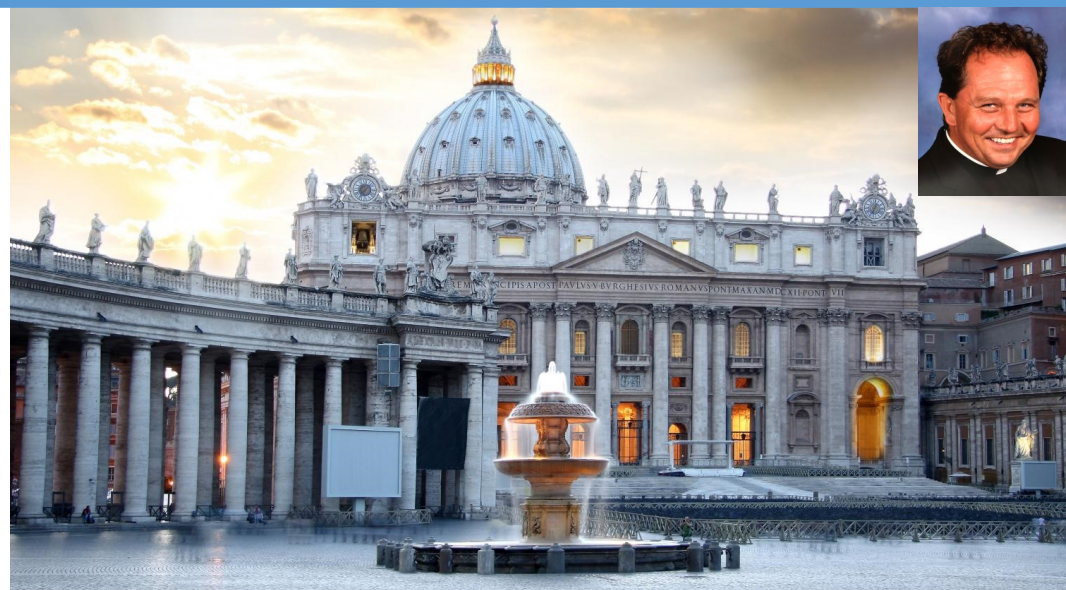


What's Included

- *International roundtrip airfare: Detroit > Rome*
- *Papal Audience*
- *4 star hotels*
- *Breakfast daily, 6 dinners and 4 lunches*
- *Wine tasting, dinner and overnight at a Tuscan winery*
- *English speaking, Catholic guide*
- *Luxury Motor Coach w/WiFi*
- *Entrance fees to all churches, museums and activities per itinerary*
- *Holy Mass with Fr Stan in beautiful churches*
- *Tours that include The Vatican, the four Major Basilicas of Rome, Ancient Rome, Classic Rome, Florence, San Gimignano, Siena, Assisi, Montecassino Abbey, and Castel Gandolfo*



Rome - Florence - Assisi - Montecassino
October 4 - 13, 2021

\$3,675/person (double occupancy)



Fr Stan and St Joseph Parish Pilgrimage to Italy

Day 1 Monday, October 4 - Depart for Rome

Depart USA on direct overnight flight to Rome, Italy

Day 2 Tuesday, October 5 - Rome

Upon arrival in Rome we will be greeted by our tour escort and bus driver. We will set the tone for our pilgrimage right away when we celebrate Holy Mass at the Major Basilica of **St. Paul Outside the Walls**. This one of four Major Basilicas in Rome we will visit during our pilgrimage. We will then check into our 4-star hotel. **Welcome Dinner**. (D)

Day 3 Wednesday, October 6 - 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 was crucified and buried. **Holy Mass** - Santa Maria alle Fornaci church or near the hotel (TBD). We return to our hotel before dinner at a local restaurant. (B|L|D)

Day 4 Thursday, October 7 - Rome

This morning we celebrate Holy Mass at the **Church of Domine Quo Vadis**. We then tour the famous Catacombs of Rome. After lunch at a local restaurant, we will enjoy a City Tour including views of The Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain and the Pantheon. Remainder of the day free to enjoy Rome. (B|L)

Day 5 Friday, October 8 - Florence, Tuscany

After an early breakfast, we travel to The Renaissance City of Florence. Upon arrival in Florence we will enjoy lunch on our own before a half day guided tour including the Cathedral of Florence - Santa Maria del Fiore, the Galleria dell'Accademia, Piazza della Repubblica, and the Ponte Vecchio. Tonight dinner and a wine tasting in the Tuscany countryside. Overnight in Tuscany. (B|D)

Day 6 Saturday, October 9 - San Gimignano, Siena & Assisi

Today we visit the small walled medieval hill town of San Gimignano, known as the Town of Fine Towers, where we will celebrate Holy Mass. A walking tour and then lunch on your own before departure for Siena, the home of St Catherine and the beautiful **Siena Cathedral (Duomo di Siena)**. Guided tour before departing for Assisi. Dinner in Assisi. (B|D)

Day 7 Sunday, October 10 - Assisi

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. Lunch and afternoon free to enjoy Assisi before we motor coach back to Rome. Dinner and overnight at hotel. (B|D)

Day 8 Monday, October 11 - Rome

Today we will visit the **St Peter in Chains Minor Basilica** before a half day guided tour with views of the Colosseum, Palatine Hill and the Roman Forum. After lunch at a local restaurant, we will visit **St John Lateran Basilica and Cathedral**, The Holy Steps and **St Mary Major Basilica**. Back to hotel and dinner on your own. (B|L)

Day 9 Tuesday, October 12 - 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 **Benedictine Abbey of Montecassino**, one of the most famous abbeys in the world. Lunch in a local restaurant in Cassino before Holy Mass at Montecassino Abbey. Return to Rome for our **Farewell Dinner**. (B|L|D)

Day 10 Wednesday, October 13 - Return Home

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