MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED DAILY

Day 1: Friday, May 1, 2020 - USA / ROME

Today we depart the USA for our overnight flight to Rome via jumbo jet, arriving the next day. Meals are

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served on board. Our pilgrimage will be spent **celebrating** the 50th anniversary of Fr. McAle**ar's ordination** by visiting some of the places where his priest-

Day 2: Saturday 5/2, ROME

Upon arrival in Rome we meet our full-time tour escort, board our motor coach and make our way to the Church of the Sacred Heart of Sufferance, where the in a small room beside the church is home to the Museum of the Souls of Purgatory. We celebrate Mass (subject to confirmation) and view the exhibits featuring objects and photos displaying traces of apparitions made by various souls residing in Purgatory. From there, we proceed to our hotel to check in for a welcome dinner and overnight. [D]



Day 3: Sunday 5/3, ROME

Fifty years ago, Fr. McAlear celebrated his first Mass at the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate (OMI) General House (V Aurelia, 290). So today, as Fr. McAlear turns back the clock and returns to the OMI General House, we join him for the celebration of Holy Mass. From there, we tour the Basilica of St. Peter. Next, there is a **walking tour** to see a few of the sites for which Rome is known. We stop at the renowned **Trevi Fountain** to toss in a coin which legend says will assure our return to Rome. We also stop at the **Pantheon** and at **Piazza Na**vona where local artisans display and sell their craft. We make a brief stop to view the University. This evening, we enjoy a festive celebratory dinner at Papa Rex (subject to confirmation). Overnight in Rome. [B,D]

Day 4: Monday 5/4, ROME

We begin this morning with Mass at the location where Fr. McAlear was ordained, Pineta Sachetti. Rome is a treasure trove of interesting places to see. After Mass, we spend some time touring to some very special places. Our first stop is at the Basilica of St. Mary Major. Inside the Basilica we view relics of Jesus' manger from Bethlehem. From there, we visit St. Prassede to venerate the Column of Christ's Flagellation. Located nearby is **St. Alphonsus Church**, built and named in honor of the founder of the Redemptorist Congregation, St. Alphonsus Liquori, but was dedicated to the Most Redeemer. The church contains the original Picture of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Before we return to the hotel, we stop at **St. John Lateran**, the Cathedral church of the Pope. This church was originally built by Constantine when he ended the Christian persecutions. Here we see the Altar that holds the relics of Sts. Peter and Paul. Next to the Basilica is the Baptistery and across the street visit la **Sancta Scalia** (Holy Stairs), which were transported from Pilate's palace in Jerusalem and on which the Savior climbed before His crucifixion. At the top is the Sancta Sanctorum, the 14th-century reliquary chapel of Pope Boniface VII. Those who wish to pray each step on their knees may do so. The option to take the side stairs on foot is also available. Dinner and overnight in Rome. [B,D]



Day 5: Tuesday 5/5, ROME / SUBIACO / ROME

Today, we take a day trip to Subiaco, where Fr. McAlear spent 6 summers. It will be such an honor to follow Fr. McAlear to the places that have been so integral in his religious life. We visit the **Abbey of San Benedetto**. The Abbey was built over the cave that St. Benedict inhabited when he lived as hermit before he received the calling to organize monastic communities. The Monastery of San Benedetto is still active today. We celebrate **Mass** there (subject to confirmation). Then, we visit the second monastery built by Benedict in Subiaco, named after his twin sister Santa Scolastica. We enjoy a group lunch. We return to Rome where the remainder of the day will be free to enjoy on your own. This evening, venture out for local cuisine at the trattoria or restaurant of your choice as dinner is on your own. Overnight in Rome. [B,L]

Day 6: Wednesday 5/6, ROME (PAPAL AUDIENCE)

Today we attend the Pa**pal Áudience** at St Peter's today (provided our Holy Father is home). We listen to the words of His Holiness Pope Francis and receive his blessing with pilgrims from all over the world. After the audience and located close to the Vatican is Santa Maria delle Grazie alle Fornaci, which is where we celebrate Mass (subject to



OUR HOLY FATHER. POPE FRANCIS

confirmation). We enjoy a photostop at the Colosseum and then a free afternoon to explore independently in the Vatican area. Suggestions include:

- Just outside the basilica is the Vatican Post Office. Feel free to stop in and purchase postcards and stamps to send to family and friends (bring the addresses). Send one to yourself as a keepsake! Remember, although Vatican City is located with the city limits of Rome it is, in fact, its own state. With 110 acres and fewer than 900 residents, Vatican City State boasts the title of the smallest, international state that is recognized by the rest of the world. Therefore, the stamps will be quite unique. Interesting gifts can also be purchased inside the post office.
- The 312-step climb to the "cupola" Dome of St. Peter's Basilica is worth the effort and energy as views from the top are magnificent. An elevator/lift to the roof level is available but from the roof to the top is step by step. There is a nominal fee.
- Spend time in Trastevere. From alleyways and cobblestone streets to magnificent churches and interesting piazzas, this neighborhood is considered one of the most charming and popular. Options: Santa Maria or Santa Cecilia Church; Villa Farnesina (a Renaissance villa) or the Palazza Corsini (Baroque-style palace across the street); Garden lovers will delight in the botanical garden, Orto Botanico, behind Palazzo Corsini; Or, take the 20-minute hike up to Gianicolo (the eighth hill of Rome) is well worth it when they catch the best views of the city that few tourists take the time to enjoy. Choose something that piques your individual interests.

We gather this evening at the hotel for dinner and then enjoy the sights on a **night tour of the city**. Overnight in Rome. [B,D]

Day 7: Thursday 5/7, ROME / FOSSACESIA / PESCARA We bid farewell to Rome as we travel east toward the coast. En route, we stop in Fossacesia to visit a beautiful church and monastery cresting a hill overlooking the Adriatic called San Giovanni in Venere. We celebrate Mass (subject to confirmation). Then, we proceed to Pescara. We check in at our hotel for dinner and overnight. [B,D]

Day 8: Friday 5/8, PESCARA / LANCIANO / PESCARA

Today we visit the little Church of Lag**ontial** in the coastal city of Lanciano. It was here that the 8th-century "Miracle of the Eucharist Living Flesh of Jesus" took place. During Mass, a Basilian monk doubted that Christ was truly present in the consecrated bread and wine. As he looked on, the host and wine visibly changed to flesh and blood. Scientific tests done in the latter half of the 20th century have concluded that the flesh EUCHARISTIC and blood are human in origin, the flesh consisting of muscular tissue of the heart. We visit the **Sanctuary of the Eucharistic**



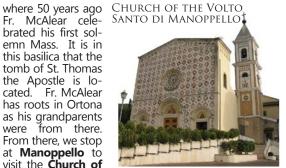
MIRACLE OF Lanciano

Miracle, celebrate Mass (subject to confirmation) and you have the opportunity to spend time in Eucharistic adoration. The afternoon is free to explore independently. Dinner and overnight in Pescara. [B,D]

Day 9: Saturday 5/9, PESCARA / ORTONA / MÁNOPPELLO / PESCARA

Today we gather for private Mass in the crypt at Ortona's **Basilica of St. Thomas** [subject to confirmation],

brated his first solemn Mass. It is in this basilica that the tomb of St. Thomas the Apostle is located. Fr. McAlear has roots in Ortona as his grandparents were from there. From there, we stop at Manoppello to visit the Church of the Volto Santo di



Manoppello, which is believed to house an image of the veil of Veronica upon which Jesus' face was wiped on his way to Calvary. We return to Pescara for a free after**noon**. Suggestions include:

- If you are interesting in shopping, try Corso Umberto I, Corso Vittorio Emanuele II and Via Nicola Fabrizi. Explore the fashion, food, and coffee.
- Pedestrian bridges are spectacular in Pescara. Your best options are Ponte del Mare ("sea bridge" / certificate of excellence / leads to yacht port / longest pedestrian bridge in Europe) and Ponte Flaiano (certificate of excellence / footbridge between Chieti and Pescara).
- Spend time walking the shore of one of the beaches. There are shops and restaurants too.
- Art enthusiasts, check out "Aurum" the art museum.
- Visit Arbiter Bibendi, an interesting beer pub.

This evening, we gather at the hotel and proceed to **Mi**ramare restaurant for a farewell dinner and wine. Overnight in Pescara. [B,D]

Day 10: Sunday 5/10, PESCARA / ORTONA / ROME

We return to Ortona's Basilica of St. Thomas this morning to celebrate Mass which will be quite beautiful with the harmonious sounds of the choir. After Mass, there will be a **banquet cele**brating Fr. McAlear and the 50-year an-



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niversary of his love and commitment to his faith. Our day concludes with the drive from Ortona to Rome. Upon our arrival, we check in at our hotel by the airport in preparation for tomorrow morning's departure. IB. banquet, D]

Day 11: Monday, May 11, 2020, ROME / USA

Today we begin our journey back to the United States blessed by the opportunity to celebrate the 50th anniversary of Fr. McAlear's ordination. Our pilgrimage offers the mind and soul a new and treasured canvas of memories inspired by God's majestic landscape and a world we explore one pilgrimage at a time. [B]

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Notes: **1** Passports can take 3 months or more to process (from application to delivery). **2** Ave. temps 57-79°F

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TOUR PRICE: Based on tariffs and currency exchange rates in effect on 9/16/2019 and subject to change without notice should there be a revision in rates prior to departure of tour. The tour price is based on a minimum of 36 passengers. Should there be fewer, there could be a surcharge.

ACCOMMODATIONS: In first class hotels or better, based on double or triple occupancy with private facilities. Single-room supplement is \$69 per night and based on availability. Requests for a roommate are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis and are not guaranteed. The single-room supplement will be assessed if a roommate is not available when the group is finalized

MEALS: Nine full hot breakfasts, one lunch, one banquet, and eight dinners throughout the basic tour (continental breakfasts in hotels only where full breakfasts are not available). Extra charge for beverage not included in the menu of the day.

TIPS AND TAXES: Those normally appearing on hotel and restaurant bills as "service" are included. Airport fees, departure taxes, and fuel surcharges are estimated on the original invoice and adjusted at the time of ticketing.

SIGHTSEEING: By modern motorcoach, including services of English-speaking guides and entrance fees to places included in the itinerary. Masses at churches indicated are subject to availability.

NOT INCLUDED: 1: Airport fees, departure taxes and fuel surcharges (est. - \$329); 2: tips to guides and drivers, meal servers and luggage handlers (\$144,90); and 3: optional travel protection. An amount to cover these items will be added to your original invoice. Also not included: airline baggage fees, passport and visa fees, laundry, wines, liquors, meals not included in the itinerary, sightseeing or services other than those specifically mentioned and items of a personal nature. Note: Due to limited storage space on motor coaches, Pentecost Tours entitles each passenger to one checked bag and one carry-on bag that meets airline "size/weight" allowances. Baggage fees, overweight baggage charges, and fees for additional bags fall under the responsibility of the passenger. Be aware, while you may agree to pay fees for additional luggage, there may not be room on the motor coach.

ASSISTANCE: Pilgrims who require personal assistance must be accompanied by a paying passenger who will provide that assistance.

DEPOSIT AND CANCELLATION: A deposit of \$500 per person is required to secure reservations, which sum will be applied to the price of the tour, with the balance to be paid in full no later than 1/30/2020. Payment of remaining balance received after 1/30/2020 will incur a \$50 penalty. Reservations made within 92 days of departure may be subject to a late charge.

▶In the event of cancellation, refund will be made up to 1/2/2020 [PENALTY PHASE ONE] with a \$100 administrative fee plus any airline cancellation penalties.

▶ From 1/2/2020 to 1/30/2020 [PENALTY PHASE TWO] the cancellation penalty is \$500 plus any airline cancellation penalties.

▶If cancellation is received after 1/30/2020 [PENALTY PHASE THREE], refund will be subject to a minimum 40% cancellation fee plus any airline cancellation penalties, or an amount equal to expenses to the tour operator, whichever is greater.

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