



USCCB PILGRIMAGE TO

ITALY

ORVIETO-ASSISI-ROME

SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 02, 2025



CELEBRATE THE JUBILEE OF CATECHISTS WITH **ARCHBISHOP CHARLES THOMPSON**ARCHDIOCESE OF INDIANAPOLIS, IN





Special Encounters with Vatican officials:

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- * Round-trip airfare
- * All airport taxes/fuel surcharges
- * First-class hotels
- * Land transportation as per itinerary
- Daily breakfast and dinner
- Sightseeing/admission fees as per itinerary
- * Daily Masses
- * Medical protection plan

Not Included

- * Trip-cancellation insurance
- Nativity Pilgrimage offers a comprehensive policy at an additional cost.
- * Passport/Visa costs
- * Tips for your tour guide and driver
- * Personal items/expenses
- * Meals not specified in the itinerary
- Items not specifically mentioned above.

Registration

- Submit a non-refundable \$300 deposit along with a copy of your registration form and passport.
- Names on the registration form and passport must match exactly.
- * U.S. passports must be current up to six months after the return date.
- We are not responsible for Visa procurement.
- * Full payment is due 06/16/25 (100 days before departure).



DAY 1: U.S. TO ROMA

We board our flight to Rome and call to mind the prayers of our hearts and those we carry with us on this Jubilee Pilgrimage. Meals and beverages will be served on the flight.

DAY 2: ROME / PANORAMIC TOUR

Welcome to the Eternal City! After clearing passport control, we greet our Nativity Pilgrimage Tour Manager and board our motorcoach. Pending arrival time, we enjoy a panoramic tour of Rome and check in to our hotel. Tonight, we celebrate a Welcome Dinner in a local osteria. Overnight in Rome.

DAY 3: VATICAN MUSEUMS/SISTINE CHAPEL/ST. JOHN LATERAN/ SCALA SANCTA

This morning, we encounter the wonders of the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel. Following lunch, we celebrate Mass at the Basilica of St. John Lateran, the Cathedral of Rome. Nearby is the Scala Sancta. According to Tradition, the Holy Stairs led up to the praetorium of Pontius Pilate in Jerusalem on which our Lord, Jesus stepped on his way to trial during his Passion. This evening dinner is on your own with time for leisure, reflection, and gelato! Overnight in Rome.

DAY 4-6: JUBILEE OF CATECHISTS

To "echo the Faith" is the call and challenge of every catechist. The Jubilee of Catechists includes opportunities for prayer, theological reflection, and celebration in various sites throughout Rome. Details will be included in our Final Travel Packets with visits to the major basilicas.

DAY 4 (FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26)

8:00 am - 6:00 pm: Jubilee rites (TBA)

3:00 pm - 7:00 pm: Welcome to the city of Rome

DAY 5 (SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27)

8:00 am - 6:00 pm: Pilgrimage to the Holy Door

10:00 am - 5:00 pm: Spiritual & cultural events throughout Rome

DAY 6 (SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28)

9:30 am: Mass with the Holy Father

ROME / ORVIETO / ASSISI

This morning, we check out of our hotel and celebrate the Jubilee of Catechists which concludes with the Holy Eucharist and a commissioning with Pope Francis. Following Mass, we board our motorcoach for a 60-mile drive through Umbria to the ancient city of Orvieto. A funicular ride will take us up to the hilltop town and Duomo di Orvieto, where we will enjoy lunch at the Enoteca di Duomo. Our encounter of the Duomo will include the Chapel of the Eucharist Miracle of



Bolsena. After time for leisure and exploration of Orvieto's artisan shops, enjoy a short drive from Tuscany to the hills of Umbria. We check in to our Assisi hotel and enjoy an evening free to reflect, explore, and savor dinner in small groups. Overnight in Assisi.

DAY 7: ASSISI RETREAT & JUBILEE REFLECTIONS, PART I

Our Assisi retreat begins with morning Mass at the Basilica of San Francesco. Next, we gather with Saint Carlo Acutis at the Church of Santa Maria Maggiore for guided reflections on the call to be catechists and our ministry of "echoing the Faith." Our team of spiritual directors will share insights and invite group theological reflection. We end with an encounter at the Museum of Memory to learn the story of Assisi's support for Jews during WWII. Following lunch, we gather for prayer at the Basilica of Saint Clare followed by an option walking tour on the trails of St. Francis. We gather this evening in a local osteria for shared prayer and reflection. Overnight in Assisi.



DAY 8: ASSISI RETREAT & JUBILEE REFLECTIONS, PART II

Following breakfast, we celebrate Mass in lower Assisi at the Basilica of Santa Maria de Angeli and encounter the Portiuncula of San Francesco. Our Assisi Retreat continues with guided reflections and group process with our team of spiritual directors. This afternoon, we journey to Tili Vini & Olio, where wine has been made for 1200 years. We gather for lunch and mystagogy while tasting Umbrian wines. The evening is free to explore Assisi's smaller churches and taste Umbrian dishes in small groups. Overnight in Assisi.

DAY 9: ASSISI RETREAT, PART III / ROME

This morning, we check out of our hotel and gather for a retreat session and Mass at the Cathedral of San Rufino. This historic cathedral features the baptismal font of St. Francis, St. Clare, and Emperor Frederick II. As "Pilgrims of Hope," we conclude our Assisi Retreat with reflections from our spiritual directors on the challenges of living a Jubilee spirituality in our daily settings and as catechetical leaders. Following lunch, we'll enjoy a cultural encounter at the Nuzzi Pottery Factory, operated by a local Catholic family. This afternoon, we will board our motor coach to return to Rome for a Farewell dinner. We will stay near Roma airport this evening for our morning return flight to the U.S.

DAY 10: RETURN HOME

This has been a week that will last a lifetime! What a blessing it has been celebrate the Jubilee Year as "Pilgrims of Hope." And now the real pilgrimage begins as we return to our homes and ministries renewed by the gift of our love for Christ and the Church!









Your Package Includes

Air Transportation: Economy class and round-trip airfares are based on the time of the reservation. Rates and times are subject to change without notice. Airfares, once issued, are non-refundable, non-transferable, and cannot be used towards future travel.

Land Transportation: All land transportation as described in the itinerary will be by Deluxe Motor Coach. Some may be equipped with Wi-Fi service.

Hotels: Your hotels will be first-class with double occupancy (2 people per room with a private bath). Neither Nativity Pilgrimage nor the trip coordinator are responsible for providing a roommate.

Meal Plan: The meal plan offers breakfast & dinner daily, unless otherwise stated.

Baggage: Nativity Pilgrimage limits all passengers to one (1) piece of checked luggage and one (1) carry-on. All passengers should check with the airlines carriers for

Airport Fees: Airport Taxes, Porterage, Fuel Surcharges and Security Fees

Medical Protection Plan During the Trip

Your Package Does Not Include

up to date baggage weight and dimensions.

Cancellation Protection Plan: We highly recommend purchasing travel insurance upon registration.

Passport Expenses: Passports or any additional documents that may be required Passports must be valid after 6 months of return date.

Personal Items: Laundry, other beverages (wines, liquors, mineral water, tea, coffee, etc.) and food that are not on the menus of your included meal package, and any additional luggage.

Non-itinerary fees: Any sightseeing, other services, or personal items that are not specifically mentioned as being included in the itinerary.

Extra food/beverage: You are responsible for any meals not specified in your itinerary. Tips for your tour guide & driver: The recommended amounts of tips per person are \$7.00 – \$9.00 per day for guides, \$5.00 – \$7.00 per day for drivers, \$1.00 – \$2.00 per day for hotels, and \$1.00 – \$2.00 per day for restaurants.

General Travel Information

Group Air: Group Air differs from individually purchased airline tickets in that it is subject to the terms and conditions of the airlines. For this reason, we need to receive your registration and full payment by the payment deadline. After that date, registrations may be subject to a different air rate, ticketing method, or on a different airline. Additional fees and charges may apply. Group air flights are confirmed 60 - 90 days prior to departure.

Departure Cities: If your departure city is not listed on the brochure, indicate which airport you would like to depart from on the registration form. We will provide you with the best possible price and flight schedule in order to connect with the group. Additional fees and charges may apply.

Land-Only Option: If you would like to book your own air travel, indicate on your registration form that you want the 'Land Only" option. By booking your own air, you may select your seat, airline, and travel schedule, use airline miles/points, provide airline reward program information, and make any special requests directly with the airline. No changes can be made after the final payment deadline. Land-only services begin and end at the hotels unless you are able to meet the group at the airport. Land-only travelers are responsible for their own airport transfers.

Important Nativity Pilgrimage Policies

The airline selects seat assignments for group air, not the tour operator. Seat upgrades are available for registered travelers, by request. Quoted rates for an upgrade are subject to change until payment is received. Some upgrades are not available until the group tickets are issued.

Single Room Supplement: Tour price based on double-occupancy. If you wish to stay in a single room, there is an additional single room supplement listed on the registration form. Single rooms are limited and will be awarded on a first-come, first-lesserved basis.

Seat Upgrades: Once Nativity Pilgrimage receives an upgrade request, we will contact the airlines to finalize your request. We cannot guarantee the acceptance of this request as it is subject to availability and pricing (which changes daily)

Seat Location Requests: Once Nativity Pilgrimage receives a seat location request, we will contact the airlines to finalize your request. We cannot guarantee acceptance of this request as it is subject to availability and pricing (which changes daily).

Other Special Requests: Once Nativity Pilgrimage receives a special request, such as a wheelchair, food, etc., we will contact the airlines to finalize your request. We cannot guarantee acceptance of this request as it is subject to availability and pricing (which changes daily)

Booking Conditions

Deposit: A non-refundable deposit of \$300.00 per person is required at the time of booking. No reservation will be processed without a deposit.

Payment Deadline: Full payment is due 06/16/25 (100 Days before departure). Late registrations received after the deadline require an additional \$100 (subject to availability). If payment is not made in full 50 days prior to departure, your payments are non-refundable.

You may use any major credit card to pay your deposit online. There is an additional 3% late fee for each credit card transaction. We also accept checks, money orders, Zelle payments, and ACH transactions.

Late Payment Policy

Customers will receive Late Fees if they are not paid in full:

100 days - 61 days prior to departure.....\$150

60 days - 30 days prior to departure......\$300

30 days - day before departure.....Subject to cancellation

Customers are also responsible for any difference in fare due to late payment (subject to availability). Refusal to pay will be considered a cancellation.

Cancellation/Refund Policy

We hope that nothing will prevent you from taking your pilgrimage with Nativity Pilgrimage, however, should you need to cancel your cancellation must be in writing via email or letter. It will be effective on the date of receipt. The following cancellation fees will apply:

Days Prior to Departure

Charge

100 + Days 99-50 Days Lose Deposit 50% of trip cost

49 Days

100% of trip cost

Insurance premiums are non-refundable. We highly recommend purchasing travel insurance to avoid these cancellation fees.

Protect Your Trip



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Responsibility

Nativity Pilgrimage, Inc. and their agents assume no liability or responsibility in regards to travel in any form for any injuries or loss of property, accidents, delays, changes in schedule or itinerary, incidental damages or any irregular circumstances. This would include, but not limited to, default or omission by any third party providing services or facilities related to and/or included in the tour or any part thereof.

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