

# Join Most Reverend Daniel E. Thomas, Bishop of Toledo, OH on a Pilgrimage to Toledo, Spain & Rome, Italy October 10 - 23, 2022

**Day 1 Monday 10 October:** Depart U.S. for flight to Madrid with meals served aloft.

**Day 2 Tuesday 11 October: Madrid / Toledo:** Upon arrival in Madrid we meet our guide and board our motor coach for Toledo, one of Spain's most ancient and charming cities and our sister city. Celebrate Mass at Santo Tomé or one of the other local churches in Toledo, Spain. Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Toledo. (B, D)

**Day 3 Wednesday 12 October: Toledo:** Today we will tour the Old Town of Toledo, visit the El Greco Museum, and the Primada Cathedral, one of the largest in Europe. We will celebrate Mass at the Cathedral, pending final confirmation. Enjoy the afternoon wandering the quaint streets. There will be ample time to shop for Toledo's famous gold jewelry and cutlery. Dinner and overnight at your hotel in Toledo. (B, D)

**Day 4 Thursday 13 October: Toledo / Madrid:** After breakfast we depart for Madrid. Upon arrival we visit the famous Cathedral where we celebrate Mass. Continue to the Prada Museum, which is widely considered to have one of the world's finest collections of European art, dating from the 12th century to the early 20th century, based on the former Spanish Royal Collection, and the single best collection of Spanish art. Dinner and overnight in Madrid. (B, D)

**Day 5 Friday 14 October: Madrid / Avila / Segovia / Madrid:** Today visit Avila, the town associated with St. Teresa, one of the female Doctors of the Church. In Avila visit the Convent of St. Teresa (site of her birthplace), Convent of Nuestra Senora de Gracia, and the Encarnacion, where St. Teresa made her profession. Continue to Segovia, St. John of the Cross' town to visit the Cathedral and the tomb of St. John of the Cross. (Mass at tomb of St. John of the Cross, pending confirmation). Return to Madrid for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

**Day 6 Saturday 15 October: Madrid / Rome / Assisi:** Today we will transfer to the airport for our flight to Rome. Upon arrival, we will meet our guide, board our motor coach and drive to Assisi for dinner and overnight. Pending flight schedule and arrival time we will celebrate Mass at a local church in or near Assisi. (B, D)

**Day 7 Sunday 16 October: Assisi:** This morning, we begin the day with Mass at the Tomb of St. Francis (pending confirmation). After Mass we will participate in a guided tour of Assisi including such sites as the beautiful Basilica of St. Francis, the Church of Santa Clara which houses her Incorrupt body and the Basilica of St Mary of the Angels which houses the Porziuncola. Dinner tonight at your hotel. (B, D)

**Day 8 – Monday 17 October: Norcia / Deruta / Assisi:** Today we rise early and make our way to visit the Monastero di San Benedetto in Monte, Norcia. We will participate in Mass in the new Chapel on the Mountain. After Mass meet with the Monks and enjoy lunch, pending confirmation. Time permitting visit the town damaged by earthquakes in 2016. This afternoon we visit Deruta, the lovely town where the famous pottery is made and hand painted. Return to Assisi for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

**Day 9 Tuesday 18 October: Assisi / 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 1,000-foot high rock formation, poetically crowned by Italy's most renowned Gothic cathedral. Because of its strategic location, Orvieto for centuries served as a refuge for the popes in troubled times. We visit the famous Cathedral housing the corporal of the Miracle of the Eucharist in Bolsena and visit the Signorelli Chapel. Continue on to Rome for dinner and overnight. (B, D)

**Day 10 Wednesday 19 October: Rome:** This morning we make our way to St. Peter's Square to attend the Papal audience, pending the Holy Father's schedule. This afternoon we visit the Pontifical North American College. The remainder of the day is yours to enjoy. You may want to walk through the Trastevere neighborhood. Dinner on own. (B)

**Day 11 Thursday 20 October: Rome:** We spend our day visiting a few of the most beautiful churches in Rome. St. Mary Major, St. John Lateran, (the Cathedral of Rome), The Scala Santa, (Holy Stairs), and St. Paul Outside the Walls built over the Saint's burial place; where we will celebrate Mass. (Pending confirmation). Continue on to one of the Catacombs. Dinner on your own tonight. (B)



*Pilgrimage limited to 50 participants.*

**Total Cost Land Only: \$ 4,449.00,** per person, *Cash/Check payment, double occupancy.*

#### Included

- 12 Nights accommodations
- 13 Breakfasts / 1 Lunch / 9 Dinners
- English speaking tour escort/ guide throughout
- Private motor coach throughout
- Transfers from international airport
- Entrance fees as noted in itinerary
- Private Mass arrangements
- Tips for guide, driver, porters, wait staff and Mass donations
- Taxes and fuel surcharge  
*(subject to increase 30 days prior to departure)*

#### Not Included

- Airfare from Detroit to Madrid, Madrid to Rome, Rome to Detroit  
*(To be added once routes and rates are published).*
- Optional Travel insurance:  
*(strongly recommended)*
- Lunches & beverages w/meals except where noted
- Any/all Covid-19 test(s) that may be required by airlines, departing /arriving country and transfer country.
- Transportation to/from Domestic Airport
- Any items not specifically mentioned
- **Limited Single rooms at additional cost. Call for availability.**

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**Day 12 Friday 21 October: Rome / Castel Gandolfo:** This morning, we make our way by motor coach to the beautiful town of Castel Gandolfo, the summer home of the popes. Visit the beautiful gardens and papal palace, pending confirmation. Celebrate Mass at the local town church, of San Tommaso da Villanova, pending confirmation. Enjoy lunch at the lakeside Ristorante Pagnanelli, included. Return to Rome. Your evening is free to explore Rome on your own. Dinner on your own. (B, L)

**Day 13 Saturday 22 October: Rome:** Today we celebrate with Bishop Thomas on the 8th Anniversary of his installation as the Bishop of The Diocese of Toledo and the Feast of Pope Saint John Paul II. Pending confirmation we will celebrate Mass at St. Peter's Basilica and pray at the Tomb of St. John Paul II. After Mass we will take our guided tour of the Vatican Museum and the Sistine Chapel. Remainder of afternoon is free. Tonight we enjoy a farewell dinner. (B, D)

**Day 14 Sunday 23 October: Rome / USA:** This morning depart for the Fumicino Rome airport for our return flight home. (B)

*B, L, D indicates breakfast, lunch or dinner is included on that day.*

***NOTES:*** *While no changes are anticipated, there may be occasions when sequence and days of visits may change and certain alterations become necessary due to changes beyond our control.*

***All Mass locations and times are subject to final confirmation.***

***In todays uncertain times all prices are subject to change prior to departure due to major currency fluctuations, changes in fuel prices and/or unforeseen economic circumstances beyond our control***

***To register for this pilgrimage please complete and sign the registration form and Covid-19 release form and return with your deposit.***

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