

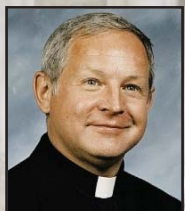
Tour 81002

ITALY

Oct. 2-13, 2018

The Catholic Telegraph

invites you to explore the traditions of our faith in beautiful churches, chapels and shrines throughout Central Italy on a 12-day pilgrimage



With Spiritual Director,
**Fr. Barry
Windholtz**



Early registration price
\$3,999 + \$499*
per person
from Cincinnati
if deposit is paid by 6-24-18

Base price **\$4,099+ \$499*** per person after 6-24-18

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

Register by
MARCH 1st
for an additional
**\$50 PROMO
DISCOUNT**

TERMS AND CONDITIONS / TOUR CONTRACT

TOUR PRICE: Based on tariffs and currency exchange rates in effect on 11/7/2017 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: Ten full hot breakfasts and nine 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. - \$499); 2: tips to guides and drivers, meal servers and luggage handlers (est. - \$13 per day); and 3: optional travel protection. **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 7/2/2018.**

▶ Payment of remaining balance received after 7/2/2018 [PENALTY PHASE ONE] 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 6/4/2018 with a \$100 administrative fee plus any airline cancellation penalties.

▶ From 6/4/2018 to 7/2/2018 [PENALTY PHASE TWO] the cancellation penalty is \$500 plus any airline cancellation penalties.

▶ If cancellation is received after 7/2/2018 [PENALTY PHASE THREE], 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 45 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. **NOTE: Any change request/alterations to the group flight itinerary, requests for airline devia-**

tions and/or added domestic flights, automatically accelerates to a minimum PHASE TWO penalty level or the current level whichever is greater. Once the change request/alteration is made, those arrangements are final and can NOT be changed back to the group arrangement. If the entire tour is cancelled by Pentecost Tours, Inc., you are entitled to a full refund.

AIR TRANSPORTATION: Round trip Cincinnati/Florence and Rome/Cincinnati 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 7/2/2018, 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.

TRAVEL PROTECTION: Travel Protection is NOT included in the tour price. We highly suggest that all participants purchase a plan to help protect your trip and your investment. Plans offer benefits for trip cancellation/interruption, accident & sickness medical expense, emergency evacuation & repatriation, and more. You will be mailed a travel protection brochure along with a waiver form, in the event that you choose to decline coverage. The Plan Document will be provided, upon purchase. Read through this document carefully as it contains full plan and benefit details and exclusions & limitations. Please note that Medicare does not provide coverage outside of the United States. Check with your own insurance provider to determine whether or not you are covered outside of the U.S.

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.

MISCELLANEOUS FEES: All changes must be in writing and may incur a per-person charge for each revision. Deposits received within 92 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.

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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Day 1: Tuesday, October 2, 2018, USA / FLORENCE

We meet today at an international airport for our overnight flight to Florence, via jumbo jet, arriving the next day. Meals are served on board.

Day 2: Wednesday 10/3, FLORENCE

Upon our arrival in Florence, we meet our escort and driver who will provide us with an **orientation tour of beautiful Florence**. We proceed to our hotel to check in for a welcome dinner and overnight. [B,D]



Day 3: Thursday 10/4, FLORENCE

Today will be spent in Florence. We begin with a visit to the **Duomo (the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore)**, view of the Campanile (bell tower), and view of the Baptistery with its golden doors by Ghiberti. From there, we proceed to the **Accademia to see the original "David"** before stopping at the **Piazza della Signoria**. Today it 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). Then, we **end our guided sightseeing tour in front of the Ponte Vecchio**. We will make our way to **Santa Croce** area where we will break for lunch, Holy Mass and have **free time to explore on our own**. The bus will transport us to **Lorenzo De Medici for dinner** and then back to the hotel. [B,D]

Day 4: Friday 10/5, FLORENCE / SAN GIMIGNANO / FLORENCE

We take a day trip today to **San Gimignano**, a well preserved medieval city. The city is known for its skyline which is populated by thirteen towers erected in the 12th-13th century by two rivaling families of nobility. The towers were built in the hopes of increasing the town's prosperity by being a primary stop on a main pilgrimage route. In 1348, a plague devastated the city's economy as the pilgrimage route was forced to shift as a result of illness. The city's skyline remains virtually unchanged since the Middle Ages. We visit the **Collegiate Church** and view its many frescoes, sculptures, and statues. We also have an **opportunity to ascend the "Torre Grossa"**, the highest tower of the city, and experience a wonderful view of the city. We have a **special dinner this evening at San Donato Fattoria**, a local farm and winery where nature, hard work and tradition yield high quality wines, olive oils and saffron. Then, we return to our hotel in Florence for the night. [B,D]

Day 5: Saturday 10/6, FLORENCE / SIENA / FLORENCE

The beautiful **walled-city of Siena** is where we will spend today. Our first stop is at the **Basilica of St. Dominic**, where we have the opportunity of viewing the incorrupt head of St Catherine. From there, we visit the **Shrine of St. Catherine and her birthplace**. Then, 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. Our last stop is at **Palio Square** where we enjoy **free time to explore independently**. We conclude our day by enjoying **dinner at a local restaurant** and then returning to our hotel for an overnight. [B,D]

Day 6: Sunday 10/7, FLORENCE / ASSISI

Our day begins at **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 depart Florence and proceed to the **lower plains of Assisi to visit the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels**. The basilica was built in 1569 to protect the Portiuncula (the church that St. Francis and his brothers were given shortly after Pope Innocent III approved of their order.) We also see the statue of St. Francis with the live white doves, the thorn-less rose bushes, and the cave where St Francis prayed in solitude. We check in at our hotel for dinner and overnight. [B,D]

Day 7: Monday 10/8, ASSISI / ROME

An early start will help us as we are **escorted by cars to the Church of San 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 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. Our journey continues as we proceed south **to Rome** to check in at our hotel for dinner and overnight. [B,D]



Day 8: Tuesday 10/9, ROME

Our day begins at the **Vatican Museum and Sistine Chapel**, where Michelangelo's restored masterpieces adorn the ceilings and walls. From there we enjoy a **guided tour of St. Peter's Basilica**. The Basilica is very impressive with its imposing architecture, rich or-

namination, and marvelous works of art. We view one of Rome's most recognized works of art, Michelangelo's Pietà. We have **free time to explore independently**. Suggestions include:

- Just outside the basilica is the Vatican Post Office. Feel free to stop in and purchase postcards and stamps to send to family and friends (bring the addresses). Send one to yourself as a keepsake! Remember, although Vatican City is located with 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. Interesting gifts can also be purchased inside the post office.
- The 312-step climb to the "cupola" Dome of St. Peter's Basilica is worth the effort and energy as views from the top are magnificent. An elevator/lift to the roof level is available but from the roof to the top is step by step. There is a nominal fee.
- Adjacent to the basilica are gift shops where you can purchase items you wish to have blessed at the Papal Audience.

Later this afternoon, we follow the Old Appian Way to the **Catacombs**. Then, our final stop today will be at **St. Paul Outside the Walls**, a beautiful basilica which houses the remains of St. Paul under the main altar. We return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. [B,D]

Day 9: Wednesday 10/10, ROME (PAPAL AUDIENCE)

Early today, 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, there will be a **photostop by the Colosseum and Roman Forum**. From there, we visit the mother church of the religious 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. We return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. [B,D]



OUR HOLY FATHER
POPE FRANCIS

Day 10: Thursday 10/11, ROME / SUBIACO / ROME

This morning we will board our motor coach and be transferred to Holy Mass at the **Church of the Sacred Heart of Sufferance** (subject to confirmation). We visit the **Museum of the Souls of Purgatory**, located in a small room beside the church, which exhibits objects and photos displaying traces of apparitions made by various souls residing in Purgatory. From there, we take a day trip east today to **Subiaco to visit the Abbey of San Benedetto**. The Abbey 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. Then, we view the second monastery built by Benedict in Subiaco, named after his twin sister Santa Scolastica. We return to Rome and the **remainder of the day is free to sightsee on your own**. Suggestions include:

- Visit the tourist favorites: Piazza Navona (where artists display and sell their craft), 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). Or, check out any of the many churches of Rome: Church of Sts. Cosmas and Damian, San Pietro in Vincoli, San Clemente, St. Alphonsus, etc.
- Spend time in Trastevere. From alleyways and cobblestone streets to magnificent churches and interesting piazzas, this neighborhood is considered one of the most charming and popular. Options: Santa Maria or Santa Cecilia Church; Villa Farnesina (a Renaissance villa) or the Palazza Corsini (Baroque-style palace across the street); Garden lovers will delight in the botanical garden, Orto Botanico, behind Palazzo Corsini; Or, take the 20-minute hike up to Gianicolo (the eighth hill of Rome) is well worth it when they catch the best views of the city that few tourists take the time to enjoy. Choose something that piques your individual interests.

This evening, gather with friends or enjoy a private sampling of authentic Roman cuisine at the trattoria (local diner) or restaurant of your choice as **dinner is on your own**. Overnight in Rome. [B]

Day 11: Friday 10/12, ROME

After breakfast, we visit the **Basilica of St. Mary Major**, where we view relics of the wooden manger in which the infant Jesus was laid after his birth. From there, we visit the Cathedral church of the pope, **St. John Lateran**. Here we see the altar that holds the relics of Sts. Peter and Paul. Across the street we see **la Scala Santa** (“the Holy Stairs”) from Pilate’s Palace. Next, we visit the **Basilica of Santa Croce in Gerusalemme**, one of Rome’s pilgrimage churches where history and our faith are deeply intertwined. Inside is an extraordinary trove of relics from Christ’s Passion brought from the Holy Land and a full-sized replica of the Shroud of Turin. The historical connection between this church and Constantine and St. Helen are both profound and evident. We spend time exploring this beautiful and often overlooked basilica. This evening we enjoy a **farewell dinner at Ristorante de Benito**. Overnight in Rome. [B,D]



Day 12: Saturday, October 13, 2018, ROME / USA

Today, we travel to the **airport** to board our overseas flight back to the United States. Our journey home offers the opportunity to recall the sites and experiences of the past 12 days. We are blessed with new friends, a deeper appreciation of the grandeur of God’s landscape and the inspiration from the saints to emulate their love for God and our faith. [B]

To Register:

Complete the Registration Form and mail your deposit to Pentecost Tours



Or, call (800) 713-9800 or (812) 933-0730 to 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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