In celebration of the Year of Faith and the canonization of the first Native America Saint

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Double occupancy - $3,795 each

Prices include: airfare to and from Tulsa International Airport; meals, lodging and transportation while in Rome

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To reserve your spot on this special pilgrimage, you may register online at: www.dioceseoftulsa.org and selecting the Pilgrimage link at the top of the page or by contacting

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Pre-pilgrimage Excursion

Starting in Venice and ending in Orvieto as we join pilgrims arriving for the Canonization of Blessed Kateri pilgrimage, this eight day excursion will examine the roots of Catholic faith through the churches and saints in northern Italy. Separate from the canonization pilgrimage, you may choose one or both pilgrimages.

October 12-19

Depart Tulsa on Friday, Oct. 12 for an overnight, transatlantic flight arriving at Venice’s Marco Polo airport on Oct.13. Here are highlights of the excursion.

Day two starts with a cruise of the entire length of the Grand Canal on a vaporetto (water bus), the next stop is Piazza de San Marco and St. Mark’s Basilica, which Napoleon Bonaparte called the drawing room of Europe.

Day three begins with Mass at St. Mark’s Basilica. After lunch and a short train ride, the next stop is the Pontifical Basilica of St. Anthony of Padua, the site of the tomb of St. Anthony and then, after a short bus ride, the Scrovegni Chapel.

Day four starts with the Santa Maria Gloriosa dei Frari, one of the greatest churches of Venice. The spirit of St. Francis is present here and the church is dedicated to the Assumption of Mary. The afternoon is open for pilgrims to discover the wonders of Venice at their own pace.

Day five takes us to Florence and the Piazza di Santa Croce, the Duomo, the Baptistery of St. John and Campanile of Giotto.

Day six begins in Florence but moves to Pisa for a stop at one of the most recognizable landmarks in the world. The Leaning Tower of Pisa was built as the bell tower for the Cathedral of St. Mary of the Assumption. Siena’s Piazza del Campo and the Cathedral of Siena finish the day.

Day seven, Oct. 18, returns to Florence and the Accademia Gallery that houses a large collection of the works of Michelangelo, the Basilica of St. Lawrence, one of the oldest and largest churches of Florence. Pilgrims will have the afternoon free to explore Florence at their own pace.

Day eight takes us to Orvieto to join pilgrims arriving from Tulsa.

Double occupancy - $1,995 each
Monday, October 22  Rome
Papal Basilica of St. Peter
The Papal Basilica of St. Peter has been called the greatest of all churches of Christendom and is the highlight of day five. It is the final resting place of the mortal remains of many popes and notable people. Many of these tombs are considered artworks in their own right. The central feature is a baldachin over the Papal Altar by Bernini. There are number of outstanding pieces of art in the basilica's many niches and chapels, including Michelangelo's Pieta. After a period of free time in the basilica, we will visit the Vatican Museum, which holds the largest collection of classical sculpture in the world. The Sistine Chapel is part of this extensive network of galleries.

Tuesday, October 23  Rome
Basilica of St. Mary Major
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Built in the early 4th c, the Basilica di Santa Maria Maggiore contains many treasures of the Church including fifth century mosaics in the apse and on either side of the nave depicting the Coronation of the Virgin and scenes from the Old Testament. Day six will be one of our busiest with stops planned at seven historic churches, all within a radius of just a few miles. After St. Mary Major, we will visit Basilica of St. Praxedes, San Martino ai Monti, St. Peter in Chains, Sant'Alessio all'Aventino, Santa Sabina all'Aventino, the Basilica of Santa Sabina and Santa Cecilia in Trastevere. The trip back to the hotel via motor coach, pilgrims will enjoy a tour of the Illuminated Landmarks of Rome.

Wednesday, October 24  Rome
Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls
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After breakfast, pilgrims will depart the hotel for the Catacomb of Priscilla, nicknamed the "Queen of the Catacombs" for its many martyrs and popes. The walls and ceilings display fine decorations illustrating Biblical scenes including the oldest known Marian paintings. Pilgrims will then board a bus for the Papal Basilica of St. Lawrence Outside the Walls, one of the Seven Pilgrim Churches of Rome and one of the five Papal basilicas. Our next stop is Trevi Villa d’Este, an excellent example of Renaissance architecture and the Italian Renaissance garden. We will finish the day at the Shrine of Our Lady of Divine Love, dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary; Pope John Paul II added the shrine in the pilgrimage itinerary of the seven pilgrim churches of Rome, replacing San Sebastiana Fuori le Mura.

Thursday, October 25  Rome
Basilica of St. Mary Over Minerva
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A walking tour of several significant sites begins with the Piazza Navona, built on the site of the Stadium of Domitian and features the Fountain of the Four Rivers by Bernini. Next, San Luigi dei Francesi is where we will view three outstanding paintings by the master Caravaggio - The Calling of St. Matthew, The Inspiration of St. Matthew and The Martyrdom of St. Matthew. Next is The Pantheon, an ancient Roman temple that was converted into the Church of Maria al Martire, one of the city’s most spectacular sites. The Basilica of St. Mary over Minerva is so named because it is built on the foundation of a temple to Minerva, the goddess of wisdom. Christ Bearing the Cross, a sculpture by Michelangelo, is to the left of the apse and St. Catherine of Siena, patroness of Europe, is buried under the altar. When in Rome, a stop at the Trevi is almost a requirement and is next on the itinerary. The Spanish Steps climbing from the Piazza di Spagna to the Trinità dei Monti Church, then the Piazza del Popolo and the Church of Santa Maria del Popolo will be our last stops before the farewell dinner this evening.

Friday, October 26  Rome, Tulsa
Travel Day
Depart for the U.S.A. with a late afternoon arrival in Tulsa.

* The Seven Pilgrim Churches are highlighted in red
* Itinerary is subject to change