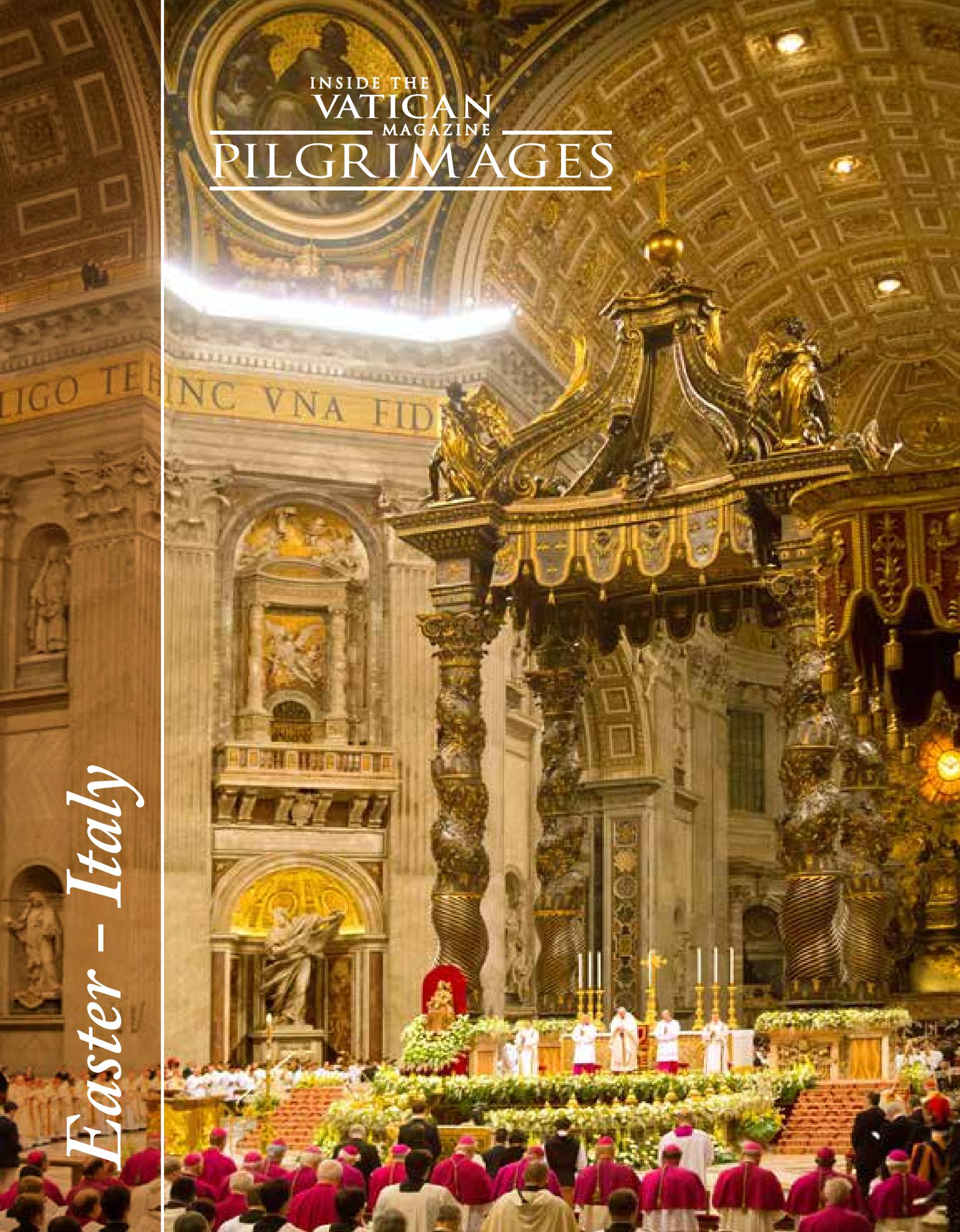


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*Easter - Italy*



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give us insights that *enlighten and*  
*strengthen* us interiorly.”

-Dr. Robert Moynihan

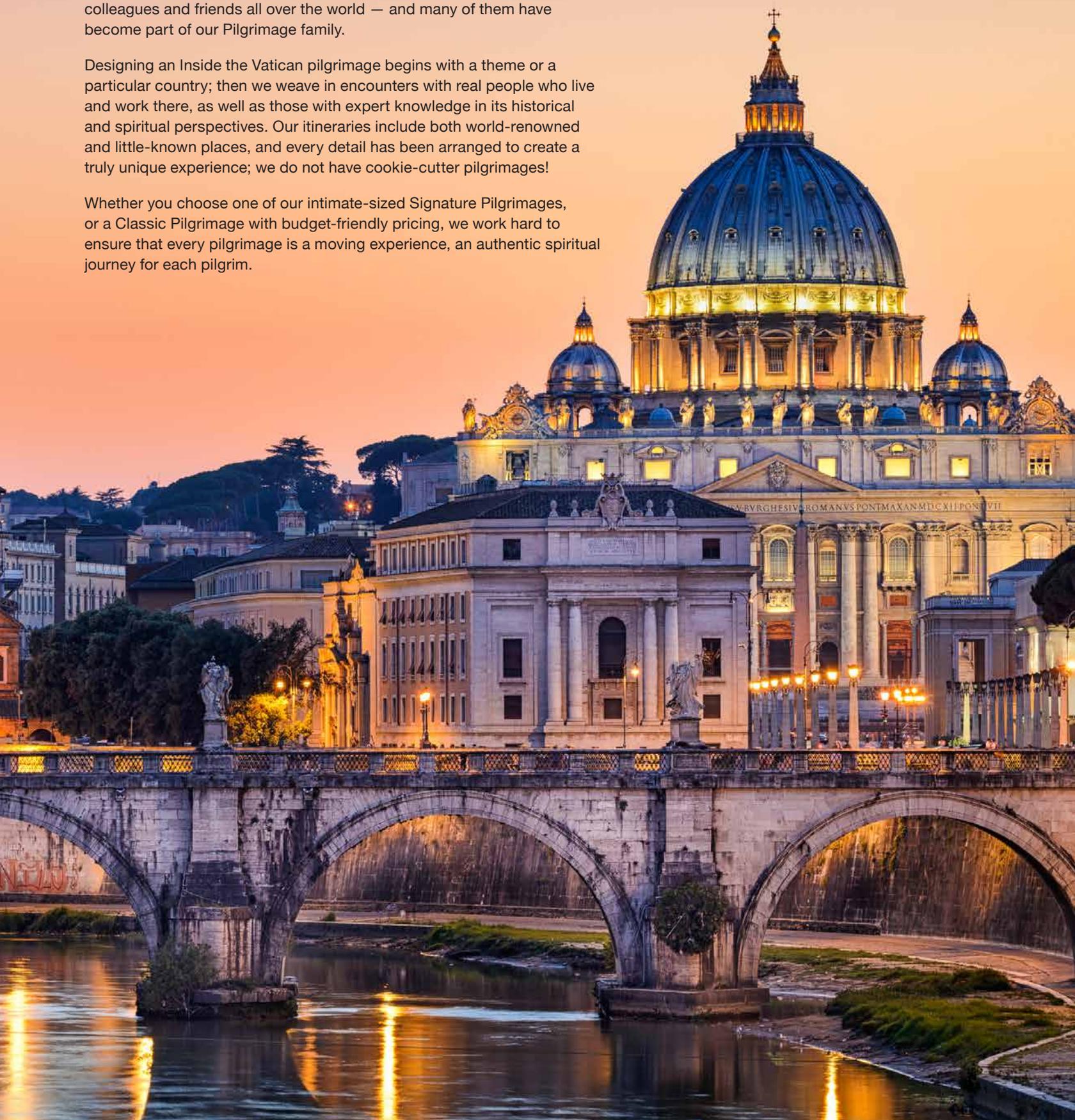
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# Why Choose Inside the Vatican Pilgrimages?

With 30 years of publishing *Inside the Vatican* magazine, we have colleagues and friends all over the world — and many of them have become part of our Pilgrimage family.

Designing an Inside the Vatican pilgrimage begins with a theme or a particular country; then we weave in encounters with real people who live and work there, as well as those with expert knowledge in its historical and spiritual perspectives. Our itineraries include both world-renowned and little-known places, and every detail has been arranged to create a truly unique experience; we do not have cookie-cutter pilgrimages!

Whether you choose one of our intimate-sized Signature Pilgrimages, or a Classic Pilgrimage with budget-friendly pricing, we work hard to ensure that every pilgrimage is a moving experience, an authentic spiritual journey for each pilgrim.



# Welcome

*“Thank you for the wonderful Easter pilgrimage. The breathtaking sights, sounds, smells and tastes made the trip worth every penny that we spent. However, they only touch the physical surface of how this pilgrimage has affected us. The Spiritual uncovering ... archeology, if you will ... of the Catholic Faith, with its wonders and flaws, has drawn me further into the body of Christ. The places we visited, the wonderful people we met and the conversations that took place all served to remove the sediment and stones that were covering my soul and thus leave me vulnerable to our Lord.*

*You provided a friendship and comfort that made us feel like we were lifelong friends. You are devoted to our faith and it radiates from you. May God bless. Pace e bene!”*

*—Harry and Cassy, New Hampshire, Easter 2018*



## A PERSONAL INVITATION FROM DEBORAH TOMLINSON

Dear Fellow Pilgrim,

For more than 15 years, we have been curating and refining our pilgrimages to create a more intimate, more meaningful experience than most similar journeys. Beginning with the first inquiry, we personally handle every aspect of the pilgrimage. Our Easter pilgrimage is part of our Signature series — small-group, boutique-style pilgrimages accommodating no more than 15 pilgrims and as few as 10 — that are impossible to mass produce. Each pilgrimage is like the product of an artisan, handcrafted to reflect the painstaking commitment to create something of great and unique beauty.

Many of our pilgrims have told us we have succeeded — that our pilgrimages are truly “unique, once-in-a-lifetime” experiences.

So, I would like to invite you to come with us on our Easter pilgrimage to Assisi, Norcia, Cascia, Manoppello, Lanciano, Rome and Vatican City to experience these very special places at a most special time, during Holy Week.

Our aim is to make your journey with us a peaceful, joyful, unforgettable experience that enriches your life and deepens your faith. Although we visit many places of cultural and artistic significance, our journey is primarily a pilgrimage, not a tour. The spiritual dimension — the search for a deeper relationship with Christ — is central. This is why the pace of our pilgrimage will be unhurried, with time to reflect and to pray.

Please consider joining me on this journey to the heart of our faith.

I hope to greet you in Rome!

*Deborah B. Tomlinson*

*- Deborah Tomlinson  
Founder and President*

*Inside the Vatican Pilgrimages*

# Why pilgrimage through Italy during Holy Week and Easter?



*We have consciously designed this pilgrimage to prepare our hearts for the Easter Triduum as we travel through the land of saints – Assisi and Norcia – before arriving in Rome to celebrate Easter with Pope Francis in St. Peter's Basilica.*

We begin almost a full week before Easter in Assisi, which is known for its tranquil silence. We hope that this serenity will be communicated to our pilgrims in a way that allows us to become more tranquil and reflective ourselves, entering deeper into the spirit of pilgrimage in anticipation of the Easter Triduum.

We will spend Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday morning with the Benedictine Monks of Norcia in their new chapel, built on the side of the mountain overlooking the peaceful town of Norcia. After, we drive on to Rome for the joyous celebration of the Easter Vigil at the Vatican.

Our celebration of the Resurrection will become more immediate as we visit Manoppello and the Shrine of the Holy Face, and venerate a mysterious cloth bearing the image of a man with wounds on his face – an image some believe is the actual face of Christ, formed at the moment of his Resurrection.

*Italy: Assisi, Norcia, Roccoporena, Manoppello, Lanciano, Cascia, Rome and Vatican City*



# Pilgrimage Overview

## EASTER | PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

- Spend three (3) nights at the St. Anthony's Guesthouse, located in Assisi with a beautiful view of the city and countryside; two (2) nights at Palazzo Seneca, located in the city of Norcia and five (5) nights at the Hotel Michelangelo in Rome
- Meet Dr. Robert Moynihan, leading Vatican analyst and founder and editor of *Inside the Vatican* magazine, Deborah Tomlinson, President, and friends of *Inside the Vatican* magazine

### DAYS 1, 2 AND 3: ASSISI THE BIRTHPLACE OF ST. FRANCIS, BORN 1181

- Spend 3 days pilgrimaging in beautiful **Assisi** to spiritually prepare for the Easter Triduum
- Attend Mass celebrated at the tomb of St. Francis
- Visit the **Basilica of Our Lady of the Angels** built over the Portiuncula, the little church built by St. Francis
- Visit the **Basilica of St. Clare** and pray at her tomb
- Confession available to prepare for the Easter Triduum
- Meet some of our Franciscan friends in Assisi and possibly, the Bishop of Assisi, if in residence at this time
- Study and discuss the readings of the Easter Vigil Liturgy

### DAYS 4 AND 5: NORCIA THE BIRTHPLACE OF ST. BENEDICT AND HIS TWIN SISTER, ST. SCHOLASTICA, BORN IN 480

- **Holy Thursday** – the Mass of the Lord's Supper at the **Monastery of St. Benedict** with the **Benedictine Monks of Norcia**
- **Good Friday morning** – excursion to **Roccaporena** to visit St. Rita's birthplace and to pray the **Stations of the Cross** slowly walking up the **Rock of St. Rita**; then to Cascia to visit the incorrupt body of St. Rita – who received the stigmata on Good Friday – and venerate a Eucharistic miracle
- **Good Friday afternoon** – the celebration of the **Passion of our Lord** at the Monastery of St. Benedict with the Benedictine Monks of Norcia
- **Good Friday evening** – participate in a live Stations of the Cross procession around the walled medieval city of Norcia
- **Easter Saturday morning** – a reflection given by **Father Cassian Folsom, OSB**, prior emeritus and founder of the restored Benedictine monastery



### DAYS 6 THROUGH 10: ROME

- **Holy Saturday** – Easter Vigil Mass at **St. Peter's Basilica** celebrated by Pope Francis
- **Easter Sunday** – Easter Sunday Mass with Pope Francis, and attendance at the Pope's *Urbi et Orbi* message in St. Peter's Square
- **Easter Monday** – pilgrimage to **Manoppello** to visit the **Shrine of the Holy Face**, and to **Lanciano** to visit the **Eucharistic Miracle of Lanciano**
- Enjoy a walking tour of Baroque Rome: **Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain, Pantheon and Piazza Navona** with Dr. Moynihan, including viewing five Caravaggio paintings and the *Madonna Del Popolo*, the miraculous image of Our Lady painted by St. Luke
- Tour the **Churches of St. Praxedes and St. Pudentiana**, the latter being the first papal residence in Rome and the site of a Eucharistic Miracle
- Visit three major Basilicas of Rome, including **St. Mary Major** and view the *Salus Populi Romani*; **St John Lateran**, the second papal residence in Rome; and **St. Paul's-Outside-the-Walls** that contains the tomb of St. Paul
- Visit the **Church of San Alfonso** and view **The Miraculous Icon of Our Mother of Perpetual Help**
- Climb the **Holy Stairs** near the Basilica of St. John Lateran
- Visit Santa Croce, the church containing relics of the Passion from Jerusalem (time permitting)
- Tour the grounds of the **Church of St. Paul at the Three Fountains**, one of the earliest churches and site of the martyrdom of St. Paul (time permitting)
- Attend the **Papal Audience**
- Meet friends of *Inside the Vatican* magazine



# Pilgrimage Itinerary

*"All you who are thirsty, come to the water!" Isaiah 55:1*

# Welcome to Italy!

EASTER | PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY



PILGRIM, ASSISI

## ARRIVAL – MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK, DAY 1

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. **Dr. Robert Moynihan** and **Deborah Tomlinson** will meet you in the area beyond customs. We may have time for a quick morning coffee, tea and cornetto before we board our private motor coach, and journey to **Assisi**.

After approximately two hours of driving, we will arrive into the walled city of Assisi, and you will be escorted to your guest rooms at the serene **St. Anthony's Guesthouse** with its beautiful outside gardens. **Sister Sue** will be there to greet us.

After a quick lunch, we will rest for a few hours, then attend our private, welcome Mass. We will then have a welcome dinner at one of our favorite restaurants in Assisi.

Overnight in Assisi.  

## TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK, DAY 2

### Assisi

We will begin our second day in Italy with Mass at the tomb of **St. Francis**. It is a leisurely walk downhill through the streets of Assisi to the **Basilica of St. Francis**. We will be greeted by our friends who oversee the basilica, the Franciscan Friars. They will give us a guided tour of the basilica after Mass. Following our visit, there will be free time for shopping and exploration before lunch overlooking the Basilica of St. Francis.

Your afternoon will be free to rest, shop or explore Assisi on your own. As dusk approaches, we will gather in a private room in the St. Anthony's Guesthouse. This room has large picturesque windows on all sides, allowing for a beautiful view of Assisi as the sun sets. This will become our discussion room as we read and digest with Dr. Robert Moynihan the rich readings for the Easter Vigil Mass.

Afterwards, we will visit the **Basilica of St. Clare** before dinner at another one of our favorite restaurants in the **Piazza del Comune**, the main piazza in the city center and one of the most beautiful piazzas in Italy. There we will share local wine, wonderful local food and our thoughts about the day. Overnight in Assisi.  



BROTHER ALESSANDRO GREETS A PILGRIM, ASSISI

Look for these icons at the end of each itinerary day to see which meals are included in this pilgrimage.



BREAKFAST



LUNCH



DINNER

## WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK, DAY 3

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### *Assisi*

Our second day in Assisi will begin with Mass at **Our Lady of the Angels church** (built over the **Portiuncola** that was built by **St. Francis**). **Brother Alessandro** always welcomes us with his beautiful smile, joined, perhaps with a delightful song. His story is amazing and his angelic voice has become well-known worldwide. After Mass we will take a walking tour through the historic center of Assisi and enter several important churches along the way, including **San Rufino** where both St. Francis and **St. Clare** were baptized.

We will dine in the *Piazza del Comune*, the main piazza in Assisi, for lunch. Thereafter, we will meet with the **Bishop of Assisi** at his residence, if available. Dinner will be at another one of our favorite restaurants in Assisi.

Overnight in Assisi. 



**BROTHER ALESSANDRO, ASSISI**

## THURSDAY IN HOLY WEEK, DAY 4

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### *Assisi/Norcia*

The morning will be time for you to rest, pray or spend time exploring Assisi by yourself. Lunch will be on your own, after which we will depart for **Norcia** -- the drive is less than one hour.

Norcia, with its rugged mountains and steep valleys, continues to attract those seeking the solitude of a contemplative, monastic life. During the time of St. Augustine (354-430 A.D.), the decades before the birth of St. Benedict, Norcia became home to dozens of monks, some living a solitary life and others, living in small, communal groups that provided an early model for what would become the communal life of St. Benedict's monks. Today, that tradition has returned in the community begun by an American monk, Father Cassian Folsom, whom we will visit.



**MOUNTAINS OF NORCIA**

The **Palazzo Seneca** will be our home in Norcia for the next two nights and is located only 50 yards from the main *piazza*. The palace that houses *Palazzo Seneca* was originally built in the 16th century and was completely renovated a few years ago by our friends, Carlo and Anna Bianconi. Quiet time in the Palazzo can be spent sitting in the beautiful library or in the garden room, enjoying a cup of afternoon tea. The family-owned hotel is simple yet elegant, ancient yet luxurious, which is why it was awarded the prestigious *Relais & Châteaux* award — an exclusive honor recognizing the finest hotels and gourmet restaurants in 55 countries around the world.

In the early evening of Holy Thursday, we will go outside the walled city into the hills surrounding Norcia to participate in the Liturgy of The Lord's Supper with the **Benedictine Monks of Norcia**.

Afterwards, we will have dinner at a restaurant, next to our hotel, with a huge iron wood-burning grill at one end of the dining room. In mid-spring, when we come here, the fire provides needed warmth. However, you may find that you appreciate the fireplace for its ambiance even more than for its warmth. Our meal will be made entirely of local products; we especially recommend their one-of-a-kind lentil soup, which tastes like no other lentil soup in the world. Sometimes one of the monks, often Father Cassian, comes out of the monastery to join us for dinner. These dinners are times for thoughtful conversation in the heart of Italy. Overnight in Norcia. 

## GOOD FRIDAY, DAY 5

### *Norcia/Cascia/Roccaporena*

We wake to the most solemn day in the Church year. Although some may choose to fast, there will be a delicious breakfast spread in the quaint garden room filled with the morning light. Fresh fruits, local cheeses, eggs cooked to order and a variety of breads—all food is local and prepared to order.

From Norcia, it is 20 minutes to **Roccaporena, St. Rita's** birthplace. It is fitting to visit a shrine to St. Rita, the “Patroness of the Impossible,” on Good Friday, since she received the stigmata on this very day. We will pray the **Stations of the Cross** as we climb the **Rock of St. Rita**. This is believed to be the place where St. Rita often prayed.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS, NORCIA



ST. RITA'S BASILICA, CASCIA

Late morning we travel on to **Cascia**, only seven minutes away, to visit **St. Rita's Basilica**, which houses her incorrupt body. In the lower Basilica we also venerate the **Eucharistic Miracle** preserved since 1330.



ST. RITA'S BASILICA, CASCIA

We return to Norcia for a bowl of soup before preparing to participate in Good Friday liturgy with the monks in their new chapel outside the city. Their relocated home is on the side of a mountain, built next to the ruins of an old monastery. The monks chant the liturgy in Latin. It is a solemn moment, truly an extraordinary experience—but in an ordinary way, for this is how the monks worship every day. We will have Latin-English missals so that you can follow everything without confusion. We will have our evening meal before the warm glow of the wood-burning grill reflecting upon and sharing our impressions of the day. 🍲🕊️🏠

## GOOD FRIDAY, DAY 5, CONT.

### *Good Friday Procession of Norcia, Italy: A Medieval Tradition*

On Good Friday, at 9:00 p.m., we will begin our short walk to one of the piazzas inside the ancient walled city of Norcia.

Once we have arrived at the piazza, we will take our places alongside the many Italians who journey here year after year from all over Italy to witness, participate in, and, in a way, relive, the poignant events of the first Good Friday.

Everyone gathers here for the living Stations of the Cross, including the local people of Norcia, many of whom are actors with roles in the sacred performance, as well as visitors, pilgrims, religious and clergy.



The crowd grows with the presence of the horses that will carry the Roman soldiers as they trot into the procession. For many, it feels as if Jerusalem has been transported to Norcia, and the experience borders on the extraordinary.

The sacred drama begins with the conferring of a priestly blessing. We see — but more than that, we experience — the touching, key scenes of the Stations, portraying Jesus Christ making His way to Calvary.

At the same time, we, too, make our walk outside the walls of the city. As we stop at each of the Stations depicted, we find ourselves perhaps stepping back in time to that Night of Nights, two millennia ago.

From His arrest and appearance before Pontius Pilate, to meeting His sorrowful Mother, to encountering the weeping women of Jerusalem, and culminating at the hill of the Cross, we pilgrims witness the Passion of Christ as few Christians can.

Though only an hour and a half in duration, this moving experience is the memory of a lifetime. 🗣️ 🔍 🏠



### PROCESSION, NORCIA

## HOLY SATURDAY, DAY 6

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### Norcia | Rome

We wake to our last meal in Norcia, followed by a reflection given by Father Cassian, prior emeritus of the Benedictine Monastery of Norcia.

In the last 10 years, Father Cassian not only has battled a debilitating form of blood cancer, but he also continued with his great efforts of re-founding and building this new Benedictine Monastery. In 2016, after the earthquake in Norcia, Father Cassian stepped down as prior. Yes, he still meets with our small groups of pilgrims. His suffering has only deepened his spiritual vision — he always has profound insights to impart to us — and some are beginning to say in and around Norcia that he is a living saint. Thus, we feel exceptionally privileged to spend this time with our old friend who has done and continues to do so much for the Church



After we spend time with Father Cassian, we depart, at last, for **Rome**, and for the **Vatican City State**, the heart of the Church, where we will attend the Easter Vigil Mass celebrated by Pope Francis.

We will stop for a light lunch on our drive into the Eternal City. Lunch will be at an Italian Autogrill, known for good Italian snacks and meals. This will be the second of the two lunches on your own.

After lunch, we arrive at **Hotel Michelangelo**, our home for the next 5 nights. We plan to have enough time for a brief rest before dinner. After dinner we depart for **St. Peter's Basilica** for the Easter Vigil Mass with Pope Francis.

The enormous basilica is in total blackness when the Pope lights the Paschal candle. Then, one by one, the candles of all the faithful are lit, and the entire basilica glows with candlelight as the Pope comes down the aisle and a cantor sings hauntingly of the return of the light, of the return to life of the Lord. Suddenly, the Basilica's lights come on, and light floods over everyone. It is one of the most impressive liturgical experiences in the world. Overnight in Rome. 🍷 🏠

## EASTER SUNDAY, DAY 7

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### Rome

We begin this joyous day with breakfast. Easter Sunday Mass in St. Peter's Piazza is a jubilant celebration. The piazza is filled with flowers and music.

Pope Francis will deliver his *Urbi et Orbi* blessing immediately following the Easter Sunday Liturgy. Our Easter Sunday Feast will be at one of our favorite restaurants near the Vatican. Our afternoon will be quiet, allowing time for pilgrims to reflect, rest or explore Rome.



Overnight in Rome.

## EASTER SUNDAY, VATICAN CITY



## EASTER MONDAY, DAY 8

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### *Rome/Lanciano/Manoppello*

Today is *la Pasquetta* (“Little Easter”) in Italy, the national Italian holiday that continues the joyous Easter celebration. We, too, will continue our celebration by traveling to two very important shrines which house the most important miracles in Italy – the **Eucharistic Miracle of Lanciano** and the **Shrine of the Holy Face**.

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. In Lanciano, we will enter the church that houses the Eucharistic Miracle to behold the wonders of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ made visible. We will stop at a local *trattoria* in Lanciano for lunch on your own.



SHRINE OF THE HOLY FACE, MANOPPELLO



CATTEDRALE DELLA MADONNA DEL PONTE, LANCIANO



EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLE OF LANCIANO

We will then turn back towards Rome, heading to the tiny town of Manoppello, Italy (population 157), still in the Abruzzo region, about 40 minutes away. There, we will visit the Shrine of the Holy Face, which houses a mysterious cloth bearing the image of a man with wounds on his face — an image some believe is the actual face of Christ formed at the moment of his Resurrection — and attend Mass.

Following our visit, we will return to the hotel for dinner and another night's rest. Overnight in Rome. 🍷 🏠

## EASTER TUESDAY, DAY 9

### Rome

After breakfast, we travel to the **Churches of Sts. Praxedes and Pudentiana**. These sisters were the daughters of **St. Pudens**, a Roman senator converted and baptized by **St. Paul**. It is said that St. Paul stayed in their home. St. Paul refers to Pudens in his second letter to Timothy. It is believed that St. Peter lived here for 7 years, making this the first papal residence.. This is also the site of a Eucharistic Miracle that occurred in 1610.

Then we will visit two of the papal basilicas in Rome: **St. Mary Major** and **St. John Lateran**. Each of these churches is a glorious monument to the Faith and contains treasures of art and faith that can take one's breath away.

In St. Mary Major, for example, there is a painting of Mary, which is believed to have been painted by **St. Luke**, making it the oldest painting of Mary in the world. It is called the **Salus Populi Romani** (English: the *Protectress of the Roman People*).

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** displayed above the altar in the sanctuary below a beautiful mosaic of the Holy Family.

St. John Lateran is the oldest and ranks first among the four Papal basilicas of Rome, since it is the *cathedra* or "seat" of the Bishop of Rome. This became the second papal residence in Rome and the Popes lived here for centuries.



**BASILICA OF SAINT MARY MAJOR,  
ROME, ITALY**



**ST. PAUL'S OUTSIDE-THE-  
WALLS, ROME**

We will also visit the **Holy Stairs**, located near the Basilica of St. John Lateran. These were the steps of Pontius Pilate that Jesus ascended in Jerusalem 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, the nails from His cross, and the sign Pilate fastened above Christ's head. We will visit this church to venerate these sacred relics.

The third Basilica we will visit is **St. Paul's Outside-the-Walls**. It is dedicated to St. Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles, who was beheaded in Rome, and it enshrines his tomb. This very impressive church contains the images of all the Popes in little circular portraits.

Time permitting, we proceed to the **Church of St. Paul at the Three Fountains** (*Chiesa 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, it is said, bound before being martyred. If the gatekeeper is available, the gate may be opened so we may enter and venerate the pillar. 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. Also, we will visit the prison cell of St. Paul in the crypt of another church on the grounds, where he was held before his martyrdom. Overnight in Rome. 🇮🇹 🏠

## EASTER WEDNESDAY, DAY 10

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### *Rome*

Our last full day together begins with breakfast at the Hotel Michelangelo. We then head to the **Papal Audience**, which begins at 10:30 a.m. During the audience, Pope Francis will share a small instruction and reading in Italian, but it 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 Square. 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 our loved ones at home. He will bless any item that you may have purchased along our journey together.

After the Papal Audience, we will have lunch together near the Vatican. We hope to invite a guest from the Vatican and to hear stories from him about the universal Church. Such intimate and insightful encounters remain with our pilgrims many years later.

In the late afternoon/early evening, we will taxi to the **Spanish Steps**, where we will begin our slow walk to the **Trevi Fountain**, the **Pantheon**, and the **Piazza Navona**. Along the way, we will continue to point out many interesting places, peeling away the layers of Roman and Church history.

We will visit the **Basilica of Sant'Andrea delle Fratte**, which has a very special side chapel. In fact, it is so special because of widespread devotion to the Miraculous Medal, that many travel from all over the world to Rome just to visit this shrine and pray at its side altar. In 1842 Our Lady appeared here to **Alphonse Ratisbonne**, an avowed anti-Catholic Jew, manifesting herself exactly as she appears on the Miraculous Medal, effecting his miraculous conversion.

The first Miraculous Medals were struck in 1832 and, while the Miraculous Medal devotion was already circulating throughout France after St. Catherine Labouré's Marian apparition, it was this miraculous apparition to Ratisbonne which provided the impetus to bring the Miraculous Medal devotion to Italy.

This special chapel is also where **St. Maximilian Kolbe** offered his first Mass on April 29, 1918.

Our farewell dinner, hosted by Dr. Robert Moynihan and Deborah Tomlinson, will be at one of our favorite restaurants along the way. Overnight in Rome.



WEDNESDAY PAPAL AUDIENCE, VATICAN CITY



BASILICA OF SANT' ANDREA DELLE FRATTE, ROME

## EASTER THURSDAY, DAY 11

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### *Farewell*

After an early morning Mass, breakfast, and farewell, your driver will escort you back to the airport for your return home. Farewell to all our fellow pilgrims, our friends, until we meet again... 



# Registration Information

*"Rely on the mighty Lord; constantly seek his face." 1 Chronicles 16:11*

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## INCLUDES

- Meals — Some meals are included: breakfast daily (10), five (5) lunches, and ten (10) dinners are included. “On your own” meals: five (5) lunches.
- Bus — Private, first-class motor coach bus and all group transfers are included.
- Taxes and Fees — All local taxes are included.
- Entrance Fees — All entrance fees are included.
- Arrival/Departure Transfers — There will be a group transfer from Hotel Michelangelo to FCO. Please see Instruction Page for more details.

**EASTER | PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY**  
**APRIL 3 - 13, 2023**

## COST - LAND PACKAGE

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| Total Cost:   | \$6,190.00        |
| Early Booking Discount:<br>Book by November 3, 2022       | \$100.00          |
| <b>Total Land Cost with<br/>Early Booking Discount:</b>   | <b>\$6,090.00</b> |
| <b>Final Payment Due:</b><br>Due 60 days before departure | February 2, 2023  |

- Deposit — A non-refundable Evergreen Deposit of \$500.00 is due at the time of booking. An Evergreen Deposit will not expire and can be transferred to another pilgrimage even if you choose to cancel, regardless of the reason. This Evergreen Deposit is transferable to another person. The transfer of the deposit must be communicated in writing.
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This Pilgrimage does not include:

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- 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, minibar in hotel rooms, et cetera
- Items not specifically mentioned in the pilgrimage description literature

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

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

**Rates and Payments:** Rates are based on applicable rates as of April 2022 and could change due to fluctuation in currency exchange rates or failure to have a minimum number of 10 pilgrims. If they change, we will invoice participants accordingly.

**Land Package:** \$6,190.00 per participant. Does not include airfare.

**1st Payment:** \$500.00 non-refundable deposit – Due at time of booking.

**2nd Payment:** Balance due February 2, 2023, 60 days from departure.

**Single Supplement fee:** \$900.00 for single occupancy room, if applicable. Due with 2nd payment.

**Early Booking Discount:** \$100.00 discount – register by Thursday, November 3, 2022.

**Fees:** Applicable Credit Card fees are to be paid by the participant. These fees will be added to your invoice.

**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 to and understanding of 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.

**Disputes:** A contract is made when your reservation and payment are accepted by ITVP and any dispute shall be governed by Virginia law and must be litigated in Warren County, Virginia circuit or Virginia courts. In the event that an attorney is hired to enforce any part of these Terms and Conditions, participants are liable for all attorney fees and costs incurred by ITVP for enforcing or defending these Terms and Conditions.

**Deposit:** The non-refundable \$500.00 deposit due at the time of booking is an Evergreen Deposit. An Evergreen Deposit will not expire and can be transferred to another pilgrimage even if you choose to cancel, regardless of the reason. This Evergreen Deposit is transferable to another person. The transfer of the deposit must be communicated in writing.

**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. If there is a returned check, then we will only accept certified checks thereafter.

In case of computer or human billing error, we reserve the right to re-invoice participants with corrected billing.

**Transfers:** Two (2) group transfers to and from Rome's Fiumicino airport (FCO) are included. Only participants whose flights arrive into FCO before 10 a.m. on Monday, April 3, 2023 and depart FCO no earlier than 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 13, 2023 will be included in the group transfers. It is the responsibility of 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 or location of the tour bus becomes 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 upon request, the participant is financially responsible for that transfer.

**Flight Schedule:** Land Package participants are responsible for purchasing their own airline tickets only after they receive written notification from our office that this pilgrimage will travel due to meeting the minimum number of participants required to travel. ITVP recommends all participants who purchase the Land Package to arrive in Italy on Sunday, April 2, 2023, one day before the pilgrimage start date. Land Package participants should schedule their departure from FCO for Thursday, April 13, 2023 after 10:00 a.m. Should a participant encounter a flight delay/cancellation, it is the participant's responsibility to notify ITVP.

**Insurance:** Travel insurance is not included in the Land Package; however, we strongly recommend that you purchase 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 for at least 6 months after your departure date from Italy. For passport holders from countries other than the United States, you are responsible for determining the required travel documents. 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.

### U.S. State Department & Other Agencies:

From time to time the U.S. State Department ([www.state.gov](http://www.state.gov)) and the Center for Disease Control ([www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)) and other government agencies and departments issue travel advisories or warnings for one or more of the destinations that you may be visiting on 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 terror, problems or ill health, or other incident in one or more of the places this pilgrimage is scheduled to visit. All cancellation penalties must remain in full force and effect as outlined on this form. Travel insurance may or may not cover these possible causes for cancellations.

**Photography:** Agents of ITVP may take photographs or videos of its pilgrimages and pilgrimage 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](http://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.

**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.

**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 **14 W Main St. Front Royal VA 22630**. In the event of cancellation, monies will be refunded minus the cancellation fee. The cancellation fee will be calculated as follows:

- 60 days or more prior to departure: \$500.00 per participant deposit
- 59 to 30 days prior to departure: \$500 per participant deposit and 50% of total cost\*
- 29 days or less prior to departure: 100% of total cost\* (no refund)

\* 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.

**Tour/Pilgrimage Cancellation by ITVP:** On rare occasions a pilgrimage may have to be canceled 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, 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 pilgrimage or to revise the itinerary; however, cancellation for any of these reasons will not be eligible for a refund.

### Room Service and Other Extraneous Charges:

Room Service and extraneous charges not expressly listed as part of the Pilgrimage Package are not included. Should a participant request room service, or any other extraneous charge, including, but not limited to, mini bar, laundry services, internet charges or pay-per-view, the participant will be financially responsible for those charges to be paid at the time of check-out. If these charges are not paid at check-out, ITVP will bill the participant accordingly. Payment due upon receipt. Any unpaid bills will bear interest at 1.5% monthly (18% annually).

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

**Airfare:** No airfare is included in the cost of this Land Package. To obtain assistance purchasing airfare, please contact our office.

**Gratuities:** Gratuities are not included.

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

**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.

**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 unforeseen circumstances beyond our control (including, but not limited to, such circumstances as weather, acts of God, airline schedule change, 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 preferred seating at events.

**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.

Please initial: I have read and agree to these Terms and Conditions. \_\_\_\_\_

# Registration Form



## EASTER | PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY APRIL 3 - 13, 2023

PRICING TERMS: Price stated is as of April 2022 and could change due to fluctuation in currency exchange rates or failure to have a minimum of 10 pilgrims. If the 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 pilgrimage indicates you have accepted these pricing terms and all terms specified in the Terms and Conditions.

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 \_\_\_\_\_

### ACCOMMODATIONS:

Double Occupancy:  Two Beds  One Bed

Name of Roommate \_\_\_\_\_

Single Occupancy:

I would like a single room. I must pay the **\$900.00 Single Supplement fee**. The Single Supplement fee is due with the final payment.

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**.

### PAYMENTS:

Check(s) payable to: **Inside the Vatican**  Credit Card: Visa or Mastercard

Booked Online (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 EASTER | PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY APRIL 3 - 13, 2023, 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) \_\_\_\_\_

### PRICE

**\$6,190.00** Land Only Package  
**-\$ 100.00** Book by November 3, 2022

**\$6,090.00**

**\$900.00** Single Room Supplement Fee

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/pilgrimage, 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. Participant agrees to indemnify and hold harmless ITVP and its employees, owners, officers, directors, shareholders and agents from any and all claims, damages, losses, or actions resulting from or arising out of the Inside the Vatican Pilgrimage.

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 canceled 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, if possible.

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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: April 2022

# Instructions



Dear Sir or Madame,

Thank you for taking the time to read about the **Easter: Pilgrimage to Italy** being offered by Inside the Vatican Pilgrimages.

To reserve your space on this pilgrimage, contact us as soon as possible, either by email at [Pilgrimages@InsideTheVatican.com](mailto:Pilgrimages@InsideTheVatican.com) or by phone at +1.202.536.4555 extension 3. Space is limited. We will hold your space for seven (7) days until we receive your registration information and payment.

**IMPORTANT NOTE: \*\*\*PLEASE DO NOT BOOK YOUR FLIGHT UNTIL YOU RECEIVE WRITTEN NOTIFICATION FROM OUR OFFICE THAT THIS PILGRIMAGE HAS MET THE MINIMUM REQUIRED NUMBER OF 10 PILGRIMS TO OPERATE THE PILGRIMAGE. \*\*\***

When booking your airline flights into Rome's Fiumicino (FCO) airport, we strongly recommend that you arrive on **Sunday, April 2, 2023**, the day before the pilgrimage begins, to allow time to rest from your 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 are unable to arrive a day early, you will need to arrive at the airport (FCO) by 12:00 p.m. noon, or earlier if possible, on **Monday, April 3, 2023** in order to board the transfer from Rome to Assisi that morning. For your return home, you need to book your return flight from FCO for **Thursday, April 13, 2023** after 10:00 a.m. We will be staying at the Hotel Michelangelo in Rome and will provide a group transfer from the hotel to the airport (FCO).

Once you have booked your airline reservation, please forward a copy of the flight information to our office via email or U.S. mail. If you need assistance with your airline flight arrangements, just let us know and we will be happy to assist you. Again, do not purchase your independent airline tickets until you receive a written notification from our office that the minimum number of pilgrims has been met and this pilgrimage is a go.

Should you have any questions about the pilgrimage, please feel free to call us directly at +1.202.536.4555, extension 3. If you would like to reserve your space after business hours, simply send us an email or leave us a phone message and we will respond to you on the next business day.

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

Gwyneth Owen  
Pilgrimage Coordinator  
Inside the Vatican Pilgrimages

**MAIL TO:**  
**Inside the Vatican Pilgrimages**  
14 W Main Street | Front Royal, VA 22630

## To join us:



### 1. REGISTER:

**BY PHONE** - Call our U.S. Office at +1.202.536.4555

**ONLINE** - Go to our website at [InsideTheVaticanPilgrimages.com](http://InsideTheVaticanPilgrimages.com)

- Select Italy: Easter 2023
- And click the "Book Now" button

**BY MAIL** - print out the Terms and Conditions and the Registration Form

- Initial the Terms and Conditions
- Fill out the Registration Form
- Mail to the address below



### 2. EVERGREEN DEPOSIT:

A non-refundable Evergreen Deposit of \$500.00 per pilgrim is due at the time of booking. An Evergreen Deposit will not expire and can be transferred to another pilgrimage even if you choose to cancel, regardless of the reason. This Evergreen Deposit is transferable to another person. The transfer of the deposit must be communicated in writing. Please make checks payable to Inside the Vatican. If you prefer to wire funds, please contact our office.



### 3. QUESTIONS:

If you have any questions, please contact our U.S. Office at +1.202.536.4555



### 4. EARLY BOOKING DISCOUNT:

To take advantage of the Early Booking Discount of \$100.00, please complete all steps outlined herein to confirm your booking by November 3, 2022.

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*“Jesus spoke to them again, saying, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” John 8:12*

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