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IHM Church & Father Patrick O'Connor Italy Holy Year Italy Pilgrimage

June 2 – 12, 2025 - 10 Days

\$5,849 from Charlotte

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Monday, June 2 - DAY 1 – DEPART USA – Today, we depart Charlotte for our overnight flight to Rome aboard a wide-bodied jet. We enjoy dinner and breakfast aloft.

Tuesday, June 3- DAY 2 - ROME - We arrive in Rome this morning where we have a walking tour of the Roman Fora, the Arch of Constantine, and the Flavian Amphitheater, more commonly known as “the Coliseum”. Mass will be included at one of the Basilicas we will visit. 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. Continue to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Wednesday, June 4 - DAY 3 - ROME/VATICAN CITY – This morning, we make our way to St. Peter's for an audience with Pope Francis, if he is in residence. This afternoon, following a stop for lunch on our own, we visit the Holy Stairs and Basilica of St. John Lateran. While there, we pass through the first of “Holy Doors” on our Holy Year pilgrimage. We continue to the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, the second set of “Holy Doors” to pass through. This huge, imposing Basilica, second only to St. Peter’s and one of the largest churches in the Christian world, contains an unusual gallery of papal portraits: 265 tablets portraying the popes of the past. We conclude our day as we enjoy dinner and overnight at our hotel.

Thursday, June 5 - DAY 4 – ROME/ VATICAN CITY - Today, we visit Vatican City where we celebrate Mass below St. Peters. Afterwards, 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, as well as the famous Bernini altar columns, one Bernini engraved his own Rosary on and one rumored to contain the spear of St. Longinus, the roman centurion who pierced the side of our Savior and was healed by the blood and water that flowed from it! While here, we pass through the third of the “Holy Doors,” during our Holy Year Pilgrimage. This afternoon, following a break for lunch on our own, we tour the Basilica of St. Mary Major, and pass through the “Holy Doors” there to mark our 4th and last set of doors on our Holy Year pilgrimage. We return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Friday, June 6 - DAY 5 – ROME/ SIENA/MONTECATINI – This morning, we journey through the Italian countryside arriving in the magnificent city of Siena, which invites us to stroll through its Gothic streets. After we celebrate Mass at the Dominican Church commemorating St. Catherine, we walk 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 visit the monumental Cathedral dedicated to the Virgin Mary. We break for lunch on our own before continuing our

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scenic drive to the beautiful countryside spa town of Montecatini Terme whose streets invite us to stroll after dinner at our hotel.

Saturday, June 7 - DAY 6 – FLORENCE/ASSISI - This morning we drive to Florence where our first stop will be “Piazzale Michelangelo” for the best panoramic view of this spectacular city one could ask for. We proceed with a tour of the Academia Gallery, where we view one of Michelangelo’s most famous works, “David” (OR MEDICI CHAPEL). We continue with the celebration of Mass and a visit 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 Baptistery’s with its incomparable bronze doors by Ghiberti. We break for a leisurely lunch on our own at one of the many trattorias that dot the riverfront area, along Florence’s Arno River. We conclude our day as we travel east to Assisi, where we check into our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Sunday, June 8 – Pentecost - DAY 7 – 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. Included is a visit to the Church of St. Clare to view the crucifix that spoke to St. Francis. 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.

Monday, June 9 - DAY 8 – ASSISI/ SORRENTO -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. We celebrate Mass before continuing our journey south. We stop along our route for lunch on our own before arriving in the wonderful town of Sorrento along the Mediterranean for dinner and overnight at our hotel.

Tuesday, June 10 - DAY 9 – ISLE OF CAPRI/SORRENTO - This morning, we leave Sorrento by hydrofoil across the Bay of Naples to the Island of Dreams - Capri. We tour the island including Anacapri and weather permitting, the beautiful Blue Grotto. We return to Sorrento for dinner and overnight at our hotel.

Wednesday, June 11 - DAY 10 - SORRENTO/POMPEII/ROME FREE DAY – Today, we leave Sorrento as we travel to Pompeii, the Roman City destroyed yet preserved by the volcanic ash of Vesuvius in 79 AD. We visit the church of the Holy Rosary visited by Blessed John Paul II shortly before his death. Afterwards, we make our way home to Rome to enjoy the rest of the day with free time for shopping, rest, or personal adventure. We conclude our day as we enjoy our “farewell” dinner and overnight at our hotel.

Thursday, June 12 - DAY 11 ROME/DEPART FOR USA –to connect with our flight back to the US. Our hearts are filled with joyful memories of a lifetime.

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Please reserve ___ seats on this Holy Year Italy Pilgrimage – June 2-12, 2025

Enclosed please find deposit of \$500 per person (Payable to Unitours, Inc.)

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TOTAL TOUR PRICE: The tour price is based on airfare, cruise, land rates and rates of exchange in effect May 13, 2024. 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 or immunization for the country or countries being visited. Passport MUST be valid until December 12, 2025 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 American Airlines. No stopovers are permitted. Any changes after ticket is issued carries a mandatory charge of \$200. Once the tickets are issued, they are NON-REFUNDABLE. Additional non-recoverable airline penalties of up to \$200 may be assessed for cancellations received within 90 days of departure.

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 \$646 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 \$112 plus current fuel surcharges of \$480 are included (subject to change). TIPS TO TOUR MANAGER/GUIDES, DRIVERS OR DINING ROOMS STAFF OF \$105 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 reservation form. Final payments will be applied to same credit card on final

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