

Eternal Rome

Closing the Year of St. Paul
with Assisi and
San Giovanni Rotondo (St. Padre Pio)

A 10 day Catholic Pilgrimage to Italy
with *Fr. David Simonetti*
from the Archdiocese of Chicago

Relevant Journeys™

From June 23rd to July 2nd, 2009



BONUS!
Mini-tour of
Madrid, Spain

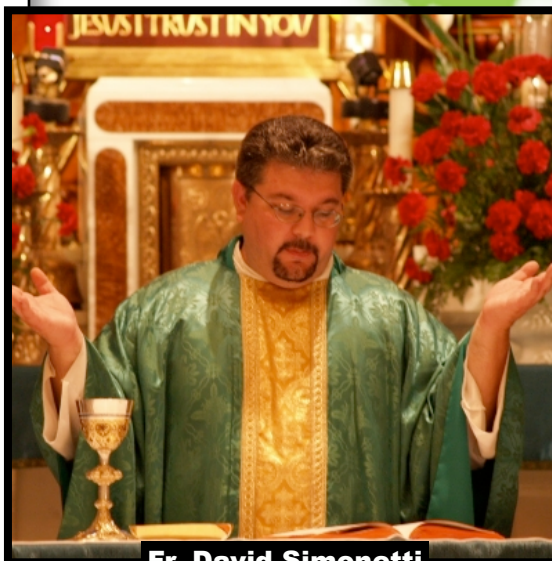
NOTE: Although a motorcoach is included for tour transportation, it is important to point out that all Italian tours require a considerable amount of walking.

10-Day Trip Inclusions:

- ★ **Fr. David Simonetti**, Roman Catholic Priest from the Archdiocese of Chicago, IL, as Spiritual Director.
- ★ Air transportation between Chicago and Italy (per itinerary). Airfare available from other cities. Please call for price difference.
- ★ Private Motor-coach in Italy with driver for featured tours.
- ★ Tour program includes: San Giovanni Rotondo (San Padre Pio), Lanciano (Oldest Eucharistic Miracle in the Church), Assisi (home of St. Francis and St. Clare), Rome and much more!
- ★ Bonus mini-tour of Madrid, Spain!
- ★ Airport Transfers in Italy (for those flying with the group)
- ★ Baggage Portage (1 checked bag per person).
- ★ Accommodations in San Giovanni Rotondo, Assisi and Rome
- ★ **Papal Activities (see notes below)**
 - * General Audience*
 - * Papal Angelus Message*
 - * St. Peter & St. Paul Papal Mass**
 - * Closing the Year of St. Paul - Papal Remarks from his apartment's window

NOTES:

- * ALL PAPAL ACTIVITIES ARE PENDING ON THE HOLY FATHER'S SCHEDULE.
- ** ST. PETER & ST. PAUL MASS IS "STANDING ROOM ONLY" AT ST. PETER'S SQUARE (VISIBLE ONLY THROUGH JUMBOTRON TV SCREENS - MASS IS INSIDE BASILICA).
- ★ First Vespers at St. Paul Outside the Walls (pending confirmation)
- ★ Professional Italian Licensed Tour Manager throughout your stay.
- ★ Expert local guides on featured walking & coach tours
- ★ RELEVANT RADIO STAFF MEMBERS
- ★ Tour Director: **Juan Landa**, from Mater Dei Tours.
- ★ Touring program (admissions to featured visits).
- ★ 15 Meals (9 Breakfasts & 6 Dinners)
- ★ Full documentation packet with luggage tags & re-usable wallet
- ★ Spiritual program including daily Mass in unforgettable places (Rosary, Meditations, Sacrament of Reconciliation) (Note: Mass arrangements may change slightly from original schedule)
- ★ Hotel sales tax, Italian hospitality taxes & service charges.



Fr. David Simonetti

The Holy Father has decreed a plenary indulgence for those faithful and repentant pilgrims visiting the Basilica of St. Paul in Rome during the "Year of St. Paul"



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Does not include:

- ♦ AIRLINE TAXES: US/Europe airport, departure, connection and transportation taxes and fuel surcharges (**approximately \$375**)
 - ♦ Tour Guide's and Motor-coach Chauffeur's gratuities
- (See registration for price, terms & Conditions)

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Day 1: Tuesday, June 23rd, 2009: US departure

Meet Juan Landa (*Mater Dei* Tour Director), Fr. Simonetti and the Relevant Radio staff at Chicago's O'Hare Airport. Depart the U.S. for Rome, Italy (Airfare available from other cities. Please call for more information) and enjoy dinner, drinks and video entertainment onboard (as we fly into the European continent). (M)

Day 2: Wednesday, June 24th (Feast Day of St. John the Baptist): Arrive in Europe, Rome and San Giovanni Rotondo:



our connection, arrive in Rome and board our motor-coach. Travel to Italy's gorgeous Adriatic Sea coast on the way to **San Giovanni Rotondo**, home of one of the most beloved saints of Italy, **St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina**. Holy Mass celebrated at the monastery. 2 night stay in San Giovanni Rotondo. Dinner tonight. (M, D)

Day 3: Thursday: June 25th: San Giovanni Rotondo & Monte San Angelo*

Spend the day learning about the life of St. Padre Pio and visit **St. Mary of the Grace Church** and see Padre Pio's room and the cross where he received the Stigmata. The culmination of our visit will be witnessing the incorrupt body of **St. Padre Pio**

(exposed until September 2009 as planned by the Franciscans of San Giovanni Rotondo). *If time allows, travel through the Monte Gargano area to visit **Monte Sant'Angelo**, the oldest European shrine dedicated to **Saint Michael the Archangel**. Visit and learn about St. Michael's four apparitions in this place. Dinner and overnight in San Giovanni Rotondo. (B, D)

Day 4: Friday June 26th (Feast Day of St. Josemaria Escriva) Lanciano and Assisi.

Say arrivederci San Giovanni Rotondo and head north for **Lanciano**, home to the oldest **Eucharistic Miracle** in the Church. **Holy Mass** is celebrated at the '**Santuario del Miracolo Eucaristico**' and end our visit with Adoration to the Blessed Sacrament. Afterwards, travel from Adriatic coastal area to Umbria, and arrive in **Assisi**, land of St. Francis and St. Clare. Upon arrival to lower Assisi, visit the '**Porziuncula**' (the first Franciscan house), the **Transit Chapel** (where St. Francis died), and the **thorn-less rose garden**, all inside the stunning **St. Mary of the Angels Basilica**. Spend the night in Assisi. This evening enjoy a group dinner in Assisi. (B, D)



Day 5: Saturday, June 27:

Assisi and Rome (St. Paul Outside the Walls).

Start the day with **Holy Mass** at the **Basilica of St. Francis**. Then enjoy a guided walking tour of Assisi including the **Lower and Upper Basilicas of St. Francis** filled with world famous **Giotto frescoes** that depict the lives of Jesus and St. Francis, as well as other saints. Visit the **tombs of St. Francis and his disciples**. Visit other important sights such as the place of **St. Francis' birth**, his **home**, also the remains of **St. Clare** and the famous **Cross of San Damiano** at the **Church of St. Clare**.



Day 5: Saturday,

June 27th: Rome (continued).

After the Assisi tour, relax and enjoy the ride as our pilgrimage approaches the Capital of Italy and ancient home of the greatest empire in western civilization, **Roma (Rome)**. Upon arrival, visit the **Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls**, one of the 4 Patriarchal Basilicas of the Church. Although mostly rebuilt in the 19th century, this Basilica conserves the shape of the original St. Peter's Basilica. In addition to having portraits of every Pope, St. Paul Outside the Walls is most famous for housing **St. Paul's tomb** (*the Holy Father has announced a plenary indulgence for pilgrims visiting this Basilica during the year of St. Paul*). Group dinner in Rome. Unpack your bags for a longer 4 night stay. (B, D)



Day 6: Sunday, June 28: Rome (Imperial Rome, Vatican, Catacombs, Vespers).

This morning, enjoy a **tour of Rome's imperial monuments**, including a visit inside the famous **Coliseum** (Flavian Amphitheater) built in 72 AD, flanked on one side by the **Arch of Constantine** and surrounded by the massive **Roman Forum**. Then from the coach, enjoy a panoramic sightseeing tour including the **Roman Forum**, the massive **Circus Maximus**, the **Vittorio Emanuel II** monument ("wedding cake building" – housing the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier), **Piazza Venezia** (featuring the old Venice embassy building (used by Mussolini to give his famous speeches), the **Capitoline Hill** and more.



Continue to **St. Peter's Square** in the **Vatican** where we gather to pray the **Angelus Prayer** with the **Holy Father** and listen to his message. After the Angelus message, board our motor-coach and travel south down the '**Via Apia**' (Apian Way) for a powerful journey experiencing how our early brothers and sisters survived and persevered in preserving our Lord's Church. Tour through an amazing complex of underground tunnels with an unending number of crypts, mausoleum tombs and chapels that fill every passageway that comprise the **Catacombs of St. Callixtus**. One of the highlights of this visit will be the place where the body of St. Cecilia was found. A very realistic statue that marks this place portrays the way her body laid, giving a final and resounding testimony to the Blessed Trinity at the time of her death. **Holy Mass** is scheduled at the Catacombs complex. Then return to our hotel to change for tonight's special and unique event. Travel to St. Paul Outside the Walls to pray the "**First Vespers**" of the Feast Day of St. Peter and St. Paul, marking the "beginning of the end" of the special Pauline year. (B)

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Day 7: Monday, June 29 (Feast day of Saints Peter & Paul); Vatican Territories (St. Peter's Square, St. John Lateran, Scala Sancta, St. Mary Major and Santa Croce in Gerusalemme).

Travel to the Vatican to experience an unforgettable event. The Feast Day Mass of Saints Peter and Paul marking the end of the special Pauline Year started on June 29th of last year. The Holy Father celebrates Mass inside St. Peter's Basilica. Our group will be able to watch the Mass from St. Peter's Square through the Jumbtron TV Screens installed for this event (Communion in these large events is not guaranteed). *NOTE: The Prefect of the Papal Household regrets the inability to accommodate our group inside the Basilica. Relevant Journeys will continue trying to obtain invitations to attend Mass inside. After the Mass, the Holy Father is scheduled to make remarks from his apartment's balcony, greeting all the pilgrims who stood outside for the Mass. Our pilgrimage continues to extra-Vatican territory. Visit visit to San Giovanni Laterano (St. John Lateran), the Cathedral of Rome (and another one of the Church's four major Basilicas) originally dedicated to Christ Our Savior, and later to St. John the Baptist, then to St. John the Evangelist. Adjoining is the Lateran Palace which was the official residence of the Popes before the Avignon captivity. Afterwards, visit the 'Scala Sancta' (Holy Stairs) where you may climb the same steps Our Lord climbed on*



the way to see Pontius Pilate. The climb may only be done on your knees. Approximately on every 5 steps, a small circled glass window allows the pilgrim to see the real marble steps below the wooden protective cover. It has been said that at one point pilgrims could still see the marble with drops of the blood of Christ through these small windows. Continue to **St. Mary Major** (another one of the 4 Patriarchal Basilicas) where you can see relics of the **Manger from Bethlehem**. Commissioned in the year 360AD approximately, Santa Maria Maggiore is the first Basilica to be dedicated to the Virgin Mary (Our Lady of the Snows). The famous icon of **Mary, Health of the Roman People**, believed to be painted by St. Luke, can

be found in the beautiful **Capella Paolina** built by Paul V. Afterwards, if time allows, those who have a devotion to "**Our Mother of Perpetual Help**" can join the tour director to view the original icon (also credited to St. Luke – one block away from St. May Major). End our day at '**Santa Croce in Gerusalemme**' (Holy Cross of Jerusalem), where incredible relics can be found (fragments of the **Holy Cross, one Nail, part of the inscription INRI, two thorns from the Crown of Thorns, fragments of the pillar of the scourging and of the rock of the Holy Sepulcher**). We owe these beautiful relics, including the Holy Stairs, to St. Helena, the mother of Rome's first Christian Emperor, Constantine. (B)

Day 8: Tuesday, June 30: Vatican (Vatican Museum, Sistine Chapel & St. Peter's).

Start the day with **Holy Mass**, requested at the **Crypt of St. Peter** – under the main Altar of St. Peter's Basilica, where the remains of the first Pope lay, surrounded by the tombs of many Popes. After Mass, there will be a chance to pay respects to **John Paul the Great** at his **tomb**. Then tour the impressive **Museo Vaticano (Vatican Museum)** with a fascinating collection of historical artifacts and precious objects of art, including the magnificent **Capella Sistina (Sistine Chapel)** with the famous **Michelangelo** frescoes featuring the **Last Judgment**.

Afterwards, tour the largest Church in the world, the **Basilica di St. Pietro (St. Peter's Basilica)**. Time for lunch and shopping follows (remember to bring all these religious articles to the Papal audience the next day). Remainder of the day at leisure. Join us for a group **dinner** tonight. (B, D)



Day 9: Wednesday, July 1st: Vatican (Papal Audience) / Madrid, Spain.

After breakfast, join pilgrims from all over the world for a once in a lifetime experience, an **Audience with Pope Benedict XVI** at the Vatican (pending on the Holy Father's schedule). After the Pope's message, the Holy Father will impart his blessing on you and your family (bring your personal religious articles – rosaries, etc...- as they will be blessed too). After the audience we gather one last time for **Mass**. Depart for Rome's Fiumicino Airport this afternoon. As our airplane takes off, we take one last look at the beautiful land that now holds a special place in our hearts, and say *Arrivederci Italia!* Arrive in Madrid this evening for our Farewell dinner. Have you ever visited Spain? After dinner, those who wish can join Juan for a panoramic sightseeing trip of Madrid at night! (B, D)



Day 10: Thursday, July 2nd: Madrid - USA. After breakfast, transfer to the airport this morning for our non-stop flight to Chicago. Upon arrival in the USA, clear US Immigrations and Customs.

Welcome Home!

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- 95 days or prior \$300.00
- 94 to 65 days 50% of tour
- 64 to 35 days 75% of tour
- 34 to 0 days No Refunds

No refund can be made for non-refundable airfare.

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Air Transportation: We have selected airlines that are most suitable with land arrangements. All fares are subject to government approval and are subject to change without notice. Airfares are guaranteed once they have been paid in full and ticketed. Name changes required after tickets have been issued are subject to cancellation and re-ticketing at a higher fare or subject to change fees. Some airlines do not allow you to earn frequent flier miles for group bookings.

Airline Seating: Passengers who require specific seating due to medical conditions need to obtain Doctor's Orders so the airlines have proof of the condition and may accommodate the order. Passengers who desire a specific non-medical related seat are requested to contact the airline directly 30 days prior to departure for preferred seating. Group seating is solely under control of the airline. Group seating is solely under control of the airline.

Voluntary changes to itinerary: Independent voluntary changes to an individual passenger's itinerary are usually not permitted by most of our tour suppliers. Some exceptions may be granted in a case-by-case basis. If passenger purchased a land only package, they are free to plan their own itinerary before or after the trip (read Land Only bookings for restrictions). All change requests must be made prior to 45 days before departure.

Not Included: All items of a personal nature (room service, beverages, telephone charges, laundry, etc) and meals not specified on the tour itinerary are not included and must be paid by the passenger.

Accommodations and Itinerary: Land arrangements are provided as described in the tour program. The tour company reserves the right to change or substitute (1) hotels for accommodations in similar categories (2) or features of the itinerary in order to accommodate changes in the schedule.

Meals: Meals are provided as specified in the tour program. If you require special meals due to dietary restrictions, we must receive written details of your requirements at the time of booking.

Passports: Obtaining a passport is the sole responsibility of the passenger. Passports must be current and valid beyond the dates of travel. **Your airline ticket name must match your passport name or you may be denied boarding the airplane.** Passengers who are denied boarding due to discrepancies between ticket and passport names or because of expired passports accept full responsibility and are subject to the cancellation terms of the tour. Some countries such as Israel require that your passport be valid 6 months beyond your travel dates.

Smoking: Smoking is not allowed on the motorcoach but frequent stops are made throughout the day.

Tips: Gratuities for baggage, hotel and restaurants detailed in the itinerary are included. **Gratuities for Tour Guides, Local Guides and Motorcoach Drivers are not included - please see your final documents for recommendations on tipping.**

Total Group Cancellation: If it becomes necessary to cancel an entire tour prior to departure, Landa Cleary Travel Co., Inc. will offer the next available date or will make a full refund of money paid. Landa Cleary Travel Co., Inc. cannot accept responsibility for any additional costs or fees relating to such a tour booking or for any cancellation penalties due to non-refundable airfares, unless ticket is purchased as part of our negotiated group booking.

Land Only Bookings: Passenger(s) who desire to book their own airfare do at their own risk. Land only passengers are responsible for connecting with the group at the hotel. Passenger(s) accept all responsibility for costs incurred due to misconnections with the group. Landa Cleary Travel Co., Inc. cannot accept responsibility for any additional costs or fees relating to such a tour booking or for any cancellation penalties due to non-refundable airfares, unless ticket is purchased as part of our negotiated group booking.

Luggage: Handling of one piece of luggage per person is included in the cost of all tours. Luggage is carried at owner's risk throughout the tour (insurance suggested). Hand baggage and small articles such as coats, umbrellas or cameras are entirely in the care of the passenger. Size and weight limitations for carry-on and checked baggage vary from airline to airline and even according to destination, and are becoming more restrictive. Check your final documents for details of acceptable luggage dimensions and weight allowed on your tour. **All baggage and personal effects are at all times and in all circumstances at the risk of the passenger. Baggage insurance is recommended.**

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March 20th, 2009*

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