PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINES OF ITALY
12 DAYS: SEPTEMBER 16 - 27, 2019

Visiting
ROME * MONTE CASSINO * SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO * LANCIANO
LORETO * MANOPPELLO * TOLENTINO * ASSISI * ORVIEO
FLORENCE * PADUA * VENICE

Spiritual Director
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$3879 PER PERSON FROM HOUSTON
(Air/land tour price is $3429 plus $450 government taxes/airline surcharges)

Clockwise from above left: Roman Colosseum ~ Rome, Basilica of St. Francis ~ Assisi; Florence Panorama, Grand Canal ~ Venice

QUALITY TOURS SINCE 1949
I wish to invite you on a spiritually edifying pilgrimage to Italy! Italy’s timeless art and architecture, history and symbols representing two thousand years of Christian faith have fascinated travelers and attracted pilgrims for centuries.

Our pilgrimage begins in Rome, the Eternal City, an artistic and historical gift to the world. We’ll visit Vatican City, St. Peter’s Basilica, the Vatican Museums, and much more. See Michelangelo’s original frescoes in the Sistine Chapel including the famous Last Judgment and the Creation of Man. Take an excursion to Castel Gandolfo, summer residence of the Pope.

Our pilgrimage will take us to the following holy places: Monte Cassino, site of the first monastery established by St. Benedict, father of western monasticism. San Giovanni Rotondo, home of St. Padre Pio until his death in 1968. Monte Sant’Angelo, where St. Michael the Archangel appeared in 490, 492 and 1656, and consecrated the shrine himself. Lanciano, site of an 8th century Eucharistic Miracle still preserved today. Manoppello, to venerate the true image of Christ imprinted into a cloth believed to be St. Veronica’s veil. Loreto, to pray in the Holy House of the Virgin Mary transported by Angels from Nazareth. Tolentino, to visit the shrine of St. Nicholas of Tolentino, patron of Holy Souls. Assisi, birthplace of St. Francis and St. Clare. Orvieto, which hosts a corporal stained with the Precious Blood of Christ. This 13th century Eucharistic Miracle inspired Pope Urban IV to declare the Feast of Corpus Christi and St. Thomas Aquinas to compose the beautiful Eucharistic hymns we still sing today. Florence, home to Michelangelo’s David and the finest collection of Renaissance art in the world. Padua, the famous resting place of St. Anthony of Padua. We’ll end our pilgrimage in Venice, the city of waterways, gondolas and picturesque bridges where we will visit the Basilica of St. Mark with its magnificent mosaics expressing the story of faith.

Come share in this time of prayerful reflection. Our pilgrimage will be a joyful experience designed to highlight the richness of our Catholic faith, help us appreciate its historical past, learn from the lives of the Saints, and admire the sacred art and magnificent architecture inspired by our Church.

Please look over the brochure and you will see that this 12 day pilgrimage will be a lifelong dream come true. Act quickly! Simply complete the reservation form and forward your deposit to secure your place on this exciting journey. Sincerely yours

In Our Lord and Our Lady,
Fr. Rommel P. Tolentino

### TOUR HIGHLIGHTS:

- Round trip airfare from Houston.
- Additional government taxes & airline surcharges included.
- Accommodations at first class/select hotels based on two persons sharing twin-bedded rooms.
- Daily Mass & Prayers led by Fr. Tolentino.
- Most meals (Breakfast Daily & 9 Dinners)
- Services of a professional English-speaking tour guide.
- Comprehensive sightseeing.
- All admission fees, porterage and hotel service charges.
- Transfers to/from airports by private motorcoach including meeting/assistance and porterage.
- Automatic $100,000 Flight Insurance policy.

(Subject to policy terms and limitations)

### DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

**DEPART HOUSTON/ACROSS THE ATLANTIC**

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16**

Depart Houston today on board your overnight transatlantic jet flight to Rome, arriving the following day. En route enjoy dinner followed by a full length movie.

**ARRIVE ROME**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17**

Arrive today in the Eternal City of Rome. Located in the center of the region of Lazio, Rome is a reflection of many eras. Upon arrival at the airport meet your tour manager and motorcoach operator. Continue to the Roman hill country of Castelli Romani to the town of Castel Gandolfo.

In the past this was a popular resort area for Roman emperors and nobility and today is the location of the summer residence and retreat of the Pope. Time permitting, visit the Papal Palace (Palazzo Apostolico), the 17th century residence originally constructed for Pope Urban VIII. Afterwards, continue to your hotel in Rome for check-in and dinner.

**ROME**

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18**

Begin your tour today with visits to three of the four Papal Basilicas of Rome. Encounter St. John Lateran the mother church of Roman Catholicism and the cathedral church of Rome. St. John Lateran is the oldest public church in Rome and dates back to the Roman Emperor Constantine and his conversion of the Roman Empire to Christianity. Visit the accompanying Scala Sancta (Holy Stairs) at St. John Lateran. According to tradition, these Holy Stairs are the steps that Jesus Christ climbed on the way to his trial with Pontius Pilate, brought from Jerusalem to Rome by the mother of Emperor Constantine, St. Helena. Continue to St. Mary Major, one of the first churches built in honor of the Virgin Mary (c. 432 A.D.) See the relic of Jesus’ manger from Bethlehem, and view the icon Salus Populi Romani, reputedly painted by St. Luke. Lastly, visit St. Paul’s Outside the Walls which was founded by Emperor Constantine over the burial place of St. Paul. It is said that after Paul’s execution his followers erected a memorial on this site which later served as the foundation of the church and was first consecrated by Pope Sylvester in 324 A.D. This afternoon continue to downtown Rome for your tour of the old city. See the exterior of the Roman Colosseum which was completed in 90 A.D. under the rule of Emperor Vespasian and his successor Titus. It is estimated that the Colosseum could hold between 50,000 to 80,000 spectators and was used for gladiatorial contests and public spectacles such as mock sea battles and animal hunts. Proceed to the Trevi Fountain, one of the most widely recognized monuments in Rome and in the world and also visit the Pantheon, a former Roman temple now converted to a Catholic church.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19**

Your sightseeing tour this morning takes you to the Vatican Museum, one of the finest art institutions in the world with a collection that covers every major historical era, and Michelangelo’s magnificent frescoes in the Sistine Chapel. Afterwards, visit the Basilica of St. Peter, the largest Christian church in the world, built on the burial site of St. Peter. Admire its vast dimensions and the skillful artisanship that went into its design and construction. Inside St. Peter’s view of St. Peter, one of the most widely recognized monuments in Rome and in the world.

**ROME**

**MONTE CASSINO/SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**

Say goodbye to Bella Roma today and travel south to the Abbey of Monte Cassino. Here around 529 A.D. St. Benedict of Nursia established his first monastery and laid the foundations of the Benedictine Order. Since then, Monte Cassino has had a turbulent history being destroyed and rebuilt several times, the most recent being after bombings in World War II. Proceed east through the heartlands of the Italian countryside to the region of
Puglia and the town of San Giovanni Rotondo. This was the home of Saint Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) until his death in 1968. Arrive this evening and check-in to your hotel.  

SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO & MONTE SANT’ANGELO  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21  
Born in 1887 as Francesco Forgione, Padre Pio was canonized in 2002 by Pope John Paul II and was famous for the gift of the stigmata which he received in 1918 while praying before a crucifix. On your tour this morning see the Shrine of Padre Pio including the church of Santa Maria della Grazia housing the tomb of Padre Pio, his cell, the confessional where he spent many hours, and the crucifix from which he received the stigmata. This afternoon take an excursion to the countryside of Puglia to visit Montecassino, the Sanctuary of St. Michael the Archangel. St. Michael appeared here in 490, 492, and 1656 and consecrated the shrine himself. Afterwards, return to San Giovanni Rotondo for the evening.  

SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO/LANCIANO/MANOPPELLO/LORETO AREA  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22  
Depart early this morning from San Giovanni Rotondo and travel north along the coastline of the Adriatic Sea. En route enjoy a brief stop in Lanciano, a well preserved medieval town in the Abruzzo region and home to the famous 8th century Eucharistic Miracle. Afterwards, continue north to the small town of Manoppello. The Church of the Volto Santo di Manoppello has become an increasingly significant place of pilgrimage as it contains a cloth with the true image of Christ imprinted into it, believed to be the Veil of St. Veronica which she used to wipe sweat and blood from the face of Jesus as he walked along the Via Dolorosa to Calvary. Follow the Adriatic Sea further north to Loreto. Visit the Basilica that encloses the Holy House of the Virgin Mary where it is said that Mary immaculately conceived and raised young Jesus. The history of the sanctuary began in the 13th century with the miraculous relocation of the home from Nazareth, believed to be transported by the Angels. Spend the night in the Loreto area or nearby Ancona.  

LORETO/TOLENTINO/ASSISI  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23  
Today journey into the heart of Italy and stop in the town of Tolentino in the province of Macerata. Enjoy a brief stop to explore the Shrine of St. Nicholas Tolentino, patron of Holy Souls, before continuing onwards into the mystical province of Umbria and the legendary medieval hilltop town of Assisi, birthplace of St. Francis of Assisi. Begin your tour with a visit to the Basilica of Santa Maria degli Angeli, the focal point of much of Francis’ life. Visit the Porziuncola Chapel housed within the Basilica and the Capella del Transito where he died. See the famous ‘thornless rose bush’ and cave that St. Francis entered for prayer. Afterwards, continue on a walking tour of the Assisi hilltop. Visit the Basilica of St. Clare, one of Francis’ first and most significant disciples, and have an opportunity to pray before her tomb. As you continue through Assisi take in this spectacular town with its origins dating back to the Roman era. As you arrive at the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi marvel in its splendors perched on the cliffside overlooking the Umbrian countryside dotted with vineyards and olive groves. Enter the Basilica and see the frescoes depicting the life of Francis and then continue to his tomb where you may have the opportunity for prayer. Spend the evening in Assisi.  

ASSISI/ORVIETO/FLORENCE  
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24  
Travel today to Orvieto, situated on a high cliff above the Paglia Valley. Your visit will include the extraordinary Duomo of Orvieto, which was inspired by the Miracle of Bolsena, where in 1263 a consecrated host began to bleed onto the corporal (the small cloth upon which the host and chalice rest during Mass). With its remarkable façade, the Duomo of Orvieto is truly among Italy’s greatest Romanesque Gothic cathedrals. Set out into Tuscany and to the most famous of Renaissance cities, Florence, to experience art, culture, and history. Visit the world-renowned Accademia Gallery which houses Michaelangelo’s phenomenal statue of David. Proceed to view the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore (Duomo) with its famed dome designed by Brunelleschi and the adjacent Baptistery with its Gates of Paradise cast in solid bronze. See Giotto’s Bell Tower clad in white and green marble towering over the city. Continue to the Piazza della Signoria, site of the Palazzo Vecchio, the Florentine town hall and Medici Fortress, and see the glowing Neptune Fountain. View the Santa Croce Church where many of Florence’s most prominent citizens from the Renaissance era are buried. Spend the evening in Florence.  

FLORENCE/PADUA/VENICE  
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25  
This morning journey into Northern Italy and stop at the historic city of Padua, the famous resting place of St. Anthony of Padua. Born to a wealthy family in 1195, St. Anthony entered an abbey at the age of fifteen and came to be known as a powerful preacher and friar of the Franciscan Order. Visit the Basilica of St. Anthony and view the many notable works of art and relics, including the tongue and jawbone of the Saint. Depart Padua and head onwards to Venice, your final destination of pilgrimage. Spend the evening in Venice Mestre.  

VENICE  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26  
Built on 118 small islands connected by over 150 canals and 400 bridges, Venice and its famed waterways have astounded travelers for centuries. This morning you will get to experience all of the treasures that Venice has to offer on a walking tour. Begin at the lively central point of the city in renowned St. Mark’s Square bustling with Venetians and set against the backdrop of St. Mark’s Basilica. Completed in 1992, St. Mark’s Basilica came to be known as the Church of Gold for its opulent gold mosaics and grand designs symbolizing the great wealth and power of the Venetian state. After your visit of St. Mark’s Basilica you will proceed on a walking tour of the area viewing the Doge’s Palace, the Bridge of Sighs and the Clock Tower. The afternoon is at leisure to explore this captivating city on your own. This evening enjoy a special dinner on Venice Island before returning to your hotel.  

VENICE/HOUSTON  
FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27  
All too soon your pilgrimage is over as you board your flight back to Houston, arriving the same day.  

(B) ~ Breakfast  (D) ~ Dinner
RESERVATIONS, DEPOSITS & FINAL PAYMENT: Reservations may be made with a deposit of a deposit of $500 per person. No reservation is considered firm until deposit has been received. Your initial deposit payment shall be deemed to be an acceptance of all the terms and conditions of your tour. Space is limited and offered on a first-come basis. Final payment is due at Nawas Travel 90 days prior to departure date.

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TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: A U.S. A passport valid for 6 months after the return date of the trip is required to travel. It is the sole responsibility of the traveler to check their passport’s expiration date. Non-U.S. citizens may require visas in addition to a valid passport. It is the sole responsibility of non-U.S. citizens (including green card holders) to ensure they have the required visas/travel documents for each country to be visited on their tour and for re-entry into the U.S. S.A. Visa fees (if any) are not included in the tour price.

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AIR TRANSPORTATION: By any IATA/ARC air carrier or other scheduled jet carrier in standard economy class. Flights and air routings are at the discretion of air carriers and may be subject to change. All flight arrangements are based on non-refundable bulk group-airfares and cannot be upgraded. Cancellations made after final ticket issuance (7 days or less) are subject to full cancellation penalties as imposed by the airlines. Per TSA regulations, airline tickets must bear your first, middle, and last name as it appears on your passport and passport expiration date. Name changes and new names are not accepted for deposits. The price of the tour already includes all taxes and surcharges for transport (land, sea and air) and insurance. Any additional costs are the responsibility of the passenger/purchaser. Future price increases may be made due to fluctuations in exchange rates, changes in fuel surcharges, additional taxes and fees, increases in costs of labor and materials and other factors. These terms and conditions are subject to change.

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TRAVELERS REQUIRING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE: Disabled travelers requiring special attention or care must make a special request and be accompanied by a physically able companion who must accompany any person who needs special assistance. Tour directors, guides, hotel staff, and other Nawas personnel are not expected to provide such assistance. Nawas is not responsible for any denial of services to the disabled participant by air carriers, cruise ships, hotels, restaurants or other independent suppliers. Certain first class services involve extensive walking. Be aware that outside the U.S. the Americans with Disabilities Act is not applicable and is not available to travelers. Nawas Travel accepts no responsibility for loss or damage to the tour members’ baggage or personal belongings at any time. Baggage insurance is recommended and is available upon written request.

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ACCOMMODATIONS DESIRED:
☐ double room sharing with __________________
☐ single room ($795 extra per person)

Enclosed is my check for $ __________ as Deposit ($500 per person) for ____ person(s)

Passenger #1
Clearly print your full name (last/first/middle) as it appears on your passport:
Name: Last __________________________________
       First __________________________________
       Middle __________________________________
       Gender: Please check  ☐ Male  ☐ Female

Address: ___________________________________
City: _______ State: _____ Zip: _______
Home Phone: (____) ________________________
Cell Phone: (____) ________________________
E-mail address: ____________________________
Passport #: ______________________________
Date Issued: _____ Date Expires: ________
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Date of Birth: ☐ ☐ ☐ MONTH  ☐ ☐ ☐ DAY
                  ☐ ☐ ☐ YEAR
Place of Birth: ____________________________
Country of Citizenship: ____________________

Passenger #2
Clearly print your full name (last/first/middle) as it appears on your passport:
Name: Last __________________________________
       First __________________________________
       Middle __________________________________
       Gender: Please check  ☐ Male  ☐ Female

Address: ___________________________________
City: _______ State: _____ Zip: _______
Home Phone: (____) ________________________
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E-mail address: ____________________________
Passport #: ______________________________
Date Issued: _____ Date Expires: ________
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_____________________________         ______________________________
Signature Passenger # 1                      Date

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Signature Passenger # 2                      Date

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