



# TEKTON MINISTRIES

Encounter Christ on a Catholic Pilgrimage



PILGRIMAGE TO THE

# SHRINES <sup>OF</sup> ITALY

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June 4<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018



# PILGRIMAGE ITINERARY

## ● Day 1 – June 4: Depart Indianapolis

Our pilgrimage begins as we depart on our overnight flight to Rome. Meals and refreshments will be served aloft.

## ● Day 2 – June 5: Arrive Rome

After arrival in the “Eternal City” of Rome, we will be met by our local tour manager and transfer to our centrally located hotel, our home for the next three nights. Enjoy the afternoon on your own exploring Rome.

## ● Day 3 – June 6: Rome

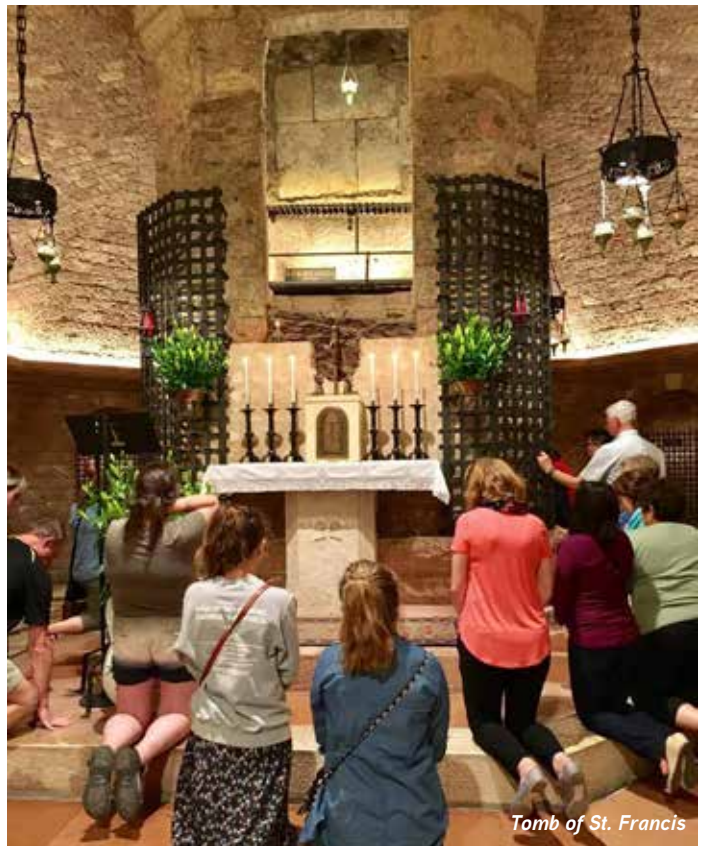
This morning we will begin by visiting the Basilica of Saint Peter’s in Rome where we will celebrate Mass, tour the basilica and then split into groups for a tour of the Scavi Excavations (pending confirmation) and optional tour of the dome. Our guide will then take us through the Vatican Museum and the Sistine Chapel with its awesome frescoes painted by Michelangelo focusing especially on Eucharistic art and artifacts. Later in the afternoon take a walk through the Vatican Gardens.

## ● Day 4 – June 7: Rome

This morning, we will have inside visits of the Forum and the Colosseum. Proceed to St. Peter in Chains featuring Michelangelo’s “Moses” and St. Paul Outside the Walls which was originally built by Constantine in the fourth century over the site of St. Paul’s tomb where Mass will be celebrated. This afternoon you are free to explore, shop, rest, or join Fr. Joe or Fr. Aaron for optional walking tours of Rome.

## ● Day 5 – June 8: Rome

This morning we will begin with a visit to St. Mary Major Basilica. Next visit St. John Lateran where we celebrate Mass, the Holy Stairs and the St. Sebastian Catacombs. The afternoon will be free to explore Rome on your own.



## ● Day 6 – June 9: Rome / Orvieto / Assisi

This morning we will depart Rome and drive north to Orvieto where we’ll visit Signorelli Chapel in the Cathedral of Orvieto and venerate the sacred Eucharistic miracle. See the steps of the Papal summer residence where Pope Urban IV held up the blood-stained corporal and announced his intention to institute the Feast of Corpus Christi. After Mass, we will continue our drive through the beautiful Umbrian countryside to Assisi, a town which welcomes us in the spirit of St. Francis and St. Clare into its peaceful interior. Enjoy a bit of free time in Assisi before dinner.

## ● Day 7 – June 10: Assisi

This morning we will visit St. Mary of the Angels Basilica, site of the Porziuncola, the tiny church in the woods where St. Francis began his ministry and where St. Clare began her religious life. Then enjoy a tour of Assisi including visits to the Convent of San Damiano where the miracle of the Eucharist of 1211 took place, the Basilica of St. Francis where Mass will be celebrated, and the Basilica of St. Clare. Then for those with the stamina, take a walk up Monte Subasio to L’Eremo delle Carceri (the Carceri Hermitage), the Saint’s favorite retreat. There are many caves here that St. Francis and his followers retreated to for seclusion and prayer. Overnight in Assisi.

## ● Day 8 – June 11: Assisi / Siena / Montecatini Terme

In the morning, we will depart Assisi and drive north to Siena, home of St. Catherine. Our first stop this morning and a highlight of our pilgrimage will be the Basilica of St. Francis where we’ll venerate the Eucharistic miracle of Siena. Then we’ll celebrate Mass at St. Dominic’s, St. Catherine of Siena’s parish church where she attended daily Mass and went into ecstasy. Adjacent to the church is her home, which we’ll tour and see the cell where she fasted and prayed. Then we’ll stroll the ancient Gothic streets which converge on the Piazza del



Campo, one of the most beautiful squares in the world where we can stop for lunch. Continue our drive north to Montecatini Terme home for the next two nights.

● **Day 9 – June 12: Montecatini Terme / Florence**

After our short drive to Florence this morning, we begin an artful experience as we tour the Galleria dell'Accademia (home of Michelangelo's David). (Optional: Spend the morning visiting the Uffizi Gallery, home of many Renaissance masterpieces – entrance fee required). In the afternoon, we will take a walking tour of Florence and visit the Ponte Vecchio, the Duomo, the Baptistery with its renowned bronze doors, Santa Maria Novella Church and Santa Croce Church. Return to Montecatini Terme.

● **Day 10 – June 13: Montecatini Terme / Milan**

Depart Montecatini Terme this morning and drive north to Pavia. The remains of St. Augustine, Doctor of the Church, lie here in the Basilica of San Pietro in Ciel d'Oro. The relics of St. Augustine are kept in a marble reliquary on the upper floor of the church. One of the chapels is dedicated to St. Monica. After Mass, drive the short distance to Milan for check-in at our hotel.

● **Day 11 – June 14: Milan**

Today we will enjoy a city tour including visits to the Duomo which is one of the world's largest Gothic Cathedrals, the Church of Santa Maria delle Grazie which houses the "Last Supper" painting by Leonardo da Vinci (subject to availability), the Church of Sant' Ambrogio honoring St. Ambrose, the patron saint of Milan, the glamorous Galleria Vittorio Emanuele shopping gallery and the medieval Sforza Castle. The balance of the day is free for personal prayer or shopping. This evening enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

● **Day 12 – June 15: Milan / Indianapolis**

Following breakfast, transfer to the airport to catch our return flight home.

## PILGRIMAGE PRICE: \$3,275.00

*per person/double occupancy*

*For a single occupancy please add \$687.00*

*For land only, please subtract: \$254.00*

**These rates include:**

- Arrangements for daily Mass
- Roundtrip economy class airfare from Indianapolis on American Airlines
- 10 nights accommodation
- All hotel taxes and service charges
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- Farewell dinner at a local restaurant in Milan
- Professional tour manager with professional local guides
- All entrance fees as per itinerary
- Land transportation by deluxe motor coach
- Arrival and departure transfers
- Porterage of one piece of luggage at airports and hotels
- Whisper headsets

**These rates do not include:**

- Airline taxes/fuel surcharges (currently \$360.16 per person, but subject to change until the time of ticketing)\*
- Gratuities to guide, driver, and hotel staff\*
- Lunches, drinks with meals, extras at hotels and any expenses of a personal nature

*\*added to your final invoice*

*Departures from other airports available upon request.*

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**Reservations and Payment:** Tekton Ministries requires a deposit of \$300.00 per person at the time of booking. This deposit forms a part of your final payment which is due 75 days prior to departure. Reservations made within 74 days of departure must be accompanied by payment in full. Payments made by credit card will incur a convenience fee. Any reservations received within 45 days of departure will incur a late booking fee of \$100.00 per person. This pilgrimage is based upon a minimum of 22 total pilgrims. Surcharges may be assessed for a smaller group size.

**Cancellations:** All cancellations must be in writing. The following per person cancellation charges will apply in addition to any airline penalties and charges incurred by our suppliers: If canceled 91 days or more prior to departure, a \$75.00 administrative fee will be charged. If canceled 90 - 31 days prior to departure, \$175.00 will be charged. If canceled 30 - 15 days prior to departure, \$450.00 will be charged. If canceled 14 - 7 days prior to departure \$700.00 will be charged. No refunds will be made within 6 days of departure. In addition, once the airline tickets have been issued, 100% of the airfare is non-refundable unless you have been advised otherwise at the time of your booking.

**Travel Documents:** A passport which is valid for 6 months past the date of your return flight home is required of all U. S. citizens. However, U.S. citizens do not require visas for Italy. If you are not a U.S. citizen, please call to find out if you need a visa. Tekton Ministries is not responsible for individual visas or passports.

**Hotels:** Accommodations are based on double occupancy rooms with private facilities. A limited number of single rooms are available at the supplement quoted and should be requested at the time of booking.

**Air Transportation:** Air travel is in economy class on American Airlines. Fares are based upon levels in effect at the time of printing and fares and flight schedules are subject to change without notice. Note that any ticketing changes made within 90 days of your departure date will incur airline penalties.

**Baggage:** Each passenger is allowed one checked bag and one carry-on. Tekton Ministries is not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen baggage.

**Travel Insurance:** We strongly recommend that you purchase comprehensive travel insurance for your trip. Registration information will be provided upon receipt of your deposit.

**Not Included:** Airline taxes/fuel surcharges (currently \$360.16 per person, but subject to change until the time of ticketing), gratuities to guide, driver, and hotel staff, passport/visa fees, personal travel insurance, laundry, beverages and items not on the regular menu of included meals, excess baggage charges, optional sightseeing and expenses of a personal nature.

**Refunds:** Subject to the foregoing Cancellation Terms, upon cancellation of travel related services, all sums paid to Tekton Ministries/George's International Tours for such services will be promptly returned to the passenger, provided the passenger has not caused such cancellation and is not in violation of any of the terms and conditions previously, clearly and conspicuously disclosed and agreed to by the passenger. This refund provision does not apply where Tekton Ministries/George's International Tours has remitted the payment to another registered seller of travel or a carrier and they default

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