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Rev. Joe Porpiglia Catholic Italy Pilgrimage

October 26 - November 4, 2026 - 10 Days

\$5,199 from Toronto

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**Monday, October 26 - DAY 1 – DEPART
USA** – Today we depart Toronto for our overnight flight to Rome aboard a wide-bodied jet. We enjoy in-flight movies, dinner, and breakfast aloft.

Tuesday, October 27 - DAY 2 - ROME – This morning we arrive in Rome where we are met by our Unitours Tour Manager as we board our motorcoach for our visit to the Holy Stairs and Basilica of St. John Lateran. We stop along our route for lunch on our own. We conclude our day at one of the Catacombs, burial place of early Christians. We celebrate Mass here and view the 2nd and 3rd century fresco paintings. We return to our hotel for our “welcome” dinner and overnight.

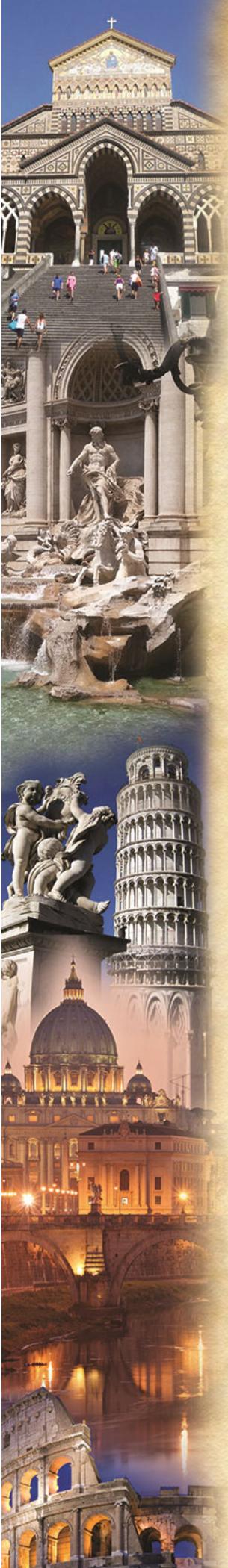
**Wednesday, October 28 - Simon & Jude -
DAY 3 - ROME** – We start our day early as we make our way to St. Peter's for an audience with Pope Leo XIV if he is in residence. This afternoon, following a break for lunch on our own we visit the Basilica of St. Mary Major and then St. Paul Outside the Walls. We conclude our day with dinner at a restaurant nearby before returning to our hotel for our overnight.

Thursday, October 29 - DAY 4 – ROME – This morning, we start our day at Vatican City to celebrate Mass beneath St. Peter's. After mass we view the treasures of the Vatican Museum. We marvel at Michelangelo's restored frescoes in the Sistine Chapel and the wonders of St. Peter's. This afternoon, following a stop for lunch on our own, we visit the Basilica of St. Anastasia to view the relics of the Mantel of St. Joseph and the colorful Veil of our Blessed Mother! Both precious relics were brought to Rome from the Holy Land by St. Jerome in the fourth century AD before he was martyred by Emperor Diocletian. Both relics were left in the care of the church of St. Anastasia since it was one of the oldest “original” churches in

Rome at that time. Legend has it that St. Joseph needed lumber for a task he was hired for and since he was without adequate funds, he pledged his wedding mantel as collateral for the lumber. The lumber merchant, a man named Ishmael reluctantly agreed to hold the mantel in exchange for the lumber. While the mantel was in his care, many miraculous events, both spiritual and physical happened to people close to Ishmael, including a sick cow that was healed! Ishmael asked to keep the mantel in his care and granted St. Joseph free lumber for life! Mother Mary conferred a specific blessing on the mantel and versions of that blessing have been handed down throughout the history of the church. We conclude our day with some free time before returning to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

**Friday, October 30 - DAY 5 – ROME/
MONTECATINI/FLORENCE** - Today, we drive to Tuscany and, following lunch on our own along our route, arrive at the beautiful Basilica of Santa Croce where we celebrate Mass. Among the most famous Italians interred here, lie Galileo, Rossini, Michelangelo, and Machiavelli. We continue our tour of Florence with the Piazza della Signoria, dominated by the Palazzo Vecchio and its embattlement crowned tower. Across from the Palace, we visit the Loggia dei Lanzi with the statues of the Perseus by Cellini; Giambologna's the “Rape of the Sabines” and “Hercules.” We finish our day at “Piazzale Michelangelo” for the best panoramic view of this spectacular city one could ask for. We then journey nearby to the delightful spa town of Montecatini Terme. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

**Saturday, October 31 - DAY 6 -
MONTECATINI/FLORENCE** - This morning, we return to Florence to spend more time in this beautiful city as we proceed with a tour of the Academia Gallery, where we view one of Michelangelo's most famous works, “David” (or Medici Museum, depending on ticket availability). We continue with the celebration of



Mass at the to the Duomo, also known as the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore, in the heart of the city and the fourth largest in the world! There we admire the cupola by Brunelleschi, completed in 1240, its campanile by Giotto. Once outside we view the Baptistry with its incomparable bronze doors by Ghiberti. We break for a leisurely lunch on our own and enjoy some free time for shopping or personal adventure in any of the many art museums or to have a walk along the Arno River admiring the enchanting Ponte Vecchio. This evening, our dinner location will be one of the restaurants of this enchanting city. Following dinner, we return to our hotel for overnight.

Sunday, November 1 - All Saints - DAY 7 - MONTECATINI/SIENA/ASSISI

– Today, we journey through the Italian countryside arriving in the magnificent city of Siena, which invites us to stroll through its Gothic streets. We celebrate Mass at the Dominican Church commemorating St. Catherine, to the famous Piazza del Campo. This shell shaped square is the dramatic setting for the annual Palio bareback horserace. The piazza's focal point is the Palazzo Pubblico, the public palace, which dates to 1250. We continue uphill to the monumental Cathedral dedicated to the Virgin Mary. Free time for lunch on our own before we continue south through Umbria to the hilltop village of Assisi, the home of Saint Francis for dinner and overnight at our hotel.

Monday, November 2 - All Souls - DAY 8 – ASSISI

- This morning, 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 with a stop at the Church of St. Clare to view the famous San Damiano crucifix. From this cross, Christ spoke to St. Francis telling him to “rebuild my Church.” Afterwards, we visit the resting place of 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. We pass by the famous Temple of Minerva in the Piazza del Comune. This afternoon, we can enjoy this picturesque hillside village on our own. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

Tuesday, November 3 - DAY 9 –

ASSISI/ROME - Today, as we depart Assisi, our first stop is in the lower town for a visit to the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels, and the Portiuncula, Francis' Church of the Little Portion, where we celebrate Mass before our journey back to Rome, stopping along our route for lunch on our own. We arrive at one of the most visited areas of Rome, the Piazza Navona and nearby church of San Luigi dei Francesi, well known for its stunning Contarelli Chapel, it also holds three masterpieces by Caravaggio depicting the life of St. Matthew. This is the French national church. It is adorned with Baroque art and architecture and attracts artists and art admirers from all over the world. The remainder of the day is at leisure before we gather at one of the areas popular restaurants for our “farewell” dinner. Overnight in Rome.

Wednesday, November 4 - DAY 10 –

ROME/RETURN TO U.S. - Today we make our way home with memories of a lifetime.



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While we at Unitours do everything possible to make our Pilgrimages comfortable, a certain amount of strenuous walking will be required. Depending upon a pilgrim's age & strength, parts of your program may be too taxing if a person has mobility limitations, is older or disabled. Be advised that such pilgrims may be unable to visit some of the places listed on this itinerary.

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

_____ Please assign a roommate (if available)

City, State & Zip

_____ I prefer a single room - \$809 supplement and limited in number.

Daytime Telephone:

To purchase optional travel insurance, please see www.Unitours.com/travelInsurance for full details and to purchase coverage.

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Name(s) as you'd like them to appear on nametags:

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I understand that certain charges such as air taxes, fuel surcharges and rates of exchange can affect the final cost and I agree to pay such costs should adjustments be necessary.

Signature

TOTAL TOUR PRICE: The tour price is based on airfare, cruise, land rates and rates of exchange in effect January 24, 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 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. Passport MUST be valid until May 4, 2027, 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 Air Canada. 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 \$809 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 \$109 plus current fuel surcharges of \$469 are included (subject to change). TIPS TO TOUR MANAGER/GUIDES, DRIVERS OR DINING ROOMS STAFF OF \$99 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. Final payments received at Unitours after 45 days before departure must include a \$25 late payment fee. (This does not apply for new reservations made after 45 days of departure.) Reservations made within 60 days of departure must include full payment. Amex, Discover, Visa and MasterCard are accepted with signed

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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 and to purchase coverage.

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Italy



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