



A Personal Invitation from Dr. Robert Moynihan — February 19, 2019

Dear friend,

I am writing to invite you to join me in Rome for a special pilgrimage celebrating 25 years of publishing magazine in October 2019. The weather in Rome is lovely in October. The theme of this pilgrimage is “The Greatest Holy Presences.”



To thank the readers of *Inside the Vatican* magazine, we wanted to make this special pilgrimage financially feasible. So, we have designed a more economical pilgrimage package, while maintaining the integrity and special “Inside the Vatican” quality of our *Signature* pilgrimages.

Inside the Vatican Pilgrimages began in 2008. Over the past 11 years we have organized and led more than 50 pilgrimages toward “the heart of the Church.” We have found that keeping the pilgrimages small allows for a more intimate experience. In essence, this means that I will not be leading three busloads of people through the streets and traffic of Rome holding high a yellow umbrella. Rather, our small group of pilgrims will walk at a normal pace, with time to pause, talk, discuss, take photographs, and stop for a snack or *espresso* at a Roman *café* or maybe even a gelato! Keeping this small size allows our pilgrims access to private areas inside the Vatican and other places, making it possible to have more intimate conversations with bishops and cardinals who work within the walls of the Vatican and with the Franciscan Friars in Assisi.

All of our pilgrimages are planned to be quiet and prayerful. We want your journey with us to be a peaceful, enjoyable and unforgettable experience, one that enriches your life and deepens your faith. Although we will visit many very special places, our journey is a pilgrimage, not a tour. The spiritual dimension — the search for a deeper encounter with God and a better appreciation of the history and life of the Church — is central. This is why the pace of our pilgrimages will be slow and peaceful, not rushed. There will be time for prayer and contemplation. We hope it can become the source of deeper insight into the Faith, and into everything that threatens or weakens the Faith.

Many pilgrims say they come to a clearer understanding of these things while staying with us at the Villa Serenella, a small Maronite monastery on the outskirts of Rome owned by an order of monks from Lebanon. Still within the boundaries of modern Rome, the monastery is about four miles from the geographical “heart” of the Catholic Church, yet we are also removed — removed from the noise and hustle and bustle of the world, secluded in a grotto of peace. Here, a small group of Lebanese Maronite monks celebrate the Morning Office in the Maronite rite, using the Syriac language, a dialect of Aramaic — the language that Jesus spoke 2,000 years ago. Hearing their voices, we feel a special closeness to the son of Mary, the teacher from Nazareth who suffered and died in Jerusalem.

We have a chance to go each day into the center of Rome and visit the places where St. Peter and St. Paul lived, walked, were imprisoned, and were executed. And each day we can return to the Villa Serenella, where we enjoy an evening meal of genuine Italian food, prepared for us by Anna, a smiling Italian lady who provides for us as if we were members of her own family.

So, please consider joining me on this extraordinary journey. We expect it to be a wonderful, joyful and memorable time, with many hours devoted to prayer and meditation, in the places where St. Francis, St. Benedict and St. Peter once stood, while being close to Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI and to His Holiness, Pope Francis.

Robert Moynihan
Founder and Editor of *Inside the Vatican* magazine



Inside the Vatican Pilgrimages

The Greatest Holy Presences

Celebrating 25th Years of *Inside the Vatican* magazine
October 4-12, 2019
Rome, Assisi, Manoppello, Lanciano and Vatican City



Rome and Vatican City

With a population of 2.7 million, Rome is one of the most populated cities in Europe and one of the very oldest, dating to 753 B.C — almost 2,800 years ago. As we stroll over the time-worn cobblestones, the many layers of Roman history will begin to unfold. From the sculpture and architecture of the Ancients to the vestiges left from the early Church, through the Medieval and Renaissance periods with the masterpieces of artists such as Michelangelo, Raphael, and Bernini, Rome is truly a treasure trove of culture, history, and faith.

Within the heart of the city of Rome is the sovereign city-state, Vatican City, whose territory consists of a walled enclave. The Vatican is the smallest sovereign state in the world and has an area of approximately 110 acres and a population of around 840.

This is a unique time in the Vatican, as Pope Francis continues to define his pontificate and Emeritus Pope Benedict continues to reside in Vatican City in a small convent inside the Vatican Gardens not far from the *Domus Santa Marta*, the residence of Pope Francis. The Vatican will be quiet in the early fall, and we will have the opportunity to roam the streets in peace. It is a privileged time to be part of the living Body of Christ, among the “living stones” of the Church, during these days of the “two Popes” — Benedict and Francis — so very different and yet each so filled with the love of Christ and His Church.

Friday, October 4 — *Welcome to Italy!*

You arrive at Fiumicino airport, about 10 miles outside of Rome to the west, near the Mediterranean Sea. You may have seen the sea as your plane circled to land. You will be met at the airport immediately as you exit the secured area. Depending on your arrival time, there may be time for your first *café* and *cornetto*. Your group transfer will take you to the majestic **Villa Serenella** (*photos, right and below*), our Roman home for the next eight nights.

Villa Serenella is a stately, typically Roman villa-turned-monastery surrounded by 13 acres of olive groves, pine trees, walking paths, a soccer field and fountains. Just five miles from the Vatican, the Villa is owned by the Antonine order of Maronite monks. Yes, we will be staying with monks from Lebanon!

After we settle into the Villa, there will be time for lunch and rest before we depart for the **Vatican** and **St. Peter's Square** (*photo, below*).

In St. Peter's Square, you will be introduced to Dr. Robert Moynihan and Deborah Tomlinson. Dr. Moynihan, one of the world's

leading Vatican analysts and founder and editor of

Inside the Vatican magazine,

will lead us on a “familiarization” walk through St. Peter's Square in front of **St. Peter's Basilica** (the first of the four Papal basilicas we will visit), which was built above the tomb of St. Peter, the first Pope and the apostle to whom Christ entrusted “the keys of the kingdom.”

After our walk, we will stroll only two short blocks to the **Basilica of Santo Spirito**, the special shrine dedicated to **St. Faustina Kowalska's** devotion to the Divine Mercy in Rome.

This shrine (*photo, left*), was established by **St. John Paul II** on January 1, 1994, and since the beatification of Sister Faustina in 1993, the church has been served by the sisters from the Congregation of Our Lady of Mercy, St. Faustina's order. Our “welcome” Mass will be celebrated and confessions heard at this basilica.

In the evening, we will return to the monastery for our welcome dinner with Dr. Moynihan.

Our first day will end early so we can all be rested for the journey to come. Overnight in Rome.



Eucharistic Miracle of Lanciano

Lanciano, which translates into “the lance,” is named after the lance of Longinus, the Roman soldier, who thrust his spear into Our Lord’s side. Lanciano bears this name because it is the birthplace of St. Longinus. Around the year 700, a monk offered Mass in Lanciano’s small church of St. Legontian. The monk, who had doubts about transubstantiation, wondered if the bread and wine really became the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ. At the words of Consecration, the doubting priest witnessed the bread transform into living flesh and the wine transform into five actual drops of blood, which then congealed. The five drops, of course, represent the number of wounds Christ suffered on the cross: one in each hand and foot from the nails and the wound from the spear of Longinus!

Saturday, October 5— Lanciano/Manoppello: *The Face of Christ and the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist*



Today we will travel to two shrines that house some of the most important miracles in Italy — the **Eucharistic Miracle of Lanciano** and the **Shrine of the Holy Face** in Manoppello. Pope Emeritus Benedict visited this Shrine in 2006 to venerate the Holy Face of Manoppello shortly after his reign as Pope began (*photo, below right*)

We will be up early to travel about 2½ hours across Italy to the Adriatic Sea to the town of Lanciano in the rugged Abruzzo region. Once we arrive in Lanciano, we will enter the church that houses the Eucharistic Miracle (*photo, left*) to behold the wonders of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ made visible.

After venerating the miraculous Eucharist, we will listen to the Franciscan friars to learn more about the history of the Eucharistic miracle and the shrine.

We will then turn back towards Rome, heading to the little town of Manoppello, Italy (population 157 — yes, it’s tiny!) still in the Abruzzo region. Our drive will be short, only 40 minutes, and we will stop at the Adriatic Sea to see the beautiful coast, feel the wind, and smell the clean, salt-filled air. If you would like, you will be able to put your feet in the water (*photo, right*).



Before our visit to the shrine in Manoppello, we will have lunch at the same restaurant that Pope Benedict dined at when he visited Manoppello — a family-owned restaurant where *Nonna* (“Grandma”) cooks with the freshest ingredients from the region. You will only see locals here. A delicious meal and a real Italian experience!

After lunch we will visit the Shrine of the Holy Face, which contains a mysterious cloth (*photo left*) bearing the image of a man with wounds on his face — an image that some believe is the actual face of Christ formed at the moment of his Resurrection — and attend a private Mass in front of this Holy image.

Following our visit, we will return to the monastery for dinner and another night’s rest. Overnight in Rome.



Sunday, October 6 — *St. Peter*



We will have breakfast at the Villa Serenella before departing for Sunday Mass in **St. Peter's Basilica**. After Mass, Dr. Robert Moynihan will point out select items of spiritual interest inside St. Peter's Basilica (*photo, left*). After which, we will gather in **St. Peter's Square** to hear the Angelus message delivered by Pope Francis and to pray the Angelus together with pilgrims from around the world. A meeting in the **Vatican** will follow after the Angelus. This is a special encounter in which we will discuss the Church today.

Lunch will be at one of our favorite restaurants near the Vatican. There will be free time to explore and shop for religious articles for the papal blessing on Wednesday before returning to the monastery for dinner. Overnight in Rome.

Monday, October 7 — Subiaco with Fr. Cassian: *St. Benedict and The Monastic Life: Angelic versus Fallen Human Life*

After breakfast at the monastery, we will travel to the small town of **Subiaco**, located about 45 miles east of Rome. The ancient name of this town recalls its position below three small lakes where Emperor Nero built a villa. An inundation destroyed the lakes in 1305 and only traces remain of the villa. In 494 A.D., **St. Benedict**, a young man in his early 20s, retired as a hermit in a cave (the *Sacro Speco* or Holy Grotto) located above the lakes. He lived there for three years (*photos right and below left*). When fame of his

sanctity spread, he was persuaded to become abbot of a local monastery. His years in prayer and contemplation allowed him time to develop the foundation for what would become the Rule of St. Benedict, the basis of western monasticism. Even though he began his monastic life as a hermit, he realized the difficulties and spiritual dangers of solitary life, even though he continued to regard it as the crown of monastic life for a mature and experienced spirit. His *Rule*, however, is concerned with a life spent wholly in community.



Father Cassian Folsom, a Benedictine monk from Norcia, will be with us to celebrate Mass and to visit the *Sacro Speco*. During the 12th century, the abbots of **St. Scolastica** (twin sister of St. Benedict) decided to build a detached section of their monastery around the *Sacro Speco*. The new monastery was built at various stages along a steep ravine; it seems to hang on the rock, and it was compared to a swallow's nest by **Pope Pius II**. According to tradition, instead of roses in the garden, there were thorn bushes upon which Benedict threw himself as a form of punishment for having had some unchaste thoughts. **St. Francis of Assisi**, who visited the monastery in 1223, turned the thorns into roses.

After exploring the *Sacro Speco* and the monastery, we will attend a private mass which Father Cassian will celebrate for us. We will enjoy lunch very near this famous place with Father Cassian. After lunch, Father Cassian will deliver a spiritual reflection on early monasticism. Father Cassian (*photo, right*) has battled a debilitating form of blood cancer in recent years and his suffering has only deepened his spiritual vision. Some are beginning to say, in and around Norcia, that he is a living saint. We are very privileged to have this time with our old friend who is doing so much for the Church, and who always has profound insights to impart to our pilgrims.



We return to Rome for dinner at the monastery.

Tuesday, October 8 — *St. Paul: Grace, Not the Law: The Gospel of Forgiveness When You Fall*

After breakfast in the Villa Serenella, we will make our way south of Rome to journey along the **Appian Way** (*photo, right*). First constructed in 312 B.C., the Appian Way is an ancient road that extended from Rome to the boot of Italy. We will visit many important shrines and churches along the way, including **St. Sebastian's**, the patriarchal church **St. Paul's-Outside-the-Walls** (the second of the four Papal basilicas we will visit) and the famous **Domino Quo Vadis** church where Christ appeared to Peter and convinced him to return to Rome to preach and eventually face martyrdom. St. Paul's Outside-the-Walls holds St. Paul's tomb and is dedicated to St. Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles, who was beheaded in Rome. This impressive church contains the images of all the Popes in little circular portraits.



We will also go into the **Catacombs of Callixtus** (*photo, right*) and have a private Mass inside the Catacombs, which is the oldest official cemetery of the Christian community of Rome. Callixtus is one of many catacombs in Rome and is most notable for containing the Crypt of the Popes, which once contained the tombs of several popes from the 2nd to 4th centuries.



Also of significance are the frescoes, which date from the first half of the third century, depicting the stories of Jonah, the Evangelical Fisherman, the Banquet of the Seven Disciples at Lake Tiberias, the Healing of the Paralytic, the Baptism of Jesus and Abraham's Sacrifice, as well as numerous paintings alluding to the Baptism and the Eucharist.

We then proceed to the **Church of St. Paul at the Three Fountains** (*Chiesa del Martirio di San Paolo alle Tre Fontane*), one of Rome's earliest churches and the site of the martyrdom of St. Paul.



Tradition tells us that, because he was a Roman citizen, he was beheaded rather than crucified. The story was passed down that his head bounced three times on the ground, and at each spot a spring appeared.

Inside you can see a pillar where St. Paul was said to be bound before being martyred. The original church was built in the Fifth Century; the one standing there today dates from the 16th Century. The grounds of the Three Fountains are beautiful, prayerful and quiet.

Our next encounter will be at the site of the **Grotto of Our Lady of Revelations**. It was here in 1947 that Our Lady appeared to the bitter anti-catholic, Bruno Cornacchiola. During the apparition, Our Lady taught Bruno many truths about salvation, recognizing that we all have our moments of doubt and discouragement, and should turn to her for help. Bruno experienced a reversion, returning to his Catholic faith and beginning a life of evangelization.

There have been at least two miracles of the sun (similar to the way the sun "danced" in the sky over Fatima in Portugal in 1917) reported at this site on the 33rd and 35th anniversaries of the Virgin's visit here. We will stop for lunch along the way and return to the monastery for dinner in the evening. Overnight in Rome.



Wednesday, October 9 — Papal Audience: *Day of the Ordinary Pilgrim*

After breakfast in the monastery, we will depart again for Vatican City and the **Papal Audience**. During the audience, Pope Francis will share a reading and a brief teaching in Italian, which will be translated into English, French, German, Spanish, Polish, Portuguese and sometimes other languages, depending on the groups visiting. The Pope will follow with a greeting to all gathered in St. Peter's Piazza.



At the end of the audience, the Pope will lead us in the “Our Father” in Latin. This prayer will be printed on the back of the Papal Audience ticket. After the “Our Father,” Pope Francis will impart his Apostolic Blessing upon the crowd, which also extends to loved ones at home. He will bless any item that you may have brought with you.



Afterwards, we will have a brief meeting inside the Vatican with a monsignor who will share a spiritual reflection with us. Lunch will be in one of our favorite restaurants near the Vatican.

After lunch, we will journey to the **Spanish Steps** (*photo, below*), where Dr. Moynihan will guide us along our walking tour of Baroque Rome – the **Trevi Fountain** (*photo, right*), the **Pantheon** and the **Piazza Navona**.

Along the way, Dr. Moynihan will point out many interesting places, peeling away the layers of Roman and Church history.



In addition, we will visit several special places to view famous paintings by **Caravaggio**, including *The Calling of Matthew* (*photo, below*), *Crucifixion of St. Peter* and *Conversion on the Way to Damascus*.



Another important stop along our way is the **Basilica of Sant'Andrea delle Fratte**, which has a very special side chapel (*photo left below*). In fact, it is so special that many come to Rome just to pray at this

altar. Our Lady appeared here to **Alphonse Ratisbonne**, an avowed anti-Catholic Jew, in 1842, manifesting herself exactly as she appears on the Miraculous Medal, effecting his miraculous, instantaneous conversion.



The first Miraculous Medals were struck in 1832 and, while the Miraculous Medal devotion was already circulating throughout France after Our Lady appeared to **St. Catherine Labouré**, this miraculous apparition to Ratisbonne provided the impetus to bring the Miraculous Medal devotion to Italy.

Many pilgrims from all over the world travel to Rome just to visit this shrine in devotion to the Miraculous Medal. But this special chapel (*photo, left*) is also where the great Polish martyr, **St. Maximilian Kolbe**, offered his first Mass on April 29, 1918.

As we walk back to the Vatican area, we will stop at another one of our favorite restaurants in Rome for dinner and enjoy a gelato from one of the best gelaterias in Rome before returning to the monastery. Overnight in Rome.



Thursday, October 10 — *St. Francis of Assisi, the Extra-Ordinary Pilgrim*

Assisi

With a population of about 25,000, Assisi is a small medieval town perched on a hill in Umbria, the heart of Italy. It is known as the city of St. Francis and is one of the prettiest and most peaceful cities in the world. Assisi has long been a spiritual center. Two thousand years ago, the Temple of Minerva was a centerpiece of Roman Assisi and can still be visited today – but as a Catholic Church.



After an early breakfast we will travel to Assisi, home of **St. Francis** and **St. Clare**. Along our way we will stop at Auto-grill, a real Italian experience, where you can enjoy a *café* and *cornetto*!

We will arrive to Assisi just days after the grand celebrations for the feast day of St. Francis. The bishop of Assisi (*photo, below*) is our friend and will greet us and share a special spiritual reflection on St. Francis. After receiving his blessing, we will visit many of the important places in Assisi.

Pre-eminent is the **Basilica of St. Francis** (*photo, above*), where we will visit the church and pray at the tomb of St. Francis. We will walk through the historic streets of Assisi, viewing many of the hidden gems along our stroll. We will enter several important churches along the way, such as the **Basilica of St. Clare**, and come to a better understanding of the times in which St. Francis lived. Lunch will be in one of our favorite restaurants near the **Piazza del Comune**, the main piazza in the city center and one of the most beautiful piazzas in Italy.

After lunch, we will journey to the **Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels**, located in the valley at the bottom of the hill below Assisi. Here we will visit the Portiuncula (*photo, right*), an ancient church dedicated to Mary under the title Our Lady of the Angels. This was the church St. Francis rebuilt after being called by Christ crucified to “rebuild His Church.”

It is written that the original church of The Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels is believed to have been erected under **Pope Liberius** in the 300s, by hermits from the Valley of Josaphat, who had brought relics from the grave of the Blessed Virgin. It was known as Our Lady of the Angels because of the singing of angels which had been frequently heard there. We will attend Mass in the basilica before we return to Rome. Brother Alessandro always welcomes us with his beautiful smile, joined perhaps to a delightful song. His story is amazing and his voice is angelic. We will return to the Villa Serenella for a good night’s rest. Overnight in Rome.



Friday, October 11 — *Mary and Mission.*



After breakfast at the monastery, we will depart to visit the remaining two of the four papal basilicas in Rome: **St. Mary Major** and **St. John Lateran**. Both of these churches are glorious monuments to the faith and contain treasures of art that can take one's breath away.

In St. Mary Major, for example, there is a painting of Mary (*photo left*), which is believed to have been painted by St. Luke himself, making it the oldest painting of Mary in the world. It is called the **Salus Populi Romani** (English: the **Protectress of the Roman People**). *Protectress* is a translation of the Latin "salus," which means "salvation" or "health." Historically, it is the most important Marian icon in Rome and it was crowned by Pope Pius XII in 1954. Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI venerated the *Salus Populi Romani* on several different occasions and asked Mary on each occasion to "Pray for us." One of the first acts of Pope Francis after being elected was to pray before the *Salus Populi Romani*. In May of 2013, the month dedicated to Our Lady and the Holy Rosary, Pope Francis prayed his first public Rosary before this ancient and venerable image. He has visited it more than 50 times since then.

We will also visit the churches of **St. Praxedes (Praxede)** (*photo of 9th century mosaics, right*) and **St. Pudentiana**. These women saints were the daughters of **St. Pudens**, a Roman senator converted by and baptized by St. Paul. It is said that St. Paul stayed in their home. St. Paul refers to Pudens in the second letter to Timothy, chapter 4, verses 19-22:

Final Greeting. 19 Greet Prisca and Aquila and the family of Onesiphorus. 20 Erastus remained in Corinth, while I left Trophimus sick at Miletus. 21 Try to get here before winter. Eubulus, Pudens, Linus, Claudia, and all the brothers send greetings. 22 The Lord be with your spirit. Grace be with all of you.



The sisters built a baptistry in the church founded by Pudens for the baptizing of those converting to Christianity. St. Pudentiana died young and after their brother also died, St. Praxedes inherited the family wealth and built the church that is named after her. She used the building to conceal many early Christians being persecuted by the Emperor. St. Praxedes was known to collect the bodies of the martyred Christians and bury them in the Catacombs of Priscilla, where she herself was also buried near her sister and father after being martyred.

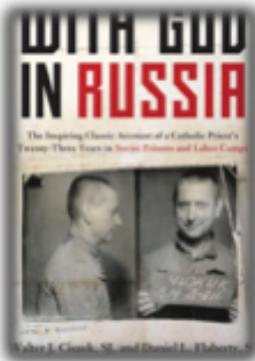


A few blocks away stands the lofty Victorian-gothic church of **San Alfonso**. There we will view **The Miraculous Icon of Our Mother of Perpetual Help** (*photo left*) displayed above the altar in the sanctuary below a beautiful mosaic of the Holy Family. The earliest written account of this Icon is from 1499 when it hung in the church of St. Matthew in Rome. After quite a journey and considered lost, it was discovered and brought to the church of San Alfonso in 1866 after a great procession throughout the Esquiline region of Rome. Multiple healings were reported by people that called out to the Icon as it passed their homes. News of the healings spread resulting in crowds of people visiting the shrine and leaving their abandoned crutches and canes behind.

Next, we visit the **Collegium Russicum** (*photo, right*), a Catholic college in Rome dedicated to studies of the culture and spirituality of Russia. It was founded in 1929 by **Pope Pius XI**, who was touched by the large flow of immigrants from Bolshevik

Russia and the persecution of Christianity in that country. It was from here that young men studied to prepare for the priesthood and missionary work.





One example is that of Father **Walter Ciszek, S.J.**, an American priest of the Catholic Church in Russia, who began his studies here in 1934. In 1937, he was ordained a priest and went to Eastern Poland. With the outbreak of World War II in 1939, he was forced to close his mission.

He realized that it would be very easy for a priest or two to enter the Soviet Union. After obtaining permission to do so, he travelled to the logging town of Chusovoy in the Ural Mountains and worked as an unskilled logger while discreetly performing religious ministry.

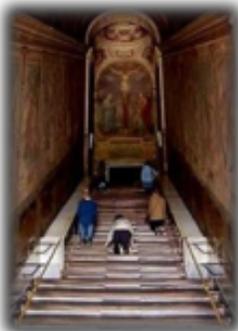
He was arrested in 1941 under accusations of espionage for the Vatican. He spent nearly 23 years in confinement and hard labor in the Gulag. He wrote of his experience and spiritual journey in his books, *With God in Russia* and *He Leadeth Me*.

St. John Lateran (*photo, right*) is the oldest and ranks first among the four papal basilicas of Rome, since it is the *cathedra* or “seat” of the Pope, the Bishop of Rome. For centuries, the Popes lived here. The façade inscription begins *Christo Salvatori*, “To Christ the Savior,” then adds, “and to St. John the Baptist and St. John the Evangelist,” indicating the church’s fundamental dedication to Christ.

As the cathedral of the Bishop of Rome, it ranks above all other churches, including St. Peter’s Basilica, so, unlike all the other Roman basilicas, it holds the title of *archbasilica*.



We will also visit the **Holy Stairs** (*photo, left*), located near the Basilica of St. John Lateran. These were the steps in Pontius Pilate’s Palace in Jerusalem that Jesus ascended when He was condemned to die. These stairs were moved from Jerusalem to Rome by **St. Helena** in the 4th century.



Also located near the Basilica of St. John Lateran is the Basilica of **Santa Croce in Gerusalemme** (English: *Holy Cross in Jerusalem*). This basilica contains many relics of Jesus’ Passion, including a few thorns from His crown, nails from His crucifixion, and the sign Pilate nailed above Christ’s head (*photo, right*). We will visit this church to venerate these sacred relics, if time permits.



Along with these visits, we will take a driving tour to see some of the wonders of ancient Rome, including the **Roman Forum, the Coliseum, Palatine Hill, Circus Maximus**, and the **Arch of Titus**.

We will stop for lunch along the way.

Later that evening, we will celebrate the 25 years of publishing *Inside the Vatican* magazine with a special dinner with guests and friends of *Inside the Vatican* magazine. Overnight in Rome.

Saturday, October 12 – Farewell.

After an early morning Mass, breakfast, and last goodbyes, transfers will be scheduled to the airport for your return home. Farewell to all our fellow pilgrims and friends until we meet again...



Pilgrimage Overview

Not mentioned in this sketch of our itinerary is perhaps the most important point...

We prefer to schedule Mass in the morning, but there is a possibility that Mass times can fluctuate due to circumstances and Vatican events. Each day we will have the opportunity to attend Mass. The Mass schedule will be finalized as we approach the departure date.

Rome

- Spend eights (8) nights at the *Villa Serenella* (*photos, right and below*), the Maronite monastery in Rome
- Attend a **Sunday Angelus** with Pope Francis in St. Peter's Square
- Attend a **Papal Audience** as a guest of *Inside the Vatican* magazine
- Meet Dr. Robert Moynihan, leading Vatican analyst and founder and editor of *Inside the Vatican* magazine, Deborah Tomlinson, Chief Operating Officer, and friends of *Inside the Vatican* magazine
- Dine with Dr. Moynihan and special guests and friends of *Inside the Vatican* magazine celebrating more than 25 years of publishing the magazine
- Gain insight into the Vatican from Dr. Moynihan and his more than 35 years covering the Vatican. His historical and current perspectives will broaden your understanding of our Church today and deepen your faith
- Enjoy a walking tour of Baroque Rome led by Dr. Moynihan to the **Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain, Pantheon and Piazza Navona**
- Pray and attend Mass at the **Basilica of Santo Spirito**, the Divine Mercy Sanctuary in Rome
- View several famous paintings by **Caravaggio**, including *The Calling of St. Matthew*
- Visit and pray in the four major Basilicas of Rome: **St. Peter's, St. Mary Major, St. John Lateran and St. Paul's-Outside-the-Walls**. Attend **Mass at St. Peter's**
- Climb the **Holy Stairs** on your knees near the Basilica of St. John Lateran
- Visit **Santa Croce**, the church containing relics of the Passion from Jerusalem
- Experience a driving tour of Ancient Rome and see the **Roman Forum, the Coliseum, Palatine Hill, Circus Maximus** and the **Arch of Titus**
- Walk along the **Appian Way**
- Explore the **Catacombs of Callixtus**
- Visit the famous **Domino Quo Vadis Church** and **St. Sebastian-Outside-the-Walls**
- Visit the **Church of St. Paul and the Three Fountains**, site of martyrdom of St. Paul
- Encounter Our Lady at the **Grotto of Our Lady of Revelations**
- Visit the **Basilica of Sant'Andrea della Fratte** where Our Lady appeared to Alphonse Rattisbonne
- Visit the **Church of St. Praxedes**, daughter of St. Pudens, the Roman senator converted and baptized by St. Paul
- View the **Miraculous Icon of our Mother of Perpetual Help** on display at the church of San Alfonso
- Visit **Collegium Russicum**, a college dedicated to the study of the culture and spirituality of Russia, that prepared priests for missionary work in the Soviet Union in the early twentieth century



Day Trips

- **Assisi:** Tour the Basilica of St. Francis and visit his tomb; attend Mass at the Basilica of Our Lady of the Angels and pray in St. Francis' Portiuncula; visit the Basilica of St. Clare and pray at her tomb; enjoy a walking tour of Assisi
- **Lanciano and Manoppello:** Venerate the famous Eucharistic miracle and the Holy Face of Christ
- **Subiaco:** Tour the *Sacro Speco* (Holy Grotto), the cave where St. Benedict lived as a hermit, and an adjoining monastery, with our dear friend, Fr. Cassian, re-founder of the Benedictine monastery in Norcia, Italy, who will celebrate a private Mass and deliver a spiritual reflection on early Christian monasticism



Cost

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- For Installment Payments Plans: if each payment is made by cash or check, the cash discount of **\$100.00** will be applied to final installment.
- **Single Room Supplement** – \$900.00 Please note: there is a limited number of single rooms available.

Additional Information

- **Deposit** — A **non-refundable deposit** of \$500.00 per participant is due at the time of booking. Checks to be payable to *Inside the Vatican*.
- **Number of Pilgrims** — The minimum number of pilgrims is 15 paying adults. (See our Terms & Conditions regarding Cancellations.) Maximum number of pilgrims is 33.
- **Meals** — All meals are included, with the exception two (2) “on your own” meals on our travel days: breakfast daily (8), seven (7) lunches, and seven (7) dinners included.
- **Bus** — Private, first-class motor coach bus and all group transfers are included.
- **Taxes and Fees** — All local taxes are included. Bus driver tips are not included.
- **Entrance Fees** — All entrance fees are included.
- **Arrival Transfers** — For the group transfers from FCO (Rome airport) to the Villa Serenella, you must arrive by 12:00 noon on Friday, October 4, 2019. There will be 2 transfers from the airport to the Villa Serenella.
- **Departure Transfers** — For the group's transfer from the Villa Serenella to FCO (Rome airport), your departure time must be 10:00 a.m. or later on Saturday October 12, 2019. There is only 1 transfer to the airport from the Villa Serenella.



This Pilgrimage Does Not Include:



- Airfare to and from Italy.
- Airport transfers (for those not arriving within specified time frames to participate in the group transfers)
- Meals not specifically identified
- Gratuities payable to bus drivers
- Other personal expenses, included but not limited to laundry services, internet services, mini-bar in hotel rooms, et cetera
- Items not specifically mentioned in the pilgrimage description literature

We will make every effort to adhere to the printed program and itinerary. On rare occasions, it may be necessary to adjust arrangements due to unforeseen circumstances beyond our control (including such circumstances as the weather, acts of God, airline schedule changes, hotel requisitions, political disturbances or transportation mechanical problems). Should such adjustment be necessary, a substitution will be made to the best of our abilities.

Join Inside the Vatican for this once-in-a-lifetime pilgrimage!

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Terms & Conditions

The Greatest Holy Presences, Celebrating 25 years of *Inside the Vatican* magazine
October 4 – 12, 2019

Inside the Vatican Pilgrimages, Inside the Vatican, Inc., its employees, shareholders, officers and directors are collectively referred to herein as "ITVP."

Rates and Payments: Rates are based on the applicable rates in place as of December 2018.

Land Package: \$3095.00

Single Supplement fee: \$900.00. This is for someone who is traveling alone. There are a limited number of single rooms.

1st Payment: \$500.00 per participant — Deposit due at time of booking. **Note: This deposit is non-refundable.**

2nd Payment: Balance — Due Monday, August 5, 2019.

Early Booking Discount: \$100.00 discount - register by June 1, 2019

Cash Discount: A discount of \$100.00 for payment in full made by cash or check will be applied to the Land Package cost, making the final cost \$2,995.00. Installment payment plans: if each payment is made by cash or check, the cash discount of \$100.00 will be applied to final installment.

Reservations and Payment Schedule: A \$500.00 per participant, **non-refundable deposit** is due at the time of booking. Balance is due 60 days prior to departure. If your reservation is received less than 60 days prior to departure, then full payment is due at the time of booking. Receipt of your **non-refundable deposit** shall act as your agreement and understanding to these terms and conditions. Fax, internet, e-mail or phone reservations are welcome. The non-refundable deposit and/or payment in full must be received within 7 days of booking or reservation will cancel. **A contract is made when your reservation and payment are accepted by ITVP and any dispute shall be governed by Virginia law.**

Form of Payment: Bank/Certified Checks, Money Orders, ACH or Wire Transfers (please fax a copy of bank confirmation when wiring funds) are accepted forms of payment at any time. Personal checks are acceptable if received more than 30 days prior to departure date. You may also make Direct Credit Card Payments to ITVP (Discover, Visa and Master Card). Every reservation must be accompanied by a signed Registration Form. Returned checks will incur a \$50.00 service fee. In case of computer or human billing error, we reserve the right to re-invoice participants with corrected billing.

Household: ITVP defines household as those participants who dwell under the same roof having the same address for at least 6 months per year.

Transfers: Two (2) group transfers from the Rome airport to Villa Serenella upon arrival and one (1) group transfer from Villa Serenella to the Rome airport upon departure are included in this package. Only participants whose flights arrive into Rome before noon on **Friday, October 4, 2019**, and depart Rome no earlier than 10:00 a.m. on **Saturday, October 12, 2019**, will be included in the group transfers. It is the responsibility of the participant to notify ITVP of any flight delays. If the participant's flight is delayed and this delay causes the participant to miss the scheduled group transfer, the cost and arrangement of transfer from the airport to the hotel is the participant's responsibility. Individual transfers to and from the airport are not included in this package. Although ITVP can book an individual transfer to the airport, if requested, the participant is financially responsible for an individual transfer.

Flight Schedule: Land Package participants are responsible for purchasing their own tickets to arrive in Rome on **Friday, October 4, 2019** and depart Rome

on **Saturday, October 12, 2019**. Should a participant encounter a flight delay/cancellation, it is the participant's responsibility to ITVP.

Insurance: Travel insurance is not included in the Land Package; however, we strongly recommend that you consider purchasing it.

Travel Documents: All travel documents are the responsibility of the participant. A valid passport is required for travel to Italy and **must remain valid until at least 6 months after your departure date from the United States**. Validity of passports for minors is the sole responsibility of the accompanying adult. ITVP will not be responsible for any delays, damages and/or losses, including missed portions of the pilgrimage due to improper travel documentation. Cancellations due to lack of appropriate documents will incur the usual penalties.

Final Package: A final package containing documents, applicable airline ticket information, local contact information, a pilgrim book, and travel tips will be mailed to each participant approximately one (1) to two (2) weeks prior to departure. Upon receipt of your documents, you are responsible to check your itinerary, spelling of your name, dates, times and other important information to ensure their validity. Should your final documents have any errors it is the participant's responsibility to contact ITVP immediately. Documents, including tickets, are not guaranteed if final payment and booking forms are not received by the deadline.

Tour Cancellation By ITVP: On rare occasions a pilgrimage may have to be cancelled due to lack of participation. In such a case, ITVP's sole responsibility is to provide a full refund. ITVP is not responsible and does not assume responsibility for any additional costs or any fees relating to the issuance and/or cancellation of air tickets or other arrangements not made through ITVP. Cancellations due to state advisories and/or state warnings, acts of war, terrorism, acts of God, natural disaster or any other circumstance outside the control of ITVP, are not the fault of ITVP. Great effort will be made to accommodate transfers to another trip or to revise the itinerary, however, cancellation for any of these reasons will not be eligible for a refund.

Cancellations and Refunds: Cancellations must be received in writing in order for any refunds to be issued, and will be processed according to the date the written notice is received. Although a verbal cancellation is also appreciated, it **will not** be accepted as official notice. Please mail the cancellation notice to the address below. In the event of cancellation, monies will be refunded **minus the cancellation fee**. The cancellation fee will be calculated as follows:

- 60 days prior to departure: \$500.00 per participant deposit
- 59 to 30 days prior to departure: 50% of total cost*
- 29 days or less prior to departure: 100% of total cost*

*Cost includes: Land Package and single supplement, if applicable.

If you purchase travel insurance, it may cover the amount remaining after refund, depending on the circumstances of the cancellation and the conditions of the policy. Check with your travel insurance provider, if applicable.

Private Rooms and Single Supplement: A limited number of single rooms are available at the single supplement rate. If the allotted number of single rooms is booked, any additional single rooms that we

may be able to book, if available, incur a fee in addition to the Single Supplement fee.

Gratuities: Gratuities are not included. The recommended daily gratuity per person is (3) euro for the escort, (2) euro for the driver and (1) euro for the tour guide.

Luggage: Baggage is at owner's risk throughout the tour.

Airfare: No airfare is included in the cost of this package. To purchase air please inquire within.

Unused Services: There will be **no refund** for any unused portions of the pilgrimage. Refunds will not be made to participants who miss any part of the pilgrimage for any cause whatsoever.

Itinerary: Although ITVP and its agents and representatives will make every effort to adhere to the printed program and itinerary, on rare occasions it may be necessary to adjust arrangements due to circumstances beyond our control (including, but not limited to, circumstances such as weather, airline schedule changes, hotel requisitions, political disturbances, or transportation mechanical problems). Should such adjustments be necessary, substitutions will be made to the best of our abilities. A refund will not be given. Any additional costs necessitated by such changes are the full responsibility of the participant. We do not guarantee entrance into Papal events/Masses or preferred seating at these events, due to circumstances beyond our control such as, but not limited to, long security lines, fewer seats available than the actual number of tickets distributed, etc.

Participation: ITVP reserves the right to decline or remove any participant on any of its pilgrimages if, in its sole discretion, it deems accepting or retaining any such participant as being detrimental to the pilgrimage. In the event any participant is removed from a trip, ITVP is not obligated to refund to such person that portion of the payment allocable to unused services.

U.S. State Department & Other Agencies: From time to time the U.S. State Department (www.state.gov), the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (www.cdc.gov), and other government agencies and departments issue travel advisories or warnings. These may apply to one or more of the destinations you may be visiting on the pilgrimage. We encourage you to contact these agencies directly to obtain the most current information. ITVP cannot change the cancellation terms or conditions based on the issuance of any such warning or advisory or the occurrence of any terrorism, acts of war, problems or ill health, or other incident in one or more of the places this pilgrimage is scheduled to visit.

Photography: Agents of ITVP may take photographs or videos of its trips and trip participants. Participants grant ITVP permission to do so and allow ITVP to use such photos and videos for promotional or commercial use without payment of any fees or royalties. These photos will be available on our photo website InsideTheVaticanPhotos.com following the pilgrimage. A code is required to download these photos from Inside the Vatican's photo gallery. The code will be provided after the pilgrimage.

Health Requirements: This tour requires significant walking. Any special medical conditions or equipment needed must be listed on the registration form. ITVP is not responsible for any medical condition that occurs prior, during or after the pilgrimage.

Printing Disclaimer: ITVP is not responsible for typographical or printing errors including errors in trip cost. We reserve the right to re-invoice or correct billing at any time.



The Greatest Holy Presences

Celebrating 25 years of *Inside the Vatican* magazine

Inside the Vatican Pilgrimages, October 4 – 12, 2019



PRICING TERMS: Price stated is as of February 2019 and could change prior to Final Invoicing due to fluctuation in currency exchange rates or failure to have a minimum of 15 passengers. If price increases, an invoice will be issued before the final payment is due, which is 60 days prior to departure. Payment of the initial deposit for this trip indicates you have accepted these pricing terms and all terms specified in the Terms and Conditions.

PRICE	\$3,095.00	Land Package
	-\$ 100.00	Book by June 1, 2019
	-\$ 100.00	Cash discount for payments
	\$2,895.00	by check or wires

Name as it appears on your passport: (Enclose a copy of the picture page of your passport with this form.)

Name you prefer _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Country _____

Home Number () _____ Office () _____

Cell () _____ Will you be traveling with this cell phone? _____

Email _____

Passport Number _____ Exp. Date _____

Date and Place of birth: _____

Emergency Contact _____ Relationship _____

Contact Numbers _____

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS Double/Twin Matrimonial

Name of Roommate: _____

I would like a roommate; please put me in touch with other pilgrims who would like a roommate. If a roommate cannot be found, I must pay the \$900.00 single supplement fee.

Single (\$900.00 additional cost). I would like a single room. This Single Supplement Fee is due with the final payment.

Checks payable to: *Inside the Vatican* **Credit Card:** Visa or Mastercard (circle one)

Name as it appears on Card: _____ Amount: \$ _____

Card Number: _____

Security code (back of card) _____ Expiration: _____

Card Billing Address: _____

I have received, read and agree to the Terms and Conditions for **The Greatest Holy Presences: Celebrating 25 years of publishing *Inside the Vatican* magazine, October 4 – 12, 2019** as well as the Pricing Terms, Payment Terms, and the "Release" outlined on the right side of this form. I also agree that Inside the Vatican Pilgrimages cannot be held liable for any injury or loss sustained during the pilgrimage. I agree to the cancellation terms and penalties.

Signature _____ Date _____

Print Name _____

Witness (a non-family member) Signature _____

Witness (print name) _____

Release: Inside the Vatican Pilgrimages, Inside the Vatican, Inc., its employees, shareholders, officers and directors (collectively "ITVP") does not own or operate any entity which is to or does provide goods or services for your trip, including, for example, lodging facilities, transportation companies, local ground operators, including, without limitation, various entities, which may utilize the ITVP name, guides, sightseeing companies, entertainment, food or drink service providers, equipment suppliers, etc. As a result, ITVP is not responsible for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any person or entity it does not own or control. Without limitations ITVP is not liable for any direct, indirect, consequential, or incidental damage, injury, death, loss, accident, delay, inconvenience or irregularity of any kind which may be occasioned by reason of any act or omission beyond its control, including, without limitation any willfully or negligent act, failure to act, breach of contract or violation of local law or regulation of any third party such as a cruise line, airline, train, hotel, bus, taxi, van, local ground handler or guide, whether or not it uses the ITVP name, financial default or insolvency of any supplier which is to, or does supply any goods or services for this trip. Similarly, ITVP is not responsible for any loss, injury, death or inconvenience due to delay or changes in schedule, overbooking of accommodation, default or any third party, attacks or bites by animals, insects or pests, injury or death while on activities sponsored by lodging facilities or by other third parties, sickness, the lack of appropriate medical care, evacuation to same, if necessary, weather, strikes, acts of God or government, acts of terrorism, or the threat thereof, force majeure, war, quarantine, epidemics, or the threat thereof, criminal activity or any other cause beyond its control. Should Dr. Robert Moynihan or Deborah Tomlinson be unable to participate in this event, reasonable efforts will be made to secure a substitute. Regardless of the participation of Dr. Robert Moynihan or Deborah Tomlinson, the tour will proceed as scheduled on the dates listed. By signing this form to participate on this trip you agree that the terms of the cancellation penalty will be binding upon you regardless of whether Dr. Robert Moynihan or Deborah Tomlinson is able to participate. ITVP is not responsible for any loss incurred by participant including lost days of the scheduled cruise/tour, due to a cancelled flight or other means and modes of transportation. We will have daily Mass and strive to be in places as indicated. However, sometimes this is not possible as the site may not be available for Mass or itinerary changes are forced upon us. In this case, an alternative site for Mass will be arranged.

CONSIDERATIONS Do You Use: walker cane

Dietary Restrictions _____

Physical Limitations: (Please check all that apply)

- difficulty walking long distances
- difficulty standing difficulty climbing stairs
- medical conditions other none

Please Explain:

For more information or to reserve your spot, contact our US Office at 1-202-536-4555 or email us at pilgrimages@InsideTheVatican.com

Revised: February 2019



Dear Sir or Madame,

Thank you for taking the time to read about our *Classic* pilgrimage to Italy: **The Greatest Holy Presences: Celebrating 25 years of *Inside the Vatican Magazine*, October 4 – 12, 2019**, being offered by Inside the Vatican Pilgrimages.

To join us, please mail the completed forms indicated below, along with the appropriate selected payment, to our U.S. office to reserve your space. Space is limited so we recommend you contact us as soon as possible, either by email at pilgrimages@insidethevatican.com or by calling our office at 202-536-4555, extension number 3, to have a space reserved for you. We will hold your space for seven (7) days until we receive your registration information and payment.

The following items will need to be mailed to the address below:

1. **Registration Form:** Each participant is required to complete a registration form and include a copy of the picture page of his or her passport.
2. **Non-refundable deposit:** Check for \$500.00 per person is required. Please make your check payable to *Inside the Vatican*. If you prefer to wire funds, please contact our office.
3. **Cash Discount:** to take advantage of the Cash Discount Price of \$2,995.00, you must pay the full amount of \$2,995.00 per participant by cash or check, made payable to *Inside the Vatican*. For installment payment plans whereby each installment payment is made by cash or check, the cash discount will be applied to the final installment payment.
4. **Airline Reservations: DO NOT BOOK YOUR FLIGHT UNTIL OUR OFFICE GIVES THE FINAL CLEARANCE THAT THIS PILGRIMAGE HAS MET THE MINIMUM NUMBER OF 15 PILGRIMS AND WILL TRAVEL. Once you have booked your airline reservations, please forward a copy to our office via email or U.S. mail.**

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Front Royal, VA 22630

Final Payment Due: Monday, August 5, 2019.

IMPORTANT NOTE: When booking your airline flights, please note the following:

- **Flight to Rome:** When booking your airline flights into Rome's Fiumicino airport (airport code FCO), it is best to arrive the day before, **Thursday, October 3, 2019**, to allow time to rest from your overnight travels. The Airport Hilton is adjacent to the airport and very easy to access by an interior walkway. I will be happy to assist you in booking this extra night. If you do not plan to

arrive a day early, it is best to arrive to the airport (FCO) by 12:00 noon or earlier, if possible, on **Friday, October 4, 2019**. It may take two hours to pass through passport and baggage claim and travel to the Villa Serenella after your plane touches ground and this will allow you to have time to rest before lunch. There will be two transfers from the airport to the Villa Serenella.

- **Flight Home:** It is best to book your return flight at 10:00 a.m. or later on Saturday, October 12, 2019. Flights to the United States depart in the morning. The group departure from our hotel to the Rome airport on Saturday, October 12, 2019, will be at 7:00 a.m., which is for flights departing at 10:00 a.m. or later – we schedule departure to the Rome airport 3 hours before flight time. If you book a flight departing before 10:00 a.m., an individual transfer will be needed. Although Inside the Vatican Pilgrimages can book this individual transfer, the financial responsibility for it will be the participant's.

Should you have any questions about the pilgrimage, please feel free to call us directly at 202-536-4555 extension number 3. If you would like to reserve your spot after business hours, simply send us an email and we will respond to you on the next business day.

Please let us know how we can assist you in joining this pilgrimage!

Lily Keats
Executive Assistant
Inside the Vatican