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Fr. Paul Grankaukas St. Bridget of Ireland's Anniversary Pilgrimage

September 28 - October 7, 2027 - 10 Days

\$6,699 from Washington Dulles

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Tuesday, Sep 28 - DAY 1 – USA/ROME

– Today we depart Washington Dulles to connect with our overnight flight to Rome aboard a wide-bodied jet. We enjoy dinner and breakfast aloft.

Wednesday, Sep 29 - DAY 2 - ROME/ ASSISI - Upon arrival in Rome, we board our motor coach for our drive to Assisi. Following lunch on our own our first stop is in the lower town for a visit and Mass at the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels and the Portiuncula, Francis' Church of the Little Portion. We continue to the upper village to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Thursday, Sep 30 - DAY 3 - ASSISI - This morning after breakfast, we begin at the Basilica of St. Francesco with Mass. After our visit of the Basilica and the tomb of St. Francis, we begin our walking tour of the village. Included is a visit to the Church of St. Clare to view the crucifix that spoke to St. Francis. Afterwards, we visit the resting place of the newly canonized St. Carlo Acutis who was 15-years old when he died in 2006 from leukemia. Acutis' tomb is in Assisi's *Sanctuary of the Renunciation*, the spot where a young St. Francis of Assisi is said to have cast off his rich clothes in favor of a poor habit. This afternoon after lunch on our own, we take time for prayer, rest, exploration or simply enjoying this picturesque hillside village on our own. Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Assisi.

Friday, Oct 1 - St. Therese of the Little Flower - DAY 4 - ASSISI/ORVIETO/ SORRENTO – Following breakfast and an early morning departure from Assisi we travel south 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. Afterwards we travel south to the wonderful town of Sorrento along the Mediterranean for dinner and overnight.

Saturday, Oct 2 - Guardian Angels - DAY 5 – SORRENTO/ISLE OF CAPRI/ SORRENTO - This morning, we enjoy an excursion to Capri. We depart Sorrento by steamer across the Bay of Naples to the Island of Dreams, Capri. We tour the island including Anacapri and weather permitting, the beautiful Blue Grotto. Following Mass at one of the churches here we return to Sorrento for dinner and overnight.

Sunday, Oct 3 - Day 6 – SORRENTO/ POMPEII/ROME - This morning after breakfast, we leave Sorrento and we travel to Pompeii, the Roman City destroyed by the volcanic ash of Vesuvius in 79 AD. We tour the church of the Holy Rosary visited by St. John Paul II shortly before his death. Here we learn about one of the newest saints, Bartolo Longo, a former Satanist who converted to Catholicism and dedicated his life to the Rosary and the Virgin Mary. We enjoy free time for lunch and shopping. Early in the



afternoon we continue to Rome for dinner and overnight.

Monday, Oct 4 - St. Francis of Assisi - Day 7 – ROME - This morning after breakfast, we go to Vatican City where we celebrate Mass below St. Peter's.

Afterwards, we see the treasures of the Vatican Museum. We marvel at Michelangelo's restored frescoes in the Sistine Chapel and the wonders of St. Peter's, Catholicism's mother church and the largest church in the world. Highlights include Michelangelo's *Pieta* as well as Bernini's famous altar columns, one of which contains the spear of St. Longinus, the Roman centurion who pierced the side of Christ and was converted by the blood and water that flowed from it. This afternoon after lunch on our own, we tour St. Mary Major. Basilica of St. Mary Major, the largest church dedicated to Mary in the world and the place where Pope Francis is buried. The golden ceiling of St. Mary's is decorated by the first gold brought back from the New World by Christopher Columbus. The Spanish Catholic Kings—Ferdinand and Isabel—gave the gold as a gift to the Pope. We celebrate Mass here at the Crypt of the Nativity where the relics from Christ's manger are held. We return to our hotel for dinner and overnight in Rome.

Tuesday, Oct 5 - DAY 8 -- ROME FREE DAY – Today after breakfast and following Mass at a church near our hotel, we are free for shopping, rest or personal adventure.

Some famous sites to visit in Rome include the Spanish Steps, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the Pantheon, and Michelangelo's Moses housed at the St. Peter in Chains Basilica. We have the opportunity to explore the culinary delights of Rome tonight as dinner is on our own. Overnight at our hotel in Rome.

Wednesday, Oct 6 - DAY 9 - ROME – This morning after breakfast we make our way to St. Peter's for a papal audience with Pope Leo XIV, if he is in residence. This afternoon, we visit the Holy Stairs and Basilica of St. John Lateran. The Holy Stairs were taken from Jerusalem to Rome by St. Helen, the Emperor Constantine's mother. These are the stairs that Jesus

climbed to be sentenced to death by Pontius Pilate after being mercilessly scourged. Many pilgrims climb these stairs on their knees in prayer. We also visit St. John Lateran Basilica which served as the Pope's home church until the 14th Century when it switched to St. Peter's Basilica. We conclude our day at the Catacombs of San Sebastian, burial place of early Christians. We celebrate Mass here and venerate the relic of the footprints of Christ from his encounter with St. Peter in the famous "Quo Vadis" story. We celebrate Mass here. Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Rome.

Thursday, Oct 7 - DAY 10 – ROME/USA - Today we make our way home with memories to last a lifetime.



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TOTAL TOUR PRICE: The tour price is based on airfare, cruise, land rates and rates of exchange in effect June 18, 2026. 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. Passport MUST be valid until April 07, 2028 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 United 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 \$1079 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, portorage of one suitcase per person. International departure taxes of \$121 plus current fuel surcharges of \$650 are included (subject to change). TIPS TO TOUR MANAGER/GUIDES, DRIVERS OR DINING ROOMS STAFF OF \$97 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.

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