Piazza Navona, where local artisans display and sell their creations, is a fun place to spend time.
 - The beautiful Trevi Fountain is also a fun area. Be photographed tossing your coin in the famous fountain which, as legend says, will assure your return to Rome.

Dinner is on your own this evening. Make it an early night and get some rest or take a stroll so you can enjoy Rome at dusk. Overnight in Rome. **[B]**

Day 10: Wednesday 4/20, ROME (PAPAL AUDIENCE)

Our last day in Rome begins with the much anticipated **Papal Audience** with Our Holy Father, Pope Francis (provided he is home). We listen to the words of His Holiness and receive his blessing with pilgrims from all over the world. Afterwards, we proceed to **Santa Prassede** for Holy Mass (subject to confirmation) and to venerate the Column of Christ's Flagellation. Then, we visit the beautiful Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, which houses the remains of St. Paul under the main altar. We stop at **Catacombs** before we return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. **[B,D]**

Day 11: Thursday, April 21, 2016, ROME / USA

This morning we proceed to the airport to begin our journey back to the U.S. We arrive home renewed by our experiences at some of the great shrines of Catholicism and by the reflection of great saints who transmitted the gift of faith to us. **[B]**

To Register:

Complete the Registration Form and mail your deposit to Pentecost Tours



Or, call (800) 713-9800 and pay your deposit over the phone with a credit card.

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Notes: ❶ Passports can take 3 months or more to process (from application to delivery). ❷ Ave. temps 46-66 °F



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