

Join Fr. Aaron Johanneck

on pilgrimage to the great and holy places of Italy

- January 27 through February 6, 2020 -

On this pilgrimage we will venture in the footsteps of the greatest saints, martyrs and popes of the Catholic tradition. We will venerate the holiest of relics and visit the greatest of shrines. Most importantly we will celebrate Mass every day, reorienting and reinvigorating our lives in, through and towards Christ.

Rome • Vatican City • Assisi • San Giovanni Rotondo • Lanciano • Loreto • Norcia



Featuring

- Beautiful Hotels
- Private Motor-Coach, Catholic Tours & Three Course Italian Dinners
- Daily Mass in the Beautiful Churches & Shrines of Italy, and an Audience with the Pope
- Eucharistic Miracle at Lanciano, Holy House of Loreto, Sanctuary of St. Michael Archangel
- Visit the tombs of St. Francis, St. Claire, St. Padre Pio, St. Peter, St. Paul & many more
- Visit the Benedictine monasteries at Norcia and Monte Cassino

Cost

Cost: \$3750.00 per person, all-inclusive

Registration

Step 1: Contact ProRome and request a Registration Form.

Step 2: Fill out and return the Registration Form along with a \$200.00 deposit.

Interested? Contact the trip coordinator Naomi Long (540) 419 0714 or naomi@prorome.com



Father Aaron Johanneck is the administrator of Ss. Michael, Mary, and Brendan Area Faith Community of the Diocese of New Ulm, Minnesota. He is also the Director of Worship for the Diocese of New Ulm. He looks forward to leading you on this pilgrimage.

Father Aaron Johanneck

THE ITINERARY

Monday, January 27

Today the group will meet at the Delta check-in desk at 9:00 AM. After checking-in together as a group we will depart for the appropriate gate. Delta flight 1157 then departs from MSP at 11:15 AM, arriving at Atlanta at 2:56 PM. We then depart ATL at 6:03 PM on Delta flight 64 for Rome, Italy.

Tuesday, January 28

After landing at Rome FCO, we depart on a private motor-coach for San Giovanni Rotondo. On the way there we will stop for the afternoon at Monte Cassino, the first monastery and mother-house of the Benedictine Order, founded by St. Benedict 1500 years ago.

After Mass in Monte Cassino we're back on the bus and headed to San Giovanni Rotondo where we will check-in at the beautiful four-star Hotel Gran Paradiso, located just in the heart of town.

Walking: 1-2 Miles

Wednesday, January 29

Our day begins with a tour of San Giovanni Rotondo. We will visit the friary where Padre Pio lived and worked so many miracles. Our tour will conclude with a visit to the tomb of St. Padre Pio, where his incorrupt body can be venerated. We'll then have Mass together before enjoying a free day of reflection and prayer.

In the afternoon you might consider an optional trip to the Sanctuary of St. Michael the Archangel, an incredible medieval sanctuary built into the rocky summit of a mountain overlooking the Adriatic Sea. This site has been one of the most important pilgrimage sites in all of Europe for more than a millennium, due to the miraculous apparition of St. Michael to the local bishop during the tumultuous time of the barbarian invasions in the fifth century.

Walking: 2-3 Miles

Thursday, January 30

Today we depart for Lanciano, the site of a Eucharistic Miracle that took place in the 8th century when a monk doubted the true presence in the Eucharist. Following the prayers of Consecration, this monk watched as the host was changed into live flesh and the wine was changed into live blood, which coagulated into five balls, irregular and differing in shape and size. Scientific studies, the most recent having been conducted in 1971, have proven that this is in fact living human flesh, muscular tissue from the heart.

Following Mass and lunch in Lanciano we're off to Loreto to visit the Holy House of Loreto, the very home of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, miraculously transported to Italy following the Muslim conquest of Jerusalem.



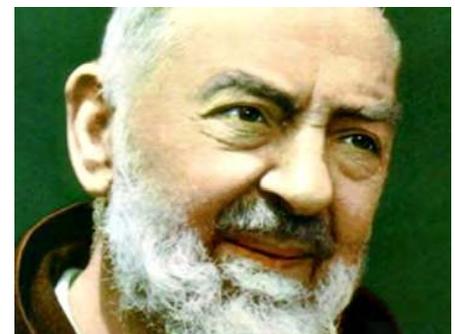
Upon arrival in Assisi we will check in at the beautiful *Hotel dei Priori*, located in the heart of town and a two-minutes walk from the main square.

Walking: 2-3 Miles

Friday, January 31

Today we will visit the tomb of St. Francis and attend Mass in the Basilica built over his tomb. We will then visit the very heart of the Franciscan order, the *Porziuncola*, before heading to the churches of San Damiano and the Basilica of St. Claire. This will be followed by some free time. You might consider a climb up to the *Rocca Maggiore*, a medieval castle overlooking the Seraphic City.

Walking: 2-5 Miles





Saturday, February 1

After breakfast we're off to Rome where we will stay for the remainder of the trip. On the way to Rome we will stop for the afternoon in Norcia, the birthplace of St. Benedict and still the home of an incredible community of Benedictine monks!

After Mass and lunch in Norcia we're back on the bus and headed to Rome, where we will check-in at the wonderful four-star *Michelangelo*. This luxury hotel is located right next to the Vatican City. This will be our home in Rome! Benvenuti!

Walking: 2-3 Miles



Sunday, February 2

Today will begin with Mass at the Pontifical North American College. We will then attend the Angelus in St. Peter's Square, led by the Pope himself!

Following lunch we tour St. Peter's Basilica, St. Paul's Basilica and Tre Fontane, the site of St. Paul's martyrdom.

Walking: 4-5 Miles

Monday, February 3

Today we will enjoy a comprehensive visit of the ancient city, beginning with the Roman Forum and the Colosseum. We will also visit the basilica of San Clemente. We'll then enjoy some free time for lunch after which we will tour the greatest sites in Rome, such as the Pantheon, the Piazza Navona, the Trevi Fountain and the Spanish Steps. We will also visit a few beautiful churches along the way, such as Sant'Andrea delle Fratte and Santi Apostoli.

Walking: 4-6 Miles

Tuesday, February 4

Today we will visit the Basilica of Saint Mary Major where we will have Mass in the Sistine Chapel at the Altar of Pope St. Pius V.

Following Mass we will make our way "outside the walls" to the catacombs of St. Sebastian, where we will venerate this great saint and martyr, together with the many other witnesses of the Faith buried here. Following the tour there will be time for lunch at the wonderful restaurant *Cecilia Metella*.

Our afternoon features a visit to one of the greatest collections of art in the entire world: the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel. The evening is free.

Walking: 4-6 Miles



Wednesday, February 5

Our last day in Rome begins with an audience with the Holy Father. We're then off to the Cathedral of Rome, built by Constantine in honor of Christ the Savior, dedicated to St. John the Evangelist and St. John the Baptist, "the Lateran." We'll have time for a Holy Hour followed by visits to the Holy Stairs and the Basilica of the Holy Cross in Jerusalem. Our day concludes with a final dinner together.

Walking: 3-4 Miles

Thursday, February 6

Today we depart on Delta flight 65 for Atlanta at 11:35 AM, where we arrive at 5:00 PM. We then depart ATL on Delta flight 993 at 7:56 PM, landing in MSP at 9:37 PM. Welcome home!



PILGRIMAGE THROUGH ITALY

COST
\$3750.00/ person

SINGLE ROOM?
\$450.00 Surcharge

PAYMENT SCHEDULE
\$200.00 - Due at Registration
\$1775.00 - Due July 25, 2019
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PRICE INCLUDES

- Round-trip airfare (economy class) from MSP - includes meals on board and one carry-on, personal item and check bag
- All airport taxes and fuel surcharges
- Two nights accommodation (Double Standard Room) at Hotel dei Priori Assisi
- Two nights accommodation (Double Standard Room) at Gran Hotel Paradiso San Giovanni Rotondo
- Five nights accommodation (Double Standard Room) at Starhotels Michelangelo Rome
- Private motor-coach transportation daily (NB - many sites can only be accessed on foot so there will be a considerable amount of walking involved)
- Daily Mass and spiritual direction
- ProRome tour director services throughout the trip
- Private tour guides throughout the trip
- Tours and all entry-ticket prices
- Daily breakfast
- Eight three-course Dinners (water included)

PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Trip Insurance (Available for purchase through ProRome).
- Gratuity for driver (3-5 euro per person, per day).
- Gratuity for tour director (3-5 euro per person, per day).
- Daily lunch (10-15 euro per person, per day, estimated)
- Beverages at dinner (except water, which is included)
- One dinner (February 4)
- Hotel Extras: Porterage (luggage service), Room Service, Mini Fridge Items, Laundry, Telephone, all other extras

HOW TO SIGN UP

Request a registration form from ProRome and send it to
ProRome (checks can be made out to "ProRome) along with a \$200.00 deposit.

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Contact the tour coordinator Naomi Long today to sign up or for more information:

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