

## ***What's Included***

- *International roundtrip airfare: Detroit > Rome*
- *Papal Audience*
- *4 star hotels*
- *Continental breakfast daily*
- *6 dinners (w/ wine)*
- *6 lunches (including a Tuscan farmhouse luncheon)*
- *English speaking, Catholic guide*
- *Luxury Motor Coach*
- *Entrance to all museums and activities per itinerary*
- *Mass each day with Fr Tony in beautiful churches*



***Rome - Florence - Assisi  
October 1-10, 2018***

***\$3,590/person (double occupancy)***



# St Jane Francis de Chantal - Pilgrimage to Rome, Florence and Assisi

## Day 1 Monday, October 1 - Depart for Rome

Depart USA on direct overnight flight to Rome, Italy

## Day 2 Tuesday, October 2 Rome, Ostia Antica, & St Paul Outside

**the Walls** - Start our pilgrimage with a visit to **Ostia Antica**. At the mouth of the River Tiber, Ostia was Rome's seaport, but due to silting the site now lies two miles from the sea. The site is noted for the excellent preservation of its ancient buildings, magnificent frescoes and impressive mosaics. Attend **Holy Mass** at Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls before checking into our 4-star hotel. Afternoon at leisure before dinner. (L|D)

## Day 3 Wednesday, October 3 - Rome

**Papal Audience** - The Audience with the Pope consists of small teachings and at the end of the Audience, the Pope will pray the Our Father, and will impart his Apostolic Blessing upon the crowd which also extends to loved ones that are sick and suffering. **The Vatican Museums** - The Vatican Museums contain masterpieces of painting, sculpture and other works of art collected by the popes through the centuries. **St Peter's Basilica** - St. Peter's is one of the holiest sites in Christendom, standing on the traditional site where Peter - the first pope - was crucified and buried. **Holy Mass** - Santa Maria alle Fornaci church or near the hotel (TBD). (B|L|D)

## Day 4 Thursday, October 4 - Florence

This morning, we travel to Florence for a half day guided tour including the Cathedral of Florence - Santa Maria del Fiore. **Holy Mass**, and then afternoon at leisure. (B)

## Day 5 Friday, October 5 - San Gimignano & Siena

Today we visit the small walled medieval hill town of **San Gimignano**, known as *the Town of Fine Towers*. **Holy Mass** and lunch at a local farmhouse. This afternoon we travel to **Siena**, the home of St Catherine and the beautiful **Siena Cathedral** (Duomo di Siena). Guided tour before departing for overnight in Assisi. (B|L|D)

## Day 6 Saturday, October 6 - Assisi & Orvieto

Half day guided tour of Assisi including the **Papal Basilica of St Francis and the Basilica of St Clare**. **Holy Mass** in Assisi or Santa Maria degli Angeli. **Orvieto** for a half day guided tour of this beautiful hilltop town with its magnificent gothic cathedral. Site of the 13th century eucharistic miracle. Motor coach back to Rome. (B|L|D)

## Day 7 Sunday, October 7 - Imperial Rome and Papal Basilicas

Morning guided tour of the Roman Forum and Colosseum (outside only) and the Mamertine Prison (tradition tells us both St. Paul and St. Peter were imprisoned here, Peter before his crucifixion). **Holy Mass** at Mamertine Prison / Chiesa dei Falegnami. Afternoon guided tour of **St Mary Major** and **St John Lateran** Basilicas. St John Lateran being the oldest consecrated church in western Christendom and the official basilica of the Bishop of Rome (Pope Francis). (B|L|D)

## Day 8 Monday, October 8 - Castel Gandolfo & Montecassino

Half day guided tour of the **Pontifical Villas of Castel Gandolfo**. Now a museum, it had served for centuries as a summer residence and vacation retreat for the Pope. This afternoon we travel south to the **Abbey of Montecassino**, one of the most famous abbeys in the world. Return to Rome. (B|L|D)

## Day 9 Tuesday, October 9 - Baroque Rome

Guided tour of the Pantheon, Piazza Navona, Trevi Fountain and the Spanish Steps. **Holy Mass** at San Giovanni della Pigna Church. Lunch and afternoon at leisure. (B)

## Day 10 Wednesday, October 10 - Return Home

After breakfast, transfer to Rome airport for our flight back home after a life changing spiritual journey through Italy. B