

A PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

Youth and Young Adults Pilgrimage

With Fr. Peter Chineke
St. Jude Catholic Church, Rochester IL
August 2 – 9, 2026

Day 1. August 2: *Depart USA*

Day 2. August 3: *Rome Airport FCO arrival in Rome,*
Arrival in Rome, welcome at the airport by our English-speaking assistant, and transfer by private bus to the hotel in Rome. Check-in and free time. Dinner at the hotel, overnight stay.

Day 3. August 4: *Rome (Vatican Museums and St. Peter's Basilica AM + Baroque Rome with Colosseum and Forum exteriors PM)*

Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to the Vatican Museums, where you will meet your guide for a guided tour, including the Sistine Chapel. The Vatican Museums are a sprawling museum complex within Vatican City that houses a vast collection of art and archaeological artifacts amassed by popes and the Catholic Church over the centuries. Its collections, ranging from antiquity to modern and contemporary art, include masterpieces by artists such as Michelangelo and Raphael, as well as Etruscan and Egyptian treasures, culminating in the famous Sistine Chapel. Next, visit St. Peter's Basilica. St. Peter's Basilica, located in the Vatican, is a masterpiece of the Renaissance and Baroque periods and the heart of the Catholic Church. It is famous for its imposing size, the work of its dome by Michelangelo, and its rich artistic elements, such as sculptures, mosaics, and tapestries. It houses the tomb of the apostle St. Peter, making it an important pilgrimage site.

Time for lunch. In the afternoon, walk through Baroque Rome. Baroque Rome, which emerged between the late 16th and 17th centuries, was a period of artistic and architectural splendor driven by the Catholic Church and aristocratic families, which transformed the city with a dynamic, theatrical, and grandiose style. Iconic monuments such as Piazza Navona, the Fountain of the Four Rivers, and the Church of Sant'Agnese in Agone are examples of this style, which sought to evoke emotion, dazzle, and restore Rome's glory. Afterwards, we will stroll through classical Rome, where we will visit the Colosseum and the Roman Forum. Free time until transfer to the hotel. Dinner at the hotel and overnight stay.



Day 4. August 5. Rome - Papal Audience, Assisi / Santa Maria degli Angeli
Breakfast at the hotel. Transfer to St. Peter's Square for the Papal Audience. The Wednesday Papal Audience is a weekly meeting of the Pope with pilgrims and faithful in St. Peter's Square, where he offers catechesis on topics of faith or current events, offers prayers, and greets those present. At the scheduled time, transfer to Santa Maria degli Angeli, near Assisi, which houses the basilica where St. Francis of Assisi lived and died. City tour. Transfer to the hotel. Free time. Dinner at the hotel and overnight stay.



Day 5. August 6. Assisi - San Giovanni Rotondo

Breakfast at the hotel. Visit to Assisi with a local guide. Walking tour of the historic center of Assisi, including the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi. This UNESCO World Heritage site serves as a spiritual and pilgrimage center, with the lower basilica symbolizing penance and the upper basilica symbolizing glory. Visit and contemplation of the remains of St. Clare and Blessed Charles Acutis. Time for lunch. In the afternoon, departure for San Giovanni Rotondo. Check-in, dinner at the hotel, and overnight stay.



Day 6. August 7. San Giovanni Rotondo - Pietrelcina – Rome

Breakfast at the hotel. San Giovanni Rotondo is a town in the Apulia region of Italy and an important center of Catholic pilgrimage due to its connection with Saint Pio of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio). Visit and contemplation of Padre Pio's body in the Sanctuary of Santa Maria delle Grazie. Departure for Pietrelcina, the birthplace of Padre Pio. In the afternoon, return to Rome. Free time. Dinner at the hotel and overnight stay.



Day 7. August 8. Rome – Free day in Rome

Breakfast at the hotel. Check out. transfer to the airport

Day 8. August 9. Rome Airport FCO return flight

LIMITED
SEATING

\$3,550 per person

on double occupancy basis
**\$845 extra per single room*

The price includes.

- Round-trip airfare, including all airline taxes/fuel surcharges
- Accommodation in Deluxe Hotels and All Entrance Fees as per Itinerary
- All hotel taxes and portages
- Meals as per itinerary (Breakfast and Dinner)
- Land Transportation by deluxe motor coach
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