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# Father Glen Paul Baptiste & Deacon Dana McCarthy

## Holy Year Italy Pilgrimage

**January 21-30, 2025 - 10 Days**

**\$4,799 from Orlando**

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**Tuesday - January 21- DAY 1 – DEPART USA** – Today, we depart Orlando to connect with our overnight flight to Rome aboard a wide-bodied jet. We enjoy dinner and breakfast aloft.

**Wednesday - January 22 - DAY 2 - ROME/ASSISI** – This morning, we arrive in Rome and are met by our *Unitours* Tour Manager as we board our motorcoach for our ride to Assisi. Following lunch on our own along the way, our first stop is in the lower town for a visit and Mass at the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels and the Portiuncula, Francis' Church of the Little Portion. We thank St. Francis for two of his most notable gifts to humanity, the *Nativity Scene*, and the *Stations of the Cross*. We continue to the upper village and our hotel for “welcome” dinner and overnight at our hotel.

**Thursday - January 23 - DAY 3 - ASSISI** - Today, we begin at the Basilica of St. Francesco with Mass. After our visit of the Basilica and the tomb of St. Francis, we enjoy our walking tour of the village. Included is a visit to the Church of St. Clare to view the crucifix that spoke to St. Francis. In 1240AD, a band of Saracen soldiers were attacking Assisi and had reached the cloistered convent of a now sickly St. Clare. In fear that the soldiers would harm her sisters, she prayed in front of the Blessed Sacrament for protection. Tradition tells us that Our Lord assured her His protections and when she held the monstrance in front of the soldiers, they fled! We pass by the

famous Temple of Minerva in the Piazza del Comune. This afternoon, following lunch on our own, we can enjoy this picturesque hillside village at our own pace. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

**Friday - January 24 - St. Francis de Sales - DAY 4 - ORVIETO/SORRENTO** - This morning, following an early morning departure from Assisi, we travel south through the Umbrian countryside. We stop at Orvieto for a visit and Mass at the breathtaking Cathedral, which is known as the jewel of Italian architecture. Inside the Cathedral is the Chapel of the Corporal, which houses the chalice cloth, involved in a Eucharistic Miracle. In 1263AD, Peter of Prague--a pilgrim priest who was struggling to believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist--was celebrating Mass at the crypt of St. Christina in Bolsena. While speaking the words of the consecration, blood started to drip from the consecrated host. Subsequently Pope Urban IV instituted The Feast of Corpus Christi. Leaving Orvieto, we travel south, enjoying lunch on our own along the way, before arriving in the wonderful town of Sorrento, along the Mediterranean. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

**Saturday, January 25 - Conversion of St. Paul- DAY 5 – SORRENTO/ ISLE OF CAPRI** - Today, we leave Sorrento by steamer across the Bay of Naples to the Island of Dreams - Capri. We tour the island, including Anacapri.

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Following Mass at one of the churches here, we return to Sorrento for dinner overnight.

**Sunday - January 26 - DAY 6 – SORRENTO/POSITANO/POMPEII –**

This morning, we motor along the Sorrento Peninsula on the famous Amalfi Drive with stops along the way, including the splendid jet set village of Positano. Afterwards, following a stop for lunch on our own, we continue to Pompeii, the Roman City of 65,000 that was destroyed, yet preserved by the volcanic ash of Vesuvius in 79AD. We celebrate Mass at the church of the Holy Rosary visited by Pope St. John Paul II shortly before his passing and a site of a Eucharistic miracle. We continue to Rome for dinner and overnight.

**Monday - January 27 - DAY 7 – ROME/VATICAN CITY -** Today, we visit Vatican City where we celebrate Mass in the crypt of St. Peter's Basilica. Afterwards, we view the treasures of the Vatican Museum including Michelangelo's restored frescoes in the Sistine Chapel. In St. Peter's Basilica, we take in the world-renowned altar columns created by Bernini. Tradition holds that Bernini engraved his own Rosary on one of the columns while another column is said to contain the spear of St. Longinus, the Roman centurion who pierced the side of our Savior and was healed by the blood and water that flowed from it! While here, we pass through the 1<sup>st</sup> of the "Holy Doors", during our Holy Year Pilgrimage. This afternoon, following a break for lunch on our own, we tour the Basilica of St. Mary Major, and pass through the "Holy Doors" there to mark our 2<sup>nd</sup> set of doors on our Holy Year pilgrimage before traveling to the Church of St. Peter in Chains to view Michelangelo's most celebrated sculpture, the "Moses." We return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

**Tuesday - January 28 - St. Thomas Aquinas - DAY 8 – ROME –** This morning we enjoy tours of two unique Churches in Rome: Santa Maria della Concezione dei Cappuccini which houses "The Chapel of the Bones" and The Gesu Church, the main Jesuit church where St. Ignatius is buried as well as the relic of St. Francis Xavier's arm. This afternoon, following a stop for lunch on our own, we visit the Holy Stairs and Basilica of St. John Lateran. While there, we pass through the 3<sup>rd</sup> set of "Holy Doors" on our Holy Year pilgrimage. We continue to the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls for the 4<sup>th</sup> and last set, of "Holy Doors". This huge, imposing Basilica, second only to St. Peter's and one of the largest churches in the Christian world, contains an unusual gallery of papal portraits: 265 tablets portraying the popes of the past. We conclude our day at the Callistus Catacombs, a burial place of early Christians. We celebrate Mass here and view the 2nd and 3rd century fresco paintings. We can explore the culinary delights of Rome tonight as dinner is on our own. (Pro-tip: across the street from the Catacombs entrance is the *Ristorante Cecilia Metella*. Taxi back to hotel.) Overnight at our hotel.

**Wednesday - January 29 - DAY 9 – PAPAL AUDIENCE/ROMAN FREE DAY –** This morning, we make our way to St. Peter's for an audience with Pope Francis, if he is in residence. Following Mass at a church near St. Peter's Basilica, we enjoy lunch on our own and free time for private devotions, shopping, rest, or personal adventure. We conclude our day as we celebrate our "farewell" dinner and overnight at the hotel.

**Thursday, January 30 - DAY 10 – ROME/DEPART FOR USA –** This morning, we make our way home to Florida with memories of a lifetime.

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Please reserve \_\_\_ seats on this Holy Year Italy Pilgrimage - January 21-30, 2025.

Enclosed please find deposit of \$500 per person (Payable to Unitours, Inc.)

PLEASE ENCLOSE A COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT (Passport MUST be valid until July 30, 2025, or later.)

Name(s) as appears on passport

My Roommate:

Address:

City, State & Zip

Telephone:

Day Evening

Email address:

\_\_\_ Please assign a roommate (if available)

\_\_\_ I prefer a single room - \$727 supplement and limited in number.

\_\_\_ Apply \$50 if booked by March 7, 2024

To purchase optional travel insurance, please see [www.Unitours.com/travelInsurance](http://www.Unitours.com/travelInsurance), to cover preexisting conditions, coverage must be purchased within 21 days of this reservation.

Charge my deposit to \_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_ MasterCard \_\_\_ Amex \_\_\_ Discover

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Exp. Date

I understand that certain charges such as air taxes, fuel surcharges and rates of exchange can affect the final cost, and I agree to pay such costs should adjustments be necessary.

Signature

**TOTAL TOUR PRICE:** The tour price is based on airfare, cruise, land rates and rates of exchange in effect January 26, 2024. All rates are subject to change without prior notice. Should the rates go up or down, an adjustment would be made prior to departure. Refunds CANNOT be granted for any accommodations, services or events that are not used nor if you deviate from the tour. If fewer than 50 pilgrims participate a price adjustment may be necessary.

**PASSPORT AND VISA REQUIREMENTS:** A valid passport is required. At the time of printing, U.S. citizens holding valid passports DO NOT REQUIRE visas or immunization for the country or countries being visited. Passport MUST be valid until July 30, 2025, or later. Citizens of countries other than U.S. - please contact the consulate of the country or countries being visited to determine visa requirements.

**AIR TRANSPORTATION:** International flight reservations are being held on United Airlines. No stopovers are permitted. Any changes after ticket is issued carries a mandatory charge of \$200. Once the tickets are issued, they are NON-REFUNDABLE. Additional non-recoverable airline penalties of up to \$200 may be assessed for cancellations received within 90 days of departure.

**DOMESTIC AIRFARE:** For those who make domestic air arrangements to the originating city of this tour, your tour host and Unitours strongly recommend the purchase of tickets that can be changed without heavy fees and penalties as international flight schedules are always subject to change.

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:** Specially selected hotels based on twin occupancy with private bath. Single Room supplement of \$727 will be charged where requested and available. If you do not have a roommate and Unitours is unable to arrange one, you will be billed for the single room supplement. All singles are subject to availability.

**MEALS:** Breakfast and Table D' Hote dinners are provided daily except where noted in the itinerary. An extra charge will be made when coffee, tea or other beverages are not included in the menu of the day with the dinner meal.

**TIPS AND TAXES:** Tips and taxes normally appearing on hotel and restaurant bills as service are included, as are all government and local taxes on hotels and meals, portage of one suitcase per person. International departure taxes of \$126 plus current fuel surcharges of \$400 are included (subject to change). TIPS TO TOUR MANAGER/GUIDES, DRIVERS OR DINING ROOMS STAFF OF \$100 ARE NOT INCLUDED. One average sized suitcase not exceeding 50 lbs total weight and 62 linear inches (height plus width plus depth) is permitted throughout the trip.

**NOT INCLUDED:** Expenses and items not specifically mentioned in this brochure are NOT covered, including but not limited to passport and visa fees, meals not listed and items of a personal nature such as laundry, wines, liquors, mineral waters, after dinner coffee or tea, sightseeing or services other than those specifically mentioned, tips and taxes mentioned above, excess baggage and insurance, etc.

**DEPOSITS AND CANCELLATIONS:** A deposit of \$500 is required to secure reservations. Any balance is to be paid in full no later than 60 days before departure of tour. Final payments received at Unitours after 45 days before departure must include a \$25 late payment fee. (This does not apply for new reservations made after 45 days of departure.) Reservations made within 60 days of departure must include

full payment. Amex, Discover, Visa and MasterCard are accepted with signed reservation form. Final payments will be applied to same credit card on final payment due date. Cancellations made from time of reservation to within 61 days prior to departure - - \$400 administration fee (charged to deposit) plus any air penalties noted above. In the event of a cancellation from 60 to 31 days prior to departure - - \$400 administration fee plus up to 50% of the land cost, plus any air penalties noted above. No refund for cancellations received within 30 days of departure. All cancellation and refund claims must be in writing to Unitours, Inc.

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**DEVIATIONS:** A service charge of \$50 pp will be applied for any deviations made in tour, (where possible), PLUS any additional air or land charges incurred.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** Optional Travel Insurance is strongly recommended for your trip. See [www.Unitours.com/travelInsurance](http://www.Unitours.com/travelInsurance) for full details and to purchase coverage to cover preexisting conditions, insurance must be purchased within 21 days of Unitours' receipt of your reservation.

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# Italy

Assisi

Orvieto

Rome

Pompeii

Sorrento  
Capri

Amalfi

100 km

**STEP** MAP

