



**TEKTON MINISTRIES**  
Encounter Christ on a Catholic Pilgrimage

# DISCOVER THE POWER *OF THE* EUCCHARIST

You're invited  
**ON A PILGRIMAGE TO  
THE EUCCHARISTIC SHRINES  
AND SAINTS OF**

# ITALY

**October 12-22, 2020**



# A TRULY CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE

**Tekton Ministries** has been leading Catholic pilgrimages for more than 20 years. Working closely with your priest to create thoughtfully planned itineraries, we help make the Catholic faith more tangible to your daily life by taking you to the heart of our Mother Church today. Although we visit numerous sites in this holy and historic region, daily Mass and time for prayerful reflection are important parts of each day's experience.

We use only experienced Christian or Catholic guides, so you receive truthful explanations of scripture and the places we encounter. When the disciple Philip asked the Eunuch (who was reading Isaiah) if he understood what he was reading, the man responded, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" (Acts 8:35) Just as Philip guided the Eunuch with "the good news of Jesus," your Tekton pilgrimage will guide you into a deeper understanding of the Scriptures. Our prayers, service, and love of our Lord go with you.

- **Day 1 - Monday, October 12**  
**USA / Rome**

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

- **Day 2 - Tuesday, October 13**  
**Rome / Orvieto / Assisi**

After a morning arrival in the "Eternal City", we will be met by our tour manager at the airport and drive north, stopping in the walled town of Orvieto. In the 13th century, in nearby Bolsena, a priest doubted the Eucharistic Presence during Mass and the host turned to real flesh and the wine to real blood during the consecration. The priest brought the blood-stained Corporal to Pope Urban in Orvieto, and it is now kept in a special reliquary for the faithful to view. It was also in Orvieto where Pope Urban IV called for a world-wide Feast of Corpus Christi. The Cathedral of Orvieto has striking similarities to the beautiful Duomo in Florence with its unique exterior. Inside is the Signorelli Chapel that holds some of the greatest artistic masterpieces in the world. There will be ample time for both prayer and adoration in these majestic surroundings. Afterwards, continue on to Assisi, a town that welcomes us in the spirit of St. Francis and St. Clare into its peaceful interior. (D, Mass)

- **Day 3 - Wednesday, October 14**  
**Assisi - Porziuncola / San Damiano / Basilicas of Francis and Clare / Monte Subasio**

Our first full day in Italy begins with a visit to 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 was consecrated. Continue to the Convent of San Damiano where the miracle of the Eucharist of 1211 took place and visit the chapel where Jesus spoke

to St. Francis from the crucifix, and the Basilica of St. Francis. We will visit the Basilica of St. Clare and view her incorrupt body, then proceed to Santa Maria degli Angeli. 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. The remainder of the day will be free for personal prayer and activities. (B, D, Mass)

*Basilica of St. Dominic*



- **Day 4 - Thursday, October 15**  
**Assisi - Day trip to Siena - Eucharistic Miracle of Siena / the Footsteps of St. Catherine**

This morning we will drive to Siena, home of St. Catherine. Our first stop, and a highlight of our tour, will be the Basilica of St. Francis where we'll venerate the Eucharistic miracle of Siena: Hosts which have remained incorrupt since 1730. 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 visit 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. Enjoy some free time in this mystical walled city before our return to Assisi for our final night in this peaceful town. (B, D, Mass)

*Basilica of St. Rita*



- **Day 5 - Friday, October 16**  
**Cascia / Lanciano**

Our travels today first take us to nearby Cascia, the home of Saint Rita, "the saint of the impossible" and site of a 14th century Eucharistic Miracle. Tour Saint Rita's convent where she received the thorn from Christ's crown, and visit her home. Proceed to the Basilica of St. Rita and venerate her incorrupt body, then spend time in Adoration in the chapel containing the Eucharistic miracle. Afterwards, we will continue our southward journey along the Adriatic to Lanciano, site of the oldest miracle of the Eucharist, still preserved after 12 centuries. Overnight in Lanciano. (B, D, Mass)

*Basilica of St. Francis*



● **Day 6 - Saturday, October 17**  
**Lanciano / San Giovanni Rotondo**

This morning we'll attend Mass at the sanctuary of the 8th century Eucharistic miracle of Lanciano. There will be time for adoration as well as a tour of the museum detailing the history of the miracle. We'll then drive along the coast to San Giovanni Rotondo, the home of Saint Padre Pio, where we'll visit his tomb and tour the sanctuary of the Church of Santa Maria delle Grazie, where this famous Saint said Mass, with one of the fathers who knew Padre Pio personally. After visiting this mystical Saint's cell and the parlor where he greeted the faithful, we proceed to our hotel for the night. (B, D, Mass)

● **Day 7 - Sunday, October 18**  
**Monte San Angelo / Manoppello / Rome**

After breakfast, we drive a short distance to the Grotto of St. Michael the Archangel, and visit the church built above the cave consecrated to the Lord by St. Michael himself. After time for prayer in this sacred site, begin our journey to Rome. We will stop for lunch in Manoppello and visit the church housing the Holy Veil of Manoppello, traditionally believed to be the sudarium of Christ, or the Veil of Veronica. Venerate this sacred icon and continue to Rome, checking into the hotel which will be our home for the next 4 nights. (B, D, Mass)



● **Day 8 - Monday, October 19**  
**Rome: Four Major Basilicas**

We begin our day in Rome with an early Mass in St. Peter's Basilica, followed by a tour including the Pieta and Adoration Chapel. We'll then visit the Sistine Chapel and the Vatican Museum, focusing especially on Eucharistic art and artifacts. In the afternoon travel to St. Paul's Outside the Walls, originally built by Constantine in the fourth century over the site of St. Paul's tomb. We'll see the Holy Stairs and the Basilica of St. John Lateran, and complete our visit to the four major Roman basilicas with a visit to St. Mary Major. (B, D, Mass)

● **Day 9 - Tuesday, October 20**  
**Rome: Catacombs / San Andrea del Fratte / Pantheon / Piazza Navona**

This morning begins with a visit to the Catacombs where we will celebrate Mass. Afterwards we'll stop at the Basilica of San Andrea del Fratte, where Alphonse Ratisbonne was instantly converted when Our Lady appeared to him. This is where St. Maximilian Kolbe said his first Mass and where Our Lady also appeared to St. John Bosco. We'll walk a few blocks to the Spanish Steps and the Trevi Fountain, then visit the Pantheon, an ancient Roman structure rebuilt into a Church, where the famous painter Raphael is buried. Continue on to the Piazza Navona and then you will be free for the remainder of the day for shopping or visiting another of Rome's famous churches or piazzas. (B, D, Mass)

● **Day 10 - Wednesday, October 21**  
**Papal Audience / Mamertime Prison / St. Clement's / St. Peter in Chains / Santa Pudenziana**

On our final day in Rome, we will attend the weekly Papal audience given by His Holiness, Pope Francis (depending upon the Holy Father's schedule). Then we'll head to the Mamertine Prison where St. Paul was kept in chains, view the Forum and Coliseum from the outside, and stop at St. Clement to see the second century dwelling of Pope St. Clement, the third successor of St. Peter, and the original fresco depicting St. Clement celebrating the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. This fresco gives us a picture of early Eucharistic worship. Then stop at St. Peter in Chains to view Michelangelo's magnificent Moses. Our day ends with a visit to Santa Pudenziana, one of the oldest churches in Rome, and site of the Eucharistic Miracle of 1610. Venerate the blood-stained imprint where the Host turned to flesh upon the steps of the altar in the Caetani Chapel. Ponder the reality of the True Presence of Christ before returning to our hotel for the evening. Tonight, we'll have our farewell dinner at a restaurant in Rome. (B, D, Mass)

● **Day 11 - Thursday, October 22**  
**Return to USA**

Today we say "Ciao" to Italia and transfer to the airport for our return home, cherishing all of the wonderful memories and graces of this pilgrimage.

B=Breakfast D=Dinner



# ITALY PILGRIMAGE DETAILS

REGISTER ONLINE AT  
TektonMinistries.org

## **BASE PRICE PER PERSON**

Double occupancy w/ airfare **\$4,410.00**

## **ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL EXPENSES**

Gratuities to tour manager, driver, hotel/restaurant staff **\$140.00**

**ESTIMATED TOTAL COST \$4,550.00**

## **OPTIONS:**

- For a single room: add \$611
- Land-only option: \$3,136 (no flights included)

**Final Payment Due**

**July 2020**

## **BASE RATE INCLUDES:**

- Daily Mass at holy sites
- Roundtrip economy airfare from Dallas-Ft. Worth on American Airlines
- Airline taxes/fuel surcharges (currently \$110.35 per person, but subject to change until the time of ticketing)
- 9 nights' accommodation, including taxes and service charges
- Portage of one piece of luggage at airports and hotels
- Knowledgeable, friendly, Catholic/Christian guides; whisper headsets; deluxe motor coach transportation to holy sites; all entrance fees listed on itinerary
- Breakfast and dinner per itinerary (excluding drinks)

**Rates do not include:** lunches, drinks with meals

**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 in Base Price:** 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 in providing the agreed-upon transportation or service without providing a refund. In such a situation, Tekton Ministries/George's International Tours agrees to provide passenger with a written statement accompanied by a copy of the bank records estab-

lishing the disbursement of the payment, and if disbursed to a seller of travel, proof of their current registration.

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