

Join Fr. Gismondi FSSP

on a winter pilgrimage to the great & holy places of Italy

February 10 - 20, 2020

This pilgrimage features a comprehensive six-day tour program throughout Rome and three days in southern Italy, where we will visit the Eucharistic Miracle at Lanciano, the Sanctuary of St. Michael the Archangel and St. Padre Pio and St. Philomena.



Special Features

- Private visit to the tomb of St. Peter on the Scavi Tour
- Visits to Saint Padre Pio, Saint Philomena, the Sanctuary of St. Michael and Lanciano
- Daily Latin Mass in the beautiful churches & shrines of Italy
- Four Star Hotels - Centrally located, old world charm meets new world comfort
- Private luxury motor-coach, private Catholic tours & three course Italian dinners

Cost

\$3490.00 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 Joseph Long (540) 466 6070 or jlong@prorome.com



THE ITINERARY



Meet the Chaplain

Fr. Gismondi is from Pittsburgh, PA. After several years of discernment, in 1995 he entered the Fraternity of St. Peter's seminary and was ordained a priest on June 29, 2002. From 2002 to 2003, Fr. Gismondi served as an Associate Chaplain at the Fraternity's apostolate in Sacramento. From 2003 to 2006, he served as Pastor of St. Michael's Church in Scranton, PA. Following his pastoral assignment, Fr. Gismondi attended the Dominican House of Studies, Washington, DC, where, in 2008, he earned a Licentiate in Sacred Theology. In July 2008, Fr. Gismondi was appointed as Chaplain to the Traditional Latin Mass community of San Diego. On October 7, 2008, following erection of St. Anne Catholic Church as a personal parish for the Traditional Latin Mass apostolate in the Diocese of San Diego, Fr. Gismondi was appointed as Pastor at St. Anne's. Currently Father serves as the pastor of St. Mary Church in Conshohocken, Pennsylvania.

Monday, February 10th

Today the group will meet at Newark International Airport (EWR) the gate of departure at 8:00 PM. LX 19 departs for Zurich, Switzerland at 10:05 PM.

Tuesday, February 11th

Our flight arrives in Zurich at 11:40 AM. After a short layover LX1736 departs for Rome at 12:30 PM, arriving at 2:05 PM. Upon arrival we will collect our luggage and meet our tour director and private coach. We then depart for Rome, where we will check-in at the wonderful four-star Hotel Michelangelo. This luxury hotel is located right next to the Vatican City. After checking in we will enjoy a coach tour of the city of Rome, stopping for Mass at the FSSP church in Rome, Santissima Trinità dei Pellegrini. We'll then return to the hotel for dinner together.

Wednesday, February 12th

Our first 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 dinner together at the hotel.

Mass - Holy Cross in Jerusalem

Thursday, February 13th

Today we will visit the Basilica of Saint Mary Major where we will have Mass in the Sistine Chapel (not to be confused with the Sistine Chapel in the Vatican) 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.

Prior to the tour there will be time for lunch at the wonderful restaurant Cecilia Metella. Our afternoon features a visit to St. Paul's Outside the Walls and Tre Fontane, the site of St. Paul's martyrdom. We'll then head back to the hotel where we will enjoy dinner together.

Mass - St. Mary Major

Friday, February 14th

Today will begin with Mass at the tomb of Pope Pius X in St. Peter's Basilica. We'll then tour the Basilica together, followed by an optional climb to the top of Michelangelo's great dome. In the afternoon we will go beneath St. Peter's Basilica on the Scavi Tour, a subterranean tour that takes the visitor right to the tomb of St. Peter. Following the tour we will visit the Gianicolo Hill for an incredible view of Rome and shortly thereafter depart for the basilica of St. Lawrence Outside the Walls where we will venerate the tombs of St. Lawrence, St. Stephen, St. Justin Martyr and Blessed Pope Pius IX. In the evening we will enjoy a wonderful dinner together at Osteria dei Pontefici.

Mass - St. Peter's Basilica

Saturday, February 15th

Today we will highlight the greatest sites of Roman antiquity, such as the Colosseum, the Pantheon, the Circus of Domitian (Piazza Navona) and more. We'll then visit the medieval quarter of Trastevere, visiting the churches of St. Cecilia, St. Chrysogonus and Saint Mary in Trastevere.

NB - There will be an optional private guided tour of the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel in the afternoon for those who would like to go.

Mass - St. Mary in Trastevere



Sunday, February 16th

Today we'll learn all about the Catholic Counter-Reformation, highlighting the saints, religious orders, art, architecture and movement that all played a part in this great Tridentine movement. Our morning features visits to the Chiesa Nuova, the Gesu` and Sant'Ignazio. We'll then learn how the Popes transformed this city during the great Baroque period, visiting a number of churches, fountains, squares and monuments that each share this story with us in their own unique way.

Mass - Chiesa Nuova

Monday, February 17th

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.

After Mass and veneration of this sacred Eucharistic miracle we're off to San Giovanni Rotondo where we will check in at the lovely four-star *Hotel Vittoria*.

Mass - Lanciano

Tuesday, February 18th

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. In the evening we will enjoy a dinner together at the hotel.

Mass - San Giovanni Rotondo

Wednesday, February 19th

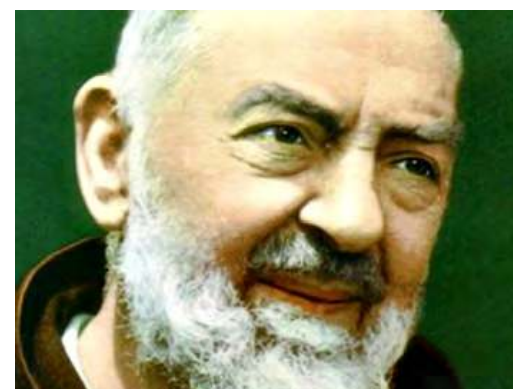
Today we depart for the birthplace of Saint Padre Pio, Pietrelcina. Here we will visit the childhood home of Padre Pio and Father will celebrate Holy Mass. We're then off to Mugnano del Cardinale to visit the shrine of Saint Philomena. After an afternoon of prayer we will depart for the lovely hotel *Casal Dell'Angelo*.

Mass - Pietrelcina

Thursday, February 20th

Our last day begins with Mass at the Sanctuary of Saint Philomena. Then in the late morning we're off for Rome Fiumicino airport. Our flight LX 1737 departs from Rome at 2:50 PM, arriving in Zurich at 4:25 PM. We then depart Zurich at 5:15 PM, arriving in Newark at 8:25 PM.

Mass - Shrine of Saint Philomena



PILGRIMAGE THROUGH ITALY

COST

\$3490.00/ person

SINGLE ROOM?

\$500.00 Surcharge

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

\$200.00 - Due at Registration

\$1645.00 - Due September 25, 2019

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PRICE INCLUDES

- Round-trip airfare (economy class) from EWR - includes meals on board and one carry-on, personal item and check bag
- All airport taxes and fuel surcharges
- One night accommodation (double standard room) at Hotel dell'Angelo in Marigliano (near Shrine of St. Philomena)
- Two nights accommodation (double standard room) at Hotel Vittoria in San Giovanni Rotondo
- Six nights accommodation (double standard room) at Starhotels Michelangelo in 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 (suggested 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 15th)
- 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 Joseph Long today to sign up or for more information:

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