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Fr. Andrew McAlpin, O.P. Dominican Italy Pilgrimage

October 7-18, 2019 - 12 Days

\$5,499 from Chicago

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Monday, October 7 - Day 1 – DEPART CHICAGO - This evening, we depart from O'Hare International Airport via best connections for overnight flight to Milan aboard a wide-bodied jet. We enjoy in-flight movies, dinner and breakfast aloft.

Tuesday, October 8 - Day 2 - MILAN - Upon arrival in Milan, we are met and board our motor coach for a brief tour of Milan. After a drive-by orientation of the city, we check in to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Wednesday, October 9 - Day 3 – MILAN/BOLOGNA - This morning we visit Milan's most famous mural, Leonardo da Vinci's The Last Supper, which is hidden away on a wall of the refectory adjoining the Basilica di Santa Maria delle Grazie. We continue on to visit the famed Duomo – the cathedral marks the height of the Flamboyant Gothic style. We **celebrate Mass** here and enjoy the superb view of the statues and spires from the Rooftop Promenade. We visit Sforza Castle, time permitting. We continue to Bologna and check in to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Thursday, October 10 - Day 4 – BOLOGNA - We begin our day Celebrating Mass at the tomb of St. Dominic in the chapel of The Basilica di San Domenico. St. Domenico, the Spanish founder of the Dominican Order, arrived in Bologna around the year 1200 and purchased San Nicolò delle Vigne church and vicarage where the Basilica now stands. We visit the church of San Sigismondo, where the incorrupt body of Blessed Imelda Lambertini, patroness of First Communicants, lies. We visit San Petronio Basilica, time permitting. Dinner and overnight in Bologna.

Friday, October 11 - Day 5 – BOLOGNA/BAGNO DI ROMAGNA MONTECATINI TERME - We depart Bologna and drive to Bagno di Romagna. In the Basilica of St. Mary Assumed, the relic of the Eucharistic miracle of the "Holy Cloth Soaked by Blood" is preserved. The historian Fortunio thus describes the miracle in his noted work Annales Camalduneses: "It was the year 1412. **Mass is celebrated here.** We continue to our hotel in Montecatini Terme for dinner and overnight.

Saturday, October 12 - Day 6 – MONTECATINI TERME/FLORENCE - We drive a short distance to Florence where we proceed to the San Marco Museum, located in a former monastery founded in the 13th century and houses frescoes by Ghirlandaio, Fra Angelico and many paintings of his followers. On to Piazzale Michelangiolo for a panoramic view of the city. We then visit the Basilica of Santa Croce and celebrate Mass. Among the most famous, here lie Galileo, Rossini, Michelangelo and Macchiavelli. Afterwards, we set out to the Piazza della Signoria, the site of Fra Savonarola, Fra Salvestro and Fra Domenico's executions. The piazza is dominated by the Palazzo Vecchio and its embattlement crowned tower. We visit the Duomo, the heart of the city, with its cupola by Brunelleschi, completed in 1240. We then see the campanile by Giotto, and Baptistery, with incomparable bronze doors, by Ghiberti. Across from the Palace, we visit the Loggia dei Lanzi with the statues of the Perseus by Cellini, Giambologna's the rape of the sabinas and Hercules. Time permitting, visit Santa Maria Novella and Pharmacy, a very

Dominican site, Ponte Vecchio. Back to our hotel in Montecatini Terme for dinner and overnight.

Sunday, October 13 - Day 7 – FLORENCE/SIENA - This morning we journey through the Italian countryside arriving in the magnificent city of Siena, which invites us to stroll through its Gothic streets. We visit St. Francis Basilica, the site of the Real Presence Eucharistic Miracle. We celebrate Mass in the Basilica of San Domenico, where the mummified head of Saint Catherine of Siena is revered. Dinner and overnight in Siena.

Monday, October 14 - Day 8 – SIENA/ORVIETO/ ROME - We depart Siena and stop in Orvieto on the way to Rome. We visit the Cathedral of Orvieto, where we celebrate Mass at the Altar of the Corporeal. It is said that Pope Urban IV was prompted by this Eucharistic Miracle to commission St. Thomas Aquinas to compose the Proper for a Mass and an Office honoring the Holy Eucharist as the Body of Christ. One year after the miracle, in August of 1264, Pope Urban IV introduced the saint's composition, and by means of a papal bull instituted the feast of Corpus Christi. Continue to Rome and check into our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Tuesday, October 15 - Day 9 –ROME - This morning, we tour her sites, passing the Roman Fora, the Arch of Constantine, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier and the Coliseum. We visit St. Peter in Chains to view Michelangelo's possibly most celebrated sculpture, the "Moses." We go on to visit Mary Major, and after, **we celebrate Mass at Santa Maria Sopra Minerva.** Time permitting, we visit San Clemente. **Dinner on our own** and overnight at hotel.

Wednesday, October 16 - Day 10 – ROME - This morning, we make our way to St. Peter's for an audience with Pope Francis if he is in residence. This afternoon we enjoy a tour of the Angelicum, the Dominican University where JP2 studied. We visit Santa Sabina on the Aventine and **celebrate Mass here at the Dominican Headquarters.** **Dinner on our own.** Overnight at our hotel

Thursday, October 17 - Day 11 - ROME - This morning we begin our day with **Mass at St. Peter's.** We see the treasures of the Vatican Museum; We marvel at Michelangelo's restored frescoes in the Sistine Chapel. After lunch we visit St. John Lateran, The Church of St. Paul of the Three Fountains, (also known as the Abbey of Saints Vincent and Anastasius) and St. Paul Outside the Wall. **We end the day with a visit to one of the Catacombs.** **We enjoy a farewell dinner together.** Overnight at our hotel.

Friday, October 18 - Day 12 - RETURN TO U.S. - Today we make our way home with memories of a lifetime.

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

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Name(s) as appears on passport

My Roommate:

Address:

City, State & Zip

Telephone:

Day Evening

Email address:

___ Please assign a roommate (if available)

___ I prefer a single room - \$894 supplement and limited in number.

___ I/we wish to purchase optional travel insurance starting at \$237 now in order to cover preexisting conditions. (See "Travel Insurance" on pilgrimage terms for price and details.)

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Signature

TOTAL TOUR PRICE: The tour price is based on airfare, cruise, land rates and rates of exchange in effect June 26, 2018. 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 25 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 **April 18, 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 Iberia and American 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 \$894 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, portage of one suitcase per person. International departure taxes of \$127 plus current fuel surcharges of \$320 are included (subject to change). **TIPS TO TOUR MANAGER/GUIDES, DRIVERS OR DINING ROOMS STAFF OF \$119 ARE 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

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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.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: Optional Travel Insurance is strongly recommended for your trip. See www.Unitours.com/TravelInsurance for full details. Cost of travel insurance for this trip starts at \$237. To cover preexisting conditions, insurance must be purchased with your reservation. (See reservation form). If paying by check, add insurance cost to your deposit. Insurance can also be purchased at the time of your final payment.

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