

The History of the Catholic Church in ITALY with Marcus Grodi and the Coming Home Network September 23 - October 4, 2019

*Marcus Grodi, will team up with Ken Hensley and Msgr. Jefferey Steenson
on this inaugural "Deep in History" pilgrimage!"*

Day 1 - Sept. 23: Depart New York JFK airport for Rome Italy Depart on your overnight flight to Rome. Dinner served aboard flight.

Day 2 - Sept. 24: Assisi - Arrive in Rome and transfer to Assisi. After checking in to our hotel, enjoy some time to explore on your own the quaint streets that were home to St. Francis and St. Clare 800 years ago. Regroup for our welcome dinner with our hosts. Overnight in Assisi.

Day 3 - Sept. 25: Assisi - After breakfast, you will participate in a guided tour of Assisi, including the stunning Basilica of St Francis, the Church of Santa Chiara (which houses her incorrupt body), and the towering Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels, built over St. Francis' special chapel, the Porziuncola. After lunch, our chaplain will celebrate Holy Mass at the Church of San Damiano, where Christ miraculously spoke from the Crucifix to St. Francis telling him to "rebuild my Church." Late afternoon and evening free to explore the many winding streets filled with shops and cafes. Dinner at our hotel (B, D).

Day 4 - Sept. 26: Siena - After breakfast, we will depart for an excursion to Siena, Tuscany. We will have a walking tour of the medieval walled city, visiting the Piazza del Campo, St. Catherine of Siena's Sanctuary birthplace, and the magnificent cathedral, which is home to a Eucharistic Miracle. We will return to Assisi for dinner and overnight (B, D).

Day 5 - Sept. 27: Orvieto / Rome - After breakfast we say goodbye to Assisi and make our way to Rome. On the way we will stop in Orvieto, the town that sits on a 1000-foot high rock formation, poetically crowned by Italy's most renowned Gothic cathedral. Because of its strategic location, Orvieto served as a refuge for the popes in troubled times. We will visit the famous cathedral which houses the Miracle of the Eucharist in Bolsena. Enjoy free time to stroll the streets of this ancient town before continuing on to Rome for dinner and overnight at our hotel, just outside the Vatican (B, D).

Day 6 - Sept. 28: Peter in Rome - After breakfast, we will take the Scavi Tour (pending confirmation), exploring the 1st century Christian graveyard beneath St. Peter's Basilica and have the opportunity to pray at the bones of St. Peter. Mass at the glorious Clementine Chapel (pending confirmation) directly above the bones of St. Peter. After lunch, we will tour the Vatican Museum and Gallery, Raphael's Room, and the Sistine Chapel. After dinner, enjoy an optional night walking tour of Rome, including the Pantheon and the Trevi Fountain (B, D).

Day 7 - Sept. 29: Ancient Rome - Early morning Mass at St. Peter's Basilica, followed by time to explore the basilica. In the afternoon, tour ancient Rome, including the Capitoline Hill, the Roman Forum, the Palatine Hill, Circus Maximus, Colosseum, and the Arches of Titus and Constantine to learn about the Roman context within which the Catholic Church was born and saw its early expansion (B, D).

Day 8 - Sept. 30: Paul in Rome - After breakfast, our chaplain will celebrate Mass in the beautiful Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Wall (pending confirmation). In the afternoon, we will explore the Catacombs of San Sebastian and San Callistus, the Appian Way, and the Quo Vadis Chapel (B, D).

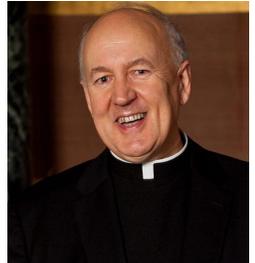
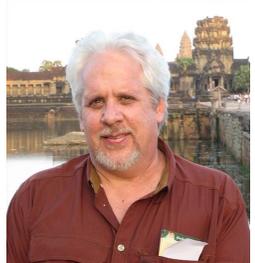
Day 9 - Oct. 1: The Roman Basilicae - In the morning, we will begin our tour of the most important Roman basilicae with a visit to St. John Lateran and climb the Scala Sancta (the steps which Christ ascended to meet Pontius Pilate, brought to Rome by St. Helena). After lunch, Mass will be celebrated at Santa Maria Maggiore, and visit as many of the great basilicae as time allows: Santa Prudenziana, San Pietro in Vincoli, San Lorenzo, and Santa Cecilia in Trastevere (B, D).

Day 10 - Oct. 2: Behind the Walls of the Vatican - Pending the Holy Father's schedule, we begin the day with a Papal Audience, followed by a visit to a Roman Dicastery, perhaps the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith and (we're hoping) the chance to meet with a member of the curia and take a walk behind the Vatican walls. (All pending schedules and confirmation). In the afternoon, we will travel outside Rome to Ostia Antica, one the best excavation sites of ancient Rome in all of Italy. We will visit Sant' Aurea and learn about the history of St. Augustine and St. Monica, before returning to our hotel in Rome (B, D).

Day 11 - Oct. 3: Later Events in the Life of the Church - In the morning we will visit the churches of St. Clement, San Gregorio and Gregory's monastery, as well as the Aventine Hill to discuss the rise of the Papacy. In the afternoon, we will celebrate Mass at the Tomb of St. Philip Neri and take a walking tour to the Piazza Navona, the Pantheon, and the tomb of St. Catherine of Siena in the stunning Dominican church of Santa Maria sopra Minerva. We complete our pilgrimage with a Farewell Dinner (B,D)

Day 12 - Oct. 4: Rome / USA - Morning departure for the Rome airport for our return flight home. (B)

NOTE: While no changes are anticipated, there may be occasions when certain alterations become necessary to this itinerary due to pending schedule confirmations, and/or, due to changes beyond our control.



\$4,709.00 per person, *Cash/Ck*
based on **40** participants &
double occupancy.

Credit card: \$4,897.00 per person.

Included

- Round trip air from JFK / FCO
- 10 Nights hotels
- 10 Breakfasts / 10 Dinners
- English speaking tour escort/
guide throughout
- Private motor coach throughout
- Transfers to and from all
international airports
- Entrance fees as noted in itinerary
- Private Mass arrangements daily
(Locations noted pending confirmation)
- Taxes and fuel surcharge
*(subject to increase 30 days
prior to departure)*

Not Included

- Transportation to New York JFK
- Optional Travel insurance of
(strongly recommended)
- Lunches & beverages w/meals
- All tips to tour escort, guides
and drivers.
- Items of personal nature
- Baggage fees imposed by airlines
- Any items not specifically
mentioned.
- **Limited Single rooms: \$ 1,250.00
cash/check. \$ 1,300.00 credit card.**

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