

Day 1: Monday, April 30, 2012, USA / ROME

Tour members are welcomed this evening at an international airport for our departing flight to Rome via jumbo jet, arriving the next day. Meals and beverages are served on board.

Day 2: Tuesday 5/1, ROME / MANOPPELLO / LANCIANO

Upon arrival in Rome we meet our escort and driver and travel east through the beautiful countryside to Manoppello, Italy to visit and celebrate Mass (subject to confirmation) at 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. From there, we complete the journey into Lanciano, where we will check into our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 3: Wednesday 5/2, LANCIANO / ORTONA / FOSSACESIA / LANCIANO

Today will be spent in very close, neighboring areas of Lanciano. We begin in Ortona at the cathedral which houses the tomb of St. Thomas the Apostle. Next, we proceed to Fossacesia to visit the Abbey of San Giovanni in Venere. We will celebrate Mass at the Abbey (subject to confirmation) before heading to the Canadian WWII Military Cemetery. Next, we enjoy a visit to Fr. McAlear's family. This evening, venture out and taste some of the culinary treasures of Italy as dinner is on your own. Overnight in Lanciano.

Day 4: Thursday 5/3, LANCIANO / GRAN SASSO (ST GABRIEL) / LANCIANO

This morning we take a day trip to the highest range within the Appenine Mountains to Gran Sasso. We celebrate Mass (subject to confirmation) and spend time at the Passionist Monastery, which houses the relics of St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows. St. Gabriel was born in Assisi by the name Francesco Possenti. He entered the Passionist Congregation as a clerical student and became known within the Congregation for his great devotion to the sorrows of the Virgin Mary. Gabriel died at the tender age of 23 as result of tuberculosis and in 1920 was canonized and declared "Patron of Youth" by Pope Benedict the XV. We continue to Lanciano to check in at our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 5: Friday 5/4, LANCIANO / MONT SANT' ANGELO

We begin today with Holy Mass at the little church of Lagontial (subject to confirmation) in Lanciano, site of the 8th-century "Miracle of the Eucharist Living Flesh of Jesus," which is displayed in the Monstrance. Expressing doubts about Christ's true presence in the consecrated host, a monk found himself holding a host that had changed into flesh and wine that had changed into blood. Scientific examination in 1970 affirmed the mystery. You may adore



Lanciano

the Eucharistic host that turned into flesh in the Sanctuary of the Eucharistic Miracle, located in the main square of Lanciano. Then, we depart Lanciano and travel south, parallel to the Adriatic coast, to Mont Sant'Angelo, where we enjoy a breathtaking view of the Gargano Peninsula. Today's journey concludes as we check in at our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 6: Saturday 5/5, MONT SANT' ANGELO / SAN GIOVANNI / MONT SANT'ANGELO

After breakfast, we make the very brief drive to San Giovanni Rotondo, the home of Padre Pio (or St. Pio of Pietrelcina). We visit the tomb and sanctuary of Padre Pio, tour the old church of Santa Maria delle Grazie (Our Lady of Grace), and see the crucifix from which Padre Pio received the stigmata in 1918. We are also able to view the confessional where he spent innumerable hours with a multitude of pilgrims, directing them on their journey toward God. Mass will be celebrated in San Giovanni (subject to confirmation) and there will be plenty of time to shop for special mementoes. Later this afternoon, we return to Mont Sant'Angelo for dinner and overnight.



Padre Pio

Day 7: Sunday 5/6, MONT SANT'ANGELO / PIETRELCINA / ROME

This morning, we visit and celebrate Mass (subject to confirmation) at the Grotto of St. Michael the Archangel. Six different popes, St. Francis, and at least four other saints have knelt in prayer at this grotto where St. Michael appeared in the 4th century. This is the only building of worship in the Roman Catholic Church not consecrated by humans; it was consecrated by St. Michael himself. Next, we depart Mont Sant'Angelo and proceed west to Pietrelcina to visit the birthplace of Padre Pio. Then, we board our motor coach for the journey north into Italy's capital city, Roma. Upon our arrival, we check in at our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 8: Monday 5/7, ROME

Today we enjoy a guided tour of St. Peter's Basilica. The basilica is very impressive with its imposing architecture, rich ornamentation, and marvelous works of art. We view one of Rome's most recognized works of art, Michelangelo's Pietà. We will celebrate Mass in the crypt (subject to confirmation). From there, we make a photo stop at the historical Colosseum. Next, we proceed to St. Paul Outside the Walls, a beautiful basilica that houses the remains of St. Paul under the main altar. We continue on the Old Appian Way to the Catacombs of St. Callistus, passing Quo Vadis along the way. We return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 9: Tuesday 5/8, ROME

After breakfast, we celebrate Holy Mass at the Gothic church of Santa Maria Sopra Minerva (subject to confirmation). The church was built in the 13th century over the ruins of what was thought to be the Temple of

Minerva. The church contains the tombs of Pope Leo X and his cousin Clement VII and St. Catherine of Siena, etc. The remainder of the day is free to enjoy as you choose. Suggestions include:

- Visit the Piazza Navona, the Pantheon, Trevi Fountain, the Spanish Steps, etc.
- Spend time at the ancient Basilica church of Santi Giovanni e Paolo (referred to as Sts John and Paul). The Basilica was built in 398 over the home of two Roman soldiers, John and Paul, who were martyred 36 years earlier. Beneath the altar are the remains of the two martyrs.
- Visit the Vatican Museum, Gallery, Raphael's rooms with the wonderful frescoes, and the Sistine Chapel, where Michelangelo's restored masterpieces adorn the ceilings and walls.
- Visit St. Alphonsus Church which is located close to the Basilica of St. Mary Major. The church was built and named in honor of the founder of the Redemptorist Congregation, St. Alphonsus Liguori, but was dedicated to the Most Redeemer. The church contains the original Picture of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.
- Stop at the Basilica of San Chrysogono to see the holy remains of Blessed Anna Maria Taigi. Anna Maria Taigi (1769-1837) worked as a domestic servant for a while and married a butler to a family in Rome. Once she was discharged from her duties, she began an ordinary life as a wife and mother in poor and trying times. She raised seven children and attained a high degree of holiness. She had the gift of prophecy and could read thoughts. In time, people realized that Anna Maria was able to describe future events and that gift brought prominent figures to her doorstep. After suffering from many afflictions, she died at the age of 68. Numerous miracles began to occur through her intercession and in 1920 she was beatified. Visit the Chapel of the Madonna in the Basilica of San Chrysogono to venerate her holy remains.
- Visit Chiesa Nuova and spend time at the chapel of St. Philip Neri (1515-1595). Philip Neri, also known as Philip the Good, one of Rome's most popular saints. At an early age, he devoted his life to God. He studied philosophy and theology but spent 13 years as a layperson. His personality won him friends on all levels of society. Eventually, he was ordained a priest. Using humor and charitable manner, Philip became an outstanding confessor. Later, he founded the Congregation of the Oratory. Philip was widely respected and his advice "was sought by many of the prominent figures of his day". Venerate his incorrupt body which is exposed below the altar in the chapel.

This evening, join new friends or enjoy a private sampling of authentic local cuisine at the trattoria (diner) or restaurant of your choice as dinner is on your own. Overnight in Rome.

Day 10: Wednesday 5/9, ROME (PAPAL AUDIENCE)

Early this morning, we celebrate Holy Mass at the Sacred Heart Church (subject to confirmation). We make a quick visit to the Museum of the Souls of Purgatory, located in a small room beside the Church of the Sacred

Heart of Sufferance. The museum exhibits objects and photos displaying traces of apparitions made by various souls residing in Purgatory. From there, we attend the Papal Audience at St Peter's (provided our Holy Father is home). We listen to the words of His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI and receive his blessing with pilgrims from all over the world. After the audience, we visit the Cathedral church of the pope, St. John Lateran. Constantine built the original church on this site 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 Baptistry, and across the street we visit la Scala Santa ("the Holy Stairs") from Pilate's Palace. We continue to the Basilica of St. Mary Major. Inside the Basilica, we view relics of Jesus' manger from Bethlehem and the painting known as the Salvation of the Roman People. Believed to be from the 5th century, this painting has always been popular among Romans in need. This evening we return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.



St. John Lateran



St. Mary Major

Day 11: Thursday 5/10, ROME / SUBIACO / TIVOLI / ROME

Today we take a day trip east to Subiaco to 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 will celebrate Holy Mass here (subject to confirmation). Then, we visit the second monastery built by Benedict in Subiaco, named after his twin sister Santa Scolastica. We begin our journey back to Rome stopping first in Tivoli, a charming hilltown and popular, picturesque getaway from Rome. The town is known for its spectacular countryside and the ruins of historic temples. Tivoli is home to the famed Villa d'Este, the countryside residence built from the shell of a Benedictine monastery in the 1500s for Cardinal Ippolito d'Este. We visit there and also see the exquisite water gardens. We spend time exploring Tivoli before dining at Antioche di Diana Restaurant. After our farewell dinner, we return to our hotel in Rome to prepare for tomorrow's departure.

Day 12: Friday, May 11, 2012, ROME / USA

Amivederci Italia! Today we bid farewell to Italy as we transfer to the airport to begin our journey back to the United States. We leave with lasting images of the grandeur of God's spectacular landscape and inspired by the spiritual examples of the saints.

Important Information You Need to Know:
Average temperatures this time of year are a high of 79 degrees and a low of 57 degrees. Layers are recommended (shorts and tank shirts can prohibit entry into holy sites).

Visit www.weather.com on the internet to get updated weather forecasts just before traveling.

Individuals who register will receive an important welcome letter and a *Know Before You Go* brochure. We highly recommend an **immediate** and **thorough** reading of both.

Please note that passports can take 3 months or more from the time you submit your paperwork.

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Fr McAlear / Italy Tour 20405
April 30, 2012

TERMS AND CONDITIONS / TOUR CONTRACT

TOUR PRICE: Based on tariffs and currency exchange rates in effect on 6/27/2011 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 \$79 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: Ten full hot breakfasts 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, as are all governmental and local taxes on hotels and meals. **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. - \$499); 2: tips to guides and drivers, meal servers and luggage handlers (\$120.50); 3: \$4 per day in Rome for accommodation tax assessed by Rome's City Council, and 4: optional travel insurance. **An amount to cover these items will be added to your original invoice.** Also not included: baggage fees, passport and visa fees, laundry, wines, liquors, meals not included in the itinerary, sightseeing or services other than those specifically mentioned, items of a personal nature, and airline baggage fees.

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 2/10/2012.** Payment of remaining balance received after 2/10/2012 will incur a \$50 penalty. Reservations made within 80 days of departure may be subject to a late charge. In the event of cancellation, refund will be made up to 1/1/2012 with a \$100 administrative fee plus any airline cancellation penalties. From 1/1/2012 to 2/10/2012 the cancellation penalty is \$500 plus any airline cancellation penalties. If cancellation is received after 2/10/2012, 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. There will be no refund for cancellations within 10 days of departure. Cancellation must be in writing and the effective date will be the date that Pentecost Tours, Inc. receives it. In the event 15 passengers do not book the tour within 120 days of departure, the agent reserves the right to cancel the tour. If the entire tour is cancelled by Pentecost Tours, Inc., you are entitled to a full refund.

AIR TRANSPORTATION: Round trip USA/Rome and Rome/USA on economy class jet via Alitalia, Continental or

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INSURANCE: Insurance is NOT included in the tour price. Because of the cost of medical care outside the United States, the fact that Medicare does not provide coverage outside the United States, the possibility that your own insurance provider may not cover you outside the United States, and due to the potentially high cost of escorted air evacuation, travel insurance is strongly recommended. Consequently, for the protection of our clients, you will be mailed a travel insurance brochure/policy along with an acceptance or rejection insurance waiver form. The effective date of coverage will be the date that the insurance premium is paid and not the date of the initial deposit.

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LAND ARRANGEMENTS: The tour operator reserves the right to change the itinerary because of emergencies or extenuating circumstances beyond our control.

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Fr. Richard McAlear, OMI

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April 30 - May 11, 2012

on a 12-day pilgrimage to

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