



**Tekton Ministries**

*"Serving God's people on their journey of faith"*



# **PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY**

**November 4-14, 2012**

with  
**Fr. Gary Coulter**

## ITINERARY

### Day 1 – Nov. 4: Depart U.S.A.

Our pilgrimage begins as we depart on our overnight flight to Rome. Meals and refreshments will be served aloft.

### Day 2 – Nov. 5: Arrive Rome

After our morning arrival in the "Eternal City", we will be met at the airport and take a short tour until our hotel rooms are available for check-in. See the Trevi Fountain where a coin thrown over your shoulder will guarantee you another visit to Rome; the Pantheon; Piazza Navona with the famous Bernini's fountains; and Campo de' Fiori, one of the most colorful street markets in Rome. After Mass at a local church we will proceed to our hotel for check-in and then have the remainder of the day free.



### Day 3 – Nov. 6: Rome

A full day of exploring Rome begins with Mass at St. Peter's Basilica. Our guide then takes us through the Vatican Museum and the Sistine Chapel with its awesome frescoes painted by Michelangelo. In the afternoon our sightseeing includes visits to St. Mary Major Basilica, St. John Lateran, the Holy Stairs, the Old Appian Way and the St. Sebastian Catacombs.



### Day 4 – Nov. 7: Rome

This morning we will experience a highlight of our Roman stay, attendance at the Papal Audience at St. Peter's (subject to the Holy Father's schedule). Join thousands of pilgrims from throughout the world to listen to the Holy Father and receive His Blessing. In the afternoon our sightseeing of Rome includes visits to the Roman Forum, the Coliseum, St. Peter in Chains featuring Michelangelo's "Moses" and St. Paul Outside the Walls, where Mass will be celebrated.

### Day 5 – Nov. 8: Rome / Naples

Depart Rome for Monte Cassino and visit the famous Benedictine Abbey founded in 529 by St. Benedict. Then continue south to Mugnano del Cardinale where we will visit the Sanctuary of Saint Philomena.

### Day 6 – Nov. 9: Naples / San Giovanni Rotondo

This morning we will depart Naples and drive to Pompeii to visit the ruined city that was dug out from the ashes rained on it by Vesuvius in 79 A.D. Then continue across the Apennines to San Giovanni Rotondo, the birthplace and home of St. Padre Pio.

### Day 7 – Nov. 10: San Giovanni Rotondo / Lanciano

Spend the morning touring this quaint 11th century town where the famous Padre spent most of his life. We will have the opportunity to visit the Shrine for Mitigating Suffering, which he founded. After viewing the tomb of Padre Pio, visit the sanctuary where one of the fathers who knew Padre Pio, will be our guide. Following Mass at Padre Pio's Tomb, enjoy a breathtaking view of the Gargano Peninsula and a visit to the Grotto of Michael the Archangel. This afternoon, drive northward to Lanciano, site of the 8th century Miracle of the Eucharist, where bread and wine became real flesh and blood.

### Day 8 – Nov. 11: Lanciano / Cascia / Assisi

Following Mass, depart Lanciano. Our travels today first take us to Cascia, the home of Saint Rita, "the saint of the

impossible". We'll visit her Basilica and view her incorrupt body and pray in the chapel containing the Eucharistic miracle of Cascia. Then tour Saint Rita's convent where she received the thorn from Christ's crown. We will then visit Norcia, the birthplace of St. Benedict, to see the Basilica of St. Benedict. Continue our drive through the beautiful Umbrian countryside to Assisi, a town which welcomes us in the spirit of St. Francis and St. Clare into its peaceful interior.



**Day 9 – Nov. 12: Assisi / Siena / Assisi**

This morning we will enjoy a guided tour of Assisi starting with a visit to the Basilica of St. Francis where the saint lies in rest and the Basilica of St. Clare. Then we'll drive to Siena, home of St. Catherine. Here we'll visit the sanctuary built on the site of her home and celebrate Mass at the Church of San Domenico where she lies in rest. Return to Assisi.



**Day 10 – Nov. 13: Assisi / Orvieto / Rome**

This morning we will visit St. Mary of the Angels Basilica, site of the Porziuncola, the tiny church in the woods where St. Francis began his ministry and where St. Clare began her religious life. We will then depart Assisi and drive south to Orvieto, home to Italy's most stunning Gothic Cathedral,

where the Feast of Corpus Christi began. After a brief visit we will continue on to Rome for overnight. This evening enjoy a farewell dinner at a local restaurant.



**Day 11 – Nov. 14: Rome / U.S.A.**

Following breakfast, transfer to the airport for our return flight home.

**TOUR COST**

**\$2,885.00**

per person/double occupancy

For a single room please add \$542.00.

**This price includes:**

- \* Roundtrip airfare from Omaha
- \* Accommodation in First Class hotels
- \* Breakfast and dinner daily
- \* Land transportation by deluxe motorcoach
- \* All transfers & baggage handling
- \* Professional tour manager
- \* Comprehensive sightseeing with professional local guides
- \* Entrance fees as per itinerary
- \* Daily Mass
- \* All gratuities

*Airline taxes and fuel surcharges are not included in the preceding price and are currently \$560.00 per person (subject to change until the time of ticketing).*

*Airfares from other departure cities throughout the United States are available upon request.*



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**Reservations and Payment:** Tekton Ministries requires a deposit of \$300 per person at the time of booking. This deposit forms a part of your final payment which is due 75 days prior to departure. Reservations made within 74 days of departure must be accompanied by payment in full. Payments made by credit card will incur a surcharge.

**Cancellations:** All cancellations must be in writing. The following per person cancellation charges will apply in addition to any charges incurred by our suppliers: If canceled 91 days or more prior to departure, a \$50.00 administrative fee will be charged. If canceled 90 - 31 days prior to departure, \$150.00 will be charged. If canceled 30 - 15 days prior to departure, \$450.00 will be charged. If canceled 14 - 7 days prior to departure \$700.00 will be charged. No refunds will be made within 6 days of departure. In addition, once the airline tickets have been issued, 100% of the airfare is non-refundable unless you have been advised otherwise at the time of your booking.

**Travel Documents:** A passport which is valid for 6 months past the date of your return flight home is required of all U. S. citizens. U.S. citizens do not require visas for Italy. If you are not a U.S. citizen, please call to find out if you need a visa. Tekton Ministries is not responsible for individual visas or passports.

**Hotels:** Accommodations are based on double occupancy rooms with private facilities. A limited number of single rooms are available at the supplement quoted and should be requested at the time of booking.

**Air Transportation:** Air travel is in economy class on Delta Airlines. Fares are based upon levels in effect at the time of printing and fares and flight schedules are subject to change without notice.

**Baggage:** Each passenger is allowed one checked bag and one carry-on. Tekton Ministries is not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen baggage.

**Travel Insurance:** We strongly recommend that you purchase comprehensive travel insurance for your trip. Registration forms will be provided upon receipt of your deposit.

**Not Included:** Airline taxes/fuel surcharges (\$560.00 per person but subject to change until the time of ticketing), Rome municipal hotel tax (3.00 EUR per person/per day for the hotel in Rome only), passport/ visa fees, personal travel insurance, laundry, beverages and items not on the regular menu of the included meals, excess baggage charges, optional sightseeing tours, and all expenses of a purely personal nature.

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