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on a Unique 9-day
Pilgrimage to Italy



Including:

Rome, Vatican City,
Florence, Montecatini Terme,
Siena, San Gimignano,
Livorno & Pisa

October 15 - 23, 2012

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New York (JFK)

DAILY MASS AT THE HOLY SITES

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UNDER THE SPIRITUAL DIRECTION OF MSGR. THOMAS P. SANDI

Tour Rome, Florence, Siena, San Gimignano, Livorno and Pisa under the spiritual direction of Monsignor Thomas P. Sandi, Pastor, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Shrub Oak, NY. Accompany parishioners from Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, “the first parish in the world named after the first America-born saint,” to Livorno [Leghorn], where the saint discovered the Catholic faith and laid the foundation for the Sisters of Charity and the American Catholic school system.

October 15, 2012 - Monday NEW YORK / ROME

Today we depart New York’s JFK airport and our flight to Rome, Italy. Meals are served on board our transatlantic flight.

October 16, 2012 - Tuesday ROME

We arrive in Rome this morning and are met by our Pilgrimage Tours™ tour director who will remain with us until the end of our tour. We board our motor coach and prepare for a visit to the first of the four major ancient basilicas in Rome, St. Paul’s Outside the Walls where the Apostle to the Gentiles is buried. We pause to visit the grounds and celebrate Mass at this magnificent basilica. Next we take a scenic ride to our hotel for check-in and some time to rest before dinner. Following dinner, we enjoy a panoramic sightseeing tour of “illuminated Rome by night”, including a stop at the world-famous Trevi Fountain; overnight in Rome.

October 17, 2012 - Wednesday ROME / the VATICAN – Papal Audience

This morning we go to the Vatican for an Audience with the Holy Father. Following our time with Pope Benedict, we visit the second of Rome’s major basilicas, St. Mary Major, the most prominent church in the world devoted to Our Lady. Here we celebrate Mass joining the many pilgrims that have celebrated Mass here since the 5th century. We then depart for a visit to St. John Lateran the third major basilica. It is the cathedral church of the Bishop of Rome (the Pope), where relics of Saints Peter and Paul are enshrined under the main altar. Next we cross the street to visit the church of Scala Santa. Here we view the “Holy Staircase”, 28 marble steps (now covered in wood) believed to be a staircase from Pilate’s palace in Jerusalem, which was brought to Rome by St. Helen in the 4th century. We then have dinner and stay overnight in Rome.

October 18, 2012 - Thursday ROME

This morning we travel to Vatican City to visit St. Peter’s Basilica (the largest church building in the world) and the last and most famous of the major basilicas. While there, we will view Michelangelo’s masterpiece, the magnificent *Pieta* and spend some free time exploring the Basilica’s many altars, chapels and magnificent mosaics. We will celebrate Mass in the Vatican Chapel followed by a tour of the fascinating excavations (the Scavi) under the altar of St. Peter’s Basilica. Next we drive to Palatine and Capitoline Hills including the Imperial and Roman Forums, the Hippodrome and Constantine’s Arch. We then drive by the Mamertine Prison where Peter and Paul were held and many Christian martyrs died. We stop for awhile outside the Colosseum, a good opportunity for a snapshot, followed by dinner and our final night in Rome.

October 19, 2012 - Friday ROME / FLORENCE / MONTECATINI

This morning we depart Rome for Florence. Upon our arrival in the Tuscany region of Italy and the city of Florence, we drive up Piazzalle Michelangelo to enjoy a wonderful view of this great Renaissance city.

Next we explore the world-class Galleria dell'Accademia museum where, among other art treasures we see Michelangelo's famous statue of *David*. Finally, we celebrate Mass at the "Chapel of the Miracle" in the Church of St. Ambrose where a beautiful monstrance holds a vial of the miraculous blood. According to tradition, in 1230 a priest did not properly dry the chalice following the celebration of the Mass and afterwards found blood instead of the consecrated wine he carelessly left behind. We then depart for the vibrant spa town of Montecatini Terme for dinner and overnight.

October 20, 2012 – Saturday

MONTECATINI / SIENA / SAN GIMIGNANO

Today we enjoy a day-trip, beginning with a visit to Siena, the home of St. Catherine. We start our tour in the historic center, where we visit the Sanctuary of Santa Maria in Provenzano and the see the Cross from which St. Catherine received the stigmata. Next we visit the magnificent dark-green and white striped Cathedral, where we celebrate Mass. Following Mass, we have some time to visit its museum before departing Siena for San Gimignano, "the most famous small town in Italy". This charming, medieval, hilltop town is noted for its many towers and its wonderful views of the Tuscan landscape. We return to Montecatini for dinner and overnight.

October 21, 2012 – Sunday

MONTECATINI / LIVORNO / PISA

Today, in honor of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, we will visit the port town of Livorno where Mother Seton, the first American-born saint and the foundress of the Sisters of Charity, lived for several months after the death of her young husband and where she fell in love with the Catholic Church. Here we enjoy an orientation tour of the city including a stop at its picturesque harbor. Next we visit Mother Seton's Church, where we celebrate Mass, and marvel at the large mural over the altar depicting the life of Mother Seton. We will have some free time to roam the church and its grounds where we will pray at the grave of Mother Seton's husband William and his business partners who introduced her to the Catholic Faith. Next we arrive in Pisa where we will visit the Campo dei Miracoli with its splendid Cathedral, Baptistery and the famous Leaning Tower. Late afternoon we return to Montecatini for dinner and overnight.

October 22, 2012 – Monday

MONTECATINI / FLORENCE

Today we spend an entire day in Florence, beginning with a guided tour of Florence's important sites, which include the Cathedral with its magnificent Dome by Brunelleschi, Giotto's elegant belfry and the Baptistery with Ghiberti's Gate to Paradise. Next we have our own celebration of Mass at the beautiful Franciscan Santa Croce Basilica where several famous people are entombed, including Galileo, Machiavelli, Rossini and the great Michelangelo. There are also monuments to Enrico Fermi, Dante Alighieri and Marconi. The remainder of our day is free to explore and shop the streets of Florence. Late afternoon, we return to Montecatini for dinner and overnight.

October 23, 2012 - Tuesday

MONTECATINI / FLORENCE / NEW YORK

Following breakfast, we transfer to the airport in Florence for our flight to Paris, and our connecting flight home. Though our pilgrimage draws to a close, its blessings will last a lifetime and its graces are certain to draw us closer to the Lord.

REGISTRATION FORM

Please reserve _____ seat(s) on:

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Under the Spiritual Direction of
Msgr. Thomas P. Sandi

October 15 - 23, 2012

Please include a \$400 deposit per person

Name(s) _____

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Day () _____

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LAND TRANSPORTATION & SERVICES: By deluxe air-conditioned motor coach with professional driver, services of an English-speaking Tour Director, local guides, all admission & entrance fees and transfers to and from international airports. Mass scheduled daily. Daily schedule as per your itinerary, however we reserve the right to modify or adjust any itinerary if circumstances deem necessary.

LODGING: Superior, tourist-class accommodations, based upon double occupancy with limited single accommodations available at an additional charge of \$395.

MEALS: Breakfast buffet and Dinner DAILY.

ALSO INCLUDED IN PRICE: All taxes, including airport taxes. Gratuities for tour directors, local guides, bus drivers, porters, wait staff, housekeeping and front desk personnel. Tipping will be conducted by a tour leader during the course of your tour.

NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE: The cost of obtaining your passport and visa fees to some countries, meals not included in the itinerary, wines, liquors, bottled waters, coffee or tea, personal items, laundry services, room service charges, long-distance phone calls, excess baggage, airport service charges and any sightseeing not included in the itinerary.

GROUP REQUIREMENT: The minimum number of passengers needed to assure a group's departure is 15. We reserve the right to cancel up to 30 days from departure should the total number of registered passengers be fewer than 15. If there are fewer than 15 passengers, Pilgrimage Tours will do all that is possible to assure your group's departure without having to resort to charging a supplemental fee for the group. If Pilgrimage Tours cancels, you will receive a full refund.

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