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## Catholic Italy Pilgrimage 2020 with a Priest Host

May 17 - 26, 2020 - 10 Days

\$4,299 from Boston

For Information and Reservations, Contact Unitours, Inc. Telephone 800-777-7432 – Email: inbox@unitours.com

Sunday, May 17 - Day 1 - DEPART USA - Today we depart Logan Airport to connect with our overnight flight to Rome aboard a wide-bodied jet. We enjoy in-flight movies, dinner and breakfast while aloft.

Monday, May 18 - DAY 2 - ROME - We arrive in Rome this morning and are greeted by our Tour Manager. We transfer to our deluxe coach bus and enjoy a driving tour of her many sites, Along the way, we are offered a viewing tour of some of the popular sites including the Basilica of St. Paul, the ancient Pyramid of Cestius, The baths at Terme di Caracalla, the Colosseum, Basilica of St. Mary Major, the Piazza della Repubblica and down Via Veneto to Villa Borghese. Dinner and overnight at hotel. Tuesday, May 19 - DAY 3 - VATICAN CITY/ROME -Following morning Mass at St. Peter's, we spend this morning viewing the treasures of the Vatican Museum. We marvel at Michelangelo's restored frescoes in the Sistine Chapel. We continue to St. Peter's Basilica to view the famous "Pieta". This afternoon, following lunch on our own, we visit two of Rome's major basilicas, St. John Lateran and the "Holy Steps," and St. Mary Major. Afterwards, we travel to St. Peter in Chains to view Michelangelo's possibly most celebrated sculpture, the "Moses". We enjoy dinner and overnight at the hotel.

CITY/ROME - This morning, we make our way to St. Peter's for an audience with Pope Francis (if he is in residence). After lunch on our own, we visit St. Paul's Beyond the Walls. This huge, imposing Basilica, second only to St. Peter's and one of the largest churches in the Christian world, contains an unusual gallery of papal portraits: 265 tablets portraying the popes of the past. We celebrate Mass here and return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Wednesday, May 20 - DAY 4 - VATICAN

Thursday, May 21 - DAY 5 - ROME/ORVIETO/ ASSISI - Following an early morning departure from Rome, we travel north through the Umbrian countryside. We stop at Orvieto for a visit and Mass at the breathtaking Cathedral, which is known as the jewel of Italian architecture. Inside the Cathedral is the Chapel of the Corporal, which houses the chalice cloth involved in the Eucharistic Miracle, which occurred in nearby Bolsena. In the 13th century a pilgrim priest named Peter of Prague was celebrating Mass at the crypt of St. Christina. He was having a faith crisis concerning the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist and while speaking the words of the consecration, blood started to drip from the consecrated Host. Subsequently, Pope Urban instituted The Feast of Corpus Christi. We enjoy some free time for lunch on our own, before we continue to Assisi. Our first stop is in the lower village for a visit to the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels, and the Portiuncula, Francis' Church of the Little Portion. We proceed to the hilltop village of Assisi for dinner and overnight at our hotel.

Friday, May 22 - DAY 6 - ASSISI - This morning we begin with a short walk to the Basilica of St. Francesco for Mass. After our visit of the Basilica and the tomb of St. Francis, we begin our walking tour of the village with a visit to the Church of St. Clare "the little plant of Blessed Francis" as she loved to call herself, where we view the

San Damiano crucifix that spoke to St. Francis. Kneeling before it, Francis composed the following prayer, which is considered to be among the oldest of his writings: "All Highest, Glorious God, cast your light into the darkness of my heart. Give me right faith, firm hope, perfect charity, and profound humility, with wisdom and perception, O Lord, so that I may do what is truly your most holy will. Amen." This afternoon, following lunch on our own, our taxis take us up to the Hermitage of the Carceri, where Francis and his Friars retreated from the world to pray and fast. Here the grotto of St. Francis can also be seen. We return to our hotel for dinner and overnight

Saturday, May 23 - DAY 7 - LORETO/MONTESILVANO
- Today we drive east towards Ancona and visit and celebrate
Mass at Loreto, the site of the Santa Casa or "Holy House".
Ancient tradition tells us angels carried the house of the Holy
Family from Nazareth to Loreto as it was about to be destroyed
by Holy Land invaders. After our visit and a break for lunch
on our own, we continue southwards via the Aegean coastal
highway to the Montesilvano Pescara area for dinner and
overnight at our hotel on the shores of the Adriatic Sea.

Sunday, May 24 - DAY 8 - LANCIANO/SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO - This morning we visit and pray at Lanciano, the site of the oldest Eucharistic Miracle certified by the Church. After almost eight centuries the Body and the Blood still maintain all the characteristics of fresh human material! Following a stop for lunch on our own, we continue south to San Giovanni Rotondo where we celebrate Mass at the tomb of St. Padre Pio and visit the sanctuary. We transfer to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Monday, May 25 - Memorial Day - DAY 9 - SAN GIOVANNI/SUBIACO/ROME — We depart early this morning for Subiaco. It was here that St. Benedict and his sister St. Scholastica retired at the end of the 5th Century and built five little monasteries. We visit the Monastery of St. Benedict, which dates from the 13th and 14th centuries. We visit the Sacred Cave where Benedict lived as a hermit for three years. The staircase holds the earliest portrait of St. Francis without his halo or stigmata. While here we celebrate Mass. We stop for lunch on our own before continuing our journey to Rome for our "farewell" dinner and overnight at our hotel

Tuesday, May 26 - DAY 10 - ROME/USA - This morning we transfer to the airport for our flight to the U.S. arriving the same day with memories of a lifetime as we recall our journey of faith in the footsteps of the Saints!

"Have questions about this pilgrimage? Ask us! Go to www.Unitours.com/questions."

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## **Catholic Italy Pilgrimage 2020**

Mail to: Unitours, Inc. 10 Midland Ave. #202 – Port Chester, NY 10573

Please reserve \_\_\_\_ seats on this Catholic Italy Pilgrimage 2020 - May 17 - 26, 2020

Enclosed please find deposit of \$500 per person (Payable to Unitours, Inc.)

PLEASE ENCLOSE A COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT (Passport MUST be valid until November 26, 2020 or later.)

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limited in number.  I/we wish to purchase optional travel insurance
Please assign a roommate (if available) I prefer a single room - \$501 supplement and

**TOTAL TOUR PRICE:** The tour price is based on airfare, cruise, land rates and rates of exchange in effect May 23, 2019. All rates are subject to change without prior notice. Should the rates go up or down, an adjustment would be made prior to departure. Refunds CANNOT be granted for any accommodations, services or events that are not used nor if you deviate from the tour. If fewer than 30 pilgrims participate a price adjustment may be necessary.

PASSPORT AND VISA REQUIREMENTS: A valid passport is required. At the time of printing, U.S. citizens holding valid passports DO NOT REQUIRE visas or immunization for the country or countries being visited. Passport MUST be valid until November 26, 2020 or later. Citizens of countries other than U.S. - please contact the consulate of the country or countries being visited to determine visa requirements. AIR TRANSPORTATION: International flight reservations are being held on Alitalia Airlines. No stopovers are permitted. Any changes after ticket is issued, carries a mandatory charge of \$200. Once the tickets are issued, they are NON-TRANSFERABLE AND NON-REFUNDABLE. Any requests to change a ticket once issued will incur a reissue fee of \$200 plus any fare differential will apply. Cancellation of air seat within 90 days of departure will incur a \$200 penalty. DOMESTIC AIRFARE: For those who make domestic air arrangements to the originating city of this tour, your tour host and Unitours strongly recommend the purchase of tickets that can be changed without heavy fees and penalties as international flight schedules are always subject to change.

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:** Specially selected hotels based on twin occupancy with private bath. Single Room supplement of \$501 will be charged where requested and available. If you do not have a roommate and Unitours is unable to arrange one, you will be billed for the single room supplement. All singles are subject to availability.

**MEALS:** Breakfast and Table D' Hote dinners are provided daily except where noted in the itinerary. An extra charge will be made when coffee, tea or other beverages are not included in the menu of the day with the dinner meal.

TIPS AND TAXES: Tips and taxes normally appearing on hotel and restaurant bills as service are included, as are all government and local taxes on hotels and meals, porterage of one suitcase per person. International departure taxes of \$111 plus current fuel surcharges of \$350 are included (subject to change). TIPS TO TOUR MANAGER/GUIDES, DRIVERS OR DINING ROOMS STAFF OF \$95 ARE NOT INCLUDED. One average sized suitcase not exceeding 50 lbs total weight and 62 linear inches (height plus width plus depth) is permitted throughout the trip.

**NOT INCLUDED:** Expenses and items not specifically mentioned in this brochure are NOT covered, including but not limited to: passport and visa fees, meals not listed and items of a personal nature such as laundry, wines, liquors, mineral waters, after dinner coffee or tea, sightseeing or services other than those specifically mentioned, tips and taxes mentioned above, excess baggage and insurance, etc.

**DEPOSITS AND CANCELLATIONS:** A deposit of \$500 is required to secure reservations. Any balance is to be paid in full no later than 60 days before departure of tour. Reservations made within 60 days of departure must include full payment. Amex, Discover, Visa and MasterCard are accepted with signed reservation form. Final payments will be applied to same credit card on final payment due date including insurance. Cancellations made from time of reservation to within 61 days prior to departure - - \$100 processing charge plus any air penalties noted

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**DEVIATIONS:** A service charge of \$50 pp will be applied for any deviations made in tour, (where possible), PLUS any additional air or land charges incurred.

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