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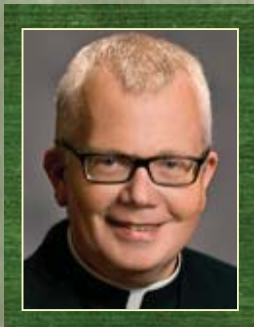
invites you on an 11-day Jubilee Year of Mercy pilgrimage to

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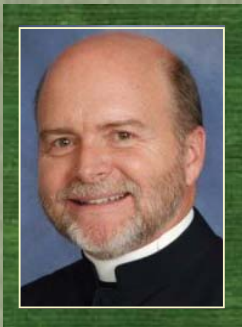
October 3-13, 2016

"In the Steps of the Great Founders"
Rome • Assisi • Florence • Lanciano • Manoppello • Norcia • Siena • Subiaco

with Spiritual Directors:



Most Reverend Donald J. Hying
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Early registration price \$2,999 + \$699* per person from Chicago if deposit is paid by 6-25-16

Base price \$3,099 + \$699* per person after 6-25-16

*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 11/26/2015 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 \$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: Nine full hot breakfasts and eight 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 (\$132.75); 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 7/3/2016.** Payment of remaining balance received after 7/3/2016 will incur a \$50 penalty. Reservations made within 92 days of departure may be subject to a late charge. In the event of cancellation, refund will be made up to 6/5/2016 with a \$100 administrative fee plus any airline cancellation penalties. From 6/5/2016 to 7/3/2016 the cancellation penalty is \$500 plus any airline cancellation penalties. If cancellation is received after 7/3/2016, 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/Florence and Rome/Chicago on economy class jet via Delta, Lufthansa 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 7/3/2016, 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.

RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY: Land arrangements including surface transportation: Pentecost Tours, Inc., and the participating Tour Operators operate the land tours offered under this program only as agents of the railroads, car rental contractors, steamship lines, hotels, bus operators, sightseeing contractors and others that provide the actual land arrangements and are not liable for any act, omission, delay, injury, loss, damage or nonperformance occurring in connection with these land arrangements. Delta and other IATA carriers, steamship lines and other transportation companies whose services are featured in these tours are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their conveyance. The passage contract in use by these companies when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the companies and the purchaser of these tours and/or passage.

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ERRORS: The Pentecost Tours staff does its best to provide you with accurate billing, brochures, etc. However, in the event of computer error, verbal or written human errors, we reserve the right to invoice, re-invoice, or forward corrected materials.

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Hours: Monday-Friday, 9 AM - 5 PM E.S.T.

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Day 1: Monday, October 3, 2016, USA / FLORENCE

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

Day 2: Tuesday 10/4, FLORENCE

Upon our arrival in Florence, we board our motor coach, meet our full-time tour escort and make our way to **Santa Croce**, a beautiful church and burial place for important Florentines, such as Michelangelo, Machiavelli, and Galileo. As a result of his exile from Florence, there is a memorial to Dante within the church but his actual burial site is in Ravenna. From there, we stop at the **Uffizi Gallery**, one of the most renowned houses of art in all of Italy. You will see many masterpieces by celebrated artists, such as Botticelli, Cimabue, Giotto, Michelangelo and Raffaello. We conclude our day as we proceed to our hotel to check in for a welcome dinner and overnight. [D]

Day 3: Wednesday 10/5, FLORENCE / SIENA / ASSISI



This morning we visit the **Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore**, and view the Baptistry 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 Baptistry's gilded bronze doors, which were done by Ghiberti in 1401. Then, departing Florence, we 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. Dominic**, where we have an opportunity to view the relics of St. Catherine, and the **Duomo** (cathedral) of Siena, a remarkable example of Italian Gothic architecture. From there, we proceed to Assisi to check in at our hotel for dinner and overnight. [B,D]

Day 4: Thursday 10/6, ASSISI

Today, 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 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. The **remainder of the day is free** to explore independently. Suggestions include:

- ▶ Visit Santa Maria Sopra Minerva, the "underground" ruins of Assisi, the fortress of Rocca Maggiore, the Cathedral (Duomo) and its museum, and/or Carceri (St Francis' retreat - an arduous hike up a steep hill - taxis available).
- ▶ Spend some time shopping for special mementoes.

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

Day 5: Friday 10/7, ASSISI / NORCIA / ASSISI



ST. MARY OF THE ANGELS

Our first stop today will be in 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. From there, we proceed to Norcia to the **piazza San Benedetto** where we visit the 14th-century church of San Benedetto. Legends claim that the church was erected over the birthplace of Saint Benedict. We **sightsee in Norcia** and then return to Assisi. Dinner and overnight in Assisi. [B,D]

Day 6: Saturday 10/8, ASSISI / LORETO / LANCIANO

Today, we depart Assisi and head northeast to Loreto, a town on the Adriatic coast. Upon our arrival, we visit the **Holy House of Nazareth** (traditional home of Jesus, Mary and Joseph) which is located inside the basilica. According to popular legend, the house was miraculously transported from Nazareth to Croatia in 1291. Three years later the home was moved again, this time to Loreto. We also see the most reproduced Madonna in the world: The Black Madonna of Loreto. From there, we continue our journey to Lanciano, another coastal town on the Adriatic. There, we proceed to the **little church of Lagontial** in the coastal city of Lanciano, Italy. It was here that the 8th-century "Miracle of the Eucharist Living Flesh of Jesus" took place. During Mass, a Basilian monk doubted that Christ was truly present in the consecrated bread and wine. As he looked on, the host and wine visibly changed to flesh and blood.

Scientific tests done in the latter half of the 20th century have concluded that the flesh and blood are human in origin, the flesh consisting of muscular tissue of the heart. We visit the **Sanctuary of the Eucharistic Miracle**. You have the opportunity to spend time in Eucharistic adoration before we board our motor coach and proceed to our hotel to check in. This evening, we enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight in Lanciano. [B,D]

Day 7: Sunday 10/9, LANCIANO / MANOPPELLO / SUBIACO / ROME

We bid farewell to Lanciano this morning and make our way to Manoppello, Italy to visit the **Church of the Volto Santo di Manoppello**, which is believed to house an image of the veil of Veronica upon which Jesus' face was wiped on His way to Calvary. Subiaco, an important site in the life of St. Benedict, will be our next stop. We visit the **Abbey of San Benedetto**, which was built over the cave that St. Benedict inhabited when he lived as hermit before he received the calling to organize monastic communities. The Monastery of San Benedetto is still active today. A second monastery built by Benedict which was named after his twin sister, **Santa Scolastica**, is also in Subiaco. Today's journey then takes us into Roma, the Eternal City. We check in at our hotel for dinner and overnight. [B,D]



Day 8: Monday 10/10, ROME

This morning, we visit the **Basilica of St. John Lateran**, 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. Next to the basilica is the Baptistry 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. Nearby is the **Basilica of St. Mary Major**, where we see the relics of the wooden manger in which the infant Jesus was laid after His birth. There will be a **photostop by the Colosseum and Roman Forum**. From there, we visit the mother church of the Society of Jesus, or Jesuit Order. The church, often called "**Gesu Church**," was founded by St. Ignatius of Loyola. Among the 800 or so churches in Rome, this hidden gem is gaining popularity as a stop for pilgrims. A grand feature of the beautiful church is its faux-dome ceiling, a ceiling painted to look like a dome but its artistic work is so realistic it fools guests. This evening, there will be a group dinner at the hotel. Overnight in Rome [B,D]

Day 9: Tuesday 10/11, ROME

A **tour of the Vatican Museum** and the **Sistine Chapel**, where Michelangelo's restored masterpieces adorn the ceilings and walls is first on our agenda today. From there, we enjoy a **guided tour of the Basilica of St. Peter**, where 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. The **remainder of the day is free** to explore independently. Suggestions include:

- ▶ **Historical sites:** Pantheon, Colosseum or Roman Forum
- ▶ **Tourist favorites:** Piazza Navona, Spanish Steps, and Trevi Fountain
- ▶ **Churches:** Santa Susanna, Basilica church of Santi Giovanni e Paolo, San Pietro in Vincoli, Basilica of San Chrysogono, Church of Sts. Cosmas and Damian, Church of St. Alphonsus, or Santa Cecilia in Trastevere, etc.
- ▶ **Shopping:** Retail establishments are in every direction. Upscale designer shops line the streets near the Spanish Steps.

This evening, join new 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**. Enjoy Rome at dusk. Overnight in Rome. [B]

Day 10: Wednesday 10/12, ROME (PAPAL AUDIENCE)

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 **St. Praxedes** to venerate the Column of Christ's Flagellation. Our next stop is the beautiful **Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls** which houses the remains of St. Paul under the main altar. We visit the **Catacombs** before we enjoy a farewell dinner at **Ristorante de Benito**. Overnight in Rome. [B,D]



OUR HOLY FATHER, POPE FRANCIS

Day 11: Thursday, October 13, 2016, ROME / USA

We begin our journey back to the United States, arriving home inspired by the holiness of the saints, mesmerized by the grandeur of God's landscape, and blessed with new memories and experiences. [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 54-71°F



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Enclosed is my/our \$ _____ deposit of \$500 per person. Please reserve _____ seat(s).

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- Single room only
- I will need a roommate
- My roommate will be _____

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