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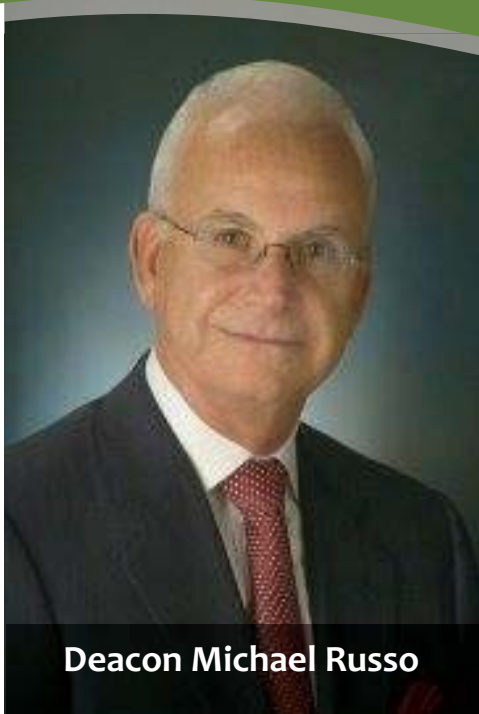


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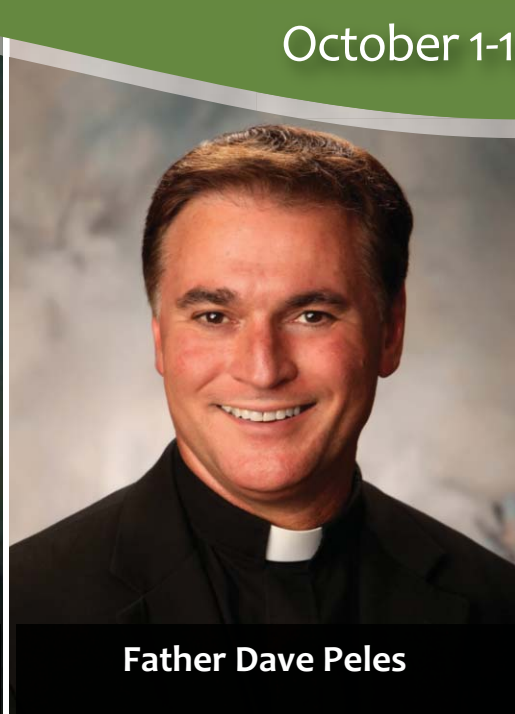
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St. Benedict's Church of Johnstown, PA

A Pilgrimage to Assisi & Rome 2018

October 1-10, 2018



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Oct. 1 - Depart USA

Your Italian adventure begins as you depart the USA on your international flight.

Oct. 2 - Rome, Orvieto, Assisi

On arrival at the Rome airport you will be met and transferred north by coach through the stunning countryside. Pope Nicholas IV laid the cornerstone for the **Cathedral of Orvieto** in 1290, dedicating it to the Assumption of the Virgin. Orvieto served as a Papal residence through the Middle Ages, Pope Clement VII being one of the last to stay in Orvieto in 1527. Here the Feast of Corpus Christi is celebrated, marching from the **Duomo**. Celebrate Mass at the Cathedral here. Finish your day checking into your Assisi Hotel for dinner and overnight.

Oct. 3 – Assisi

This morning wake up to the atmospheric sounds of chapel bells, cobblestone footsteps and a tangible spirit of St. Francis preserved within the walls of this holy town. In the morning you will visit the lower city. **The Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels** stands at the foot of the hill of Assisi over the **Porziuncola - Saint Francis' Church** given him by the Benedictine monks. **The Church and Convent of St. Damiano** is where in 1205, Saint Francis received his calling to "Rebuild My Church". Saint Claire will later lead her Order of the Poor Ladies from here until her death in 1253. Celebrate Mass at one of these sanctuaries. You will have time for private devotion and leisure before returning to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

Oct. 4 - Assisi

After breakfast you'll walk to the **Papal Basilica of St Francis**, the mother church of the Franciscan Order and burial place of St Francis. The Basilica, which began construction in 1228, is built into the side on the side of a hill and comprises an Upper and Lower church. These churches are decorated with numerous frescoes by late medieval painters including Giotto. Celebrate Mass here. Continue on your guided pilgrimage of the town's highlights featuring the **Basilica of St. Clare**, where you can kneel before the famous crucifix from which Jesus spoke to St Francis. Enjoy an afternoon at leisure in Assisi before returning to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

Oct. 5 – Greccio and Rome

After breakfast you'll begin your journey to Rome. En route, stop in **Greccio** to visit the **Sanctuary**. Set within the rock like an eagle's nest, the Greccio hermitage is an extraordinary fusion of architecture and nature. Saint Francis of Assisi chose the sanctuary as the backdrop to one of the highest and most lyrical moments in his life: the first recreation of the Bethlehem Nativity in Christianity on Christmas Eve, 1223. Celebrate Mass here. Upon your arrival to **Rome**, enjoy a visit to the **Forum** and the **Colosseum**, once the heart of ancient Rome and a place of martyrdom for the early saints. Check into your hotel for dinner and overnight.

Oct. 6 - Vatican

Enjoy a guided tour of the **Vatican's Museums** and **Sistine Chapel**. Built by connecting portions of the old Papal residence with newer structures, the museum houses a world renowned collection of art and antiquities. Michelangelo painted the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel between 1508 and 1512, and later painted *The Last Judgment* between 1535 and 1541 for Popes Clement VII and Paul III. The primary function of the chapel is the Papal Conclave, providing the place where the College of Cardinals of the church gathers to select a new Pope. Then walk through **St. Peter's Basilica** and celebrate Mass here. The present structure completed in 1590 was built over the Byzantine and Middle Ages structures that marked the tomb of Saint Peter. There are more than 100 tombs within the Basilica, including most recently Saint John Paul II. Finish the day at the **Pantheon**, built by Marcus Agrippa during the reign of Augustus (27 BC to 14 AD). Emperor Hadrian rebuilt it around 126 AD. The building was given to Pope Boniface IV who converted it into a church - Saint Mary and the Martyrs (Santa Maria Rotunda). Mass continues to be celebrated here. Stop at the famous Trevi Fountain. Legend says those who toss a coin into the fountain will one day return to Rome to toss another into the waters of Trevi. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

Oct. 7 – Rome

After breakfast, enjoy the opportunity to join in prayer with Pope Francis and receive his greeting, blessing and prayers. Begin your afternoon with a visit to the **Archbasilica of Saint John Lateran**. Six Popes are entombed here. Next door is the **Holy Staircase** (Scala Santa), brought from Pilate's Palace in Jerusalem by Saint Helena in the 4th Century. Climbing the stairs on your knees is a devotion that many pilgrims perform, and a plenary indulgence is granted for completing this feat. Next is the **Basilica of Saint Lawrence Outside the Walls** (San Lorenzo). Saint Lawrence was one of the first seven deacons of Rome, martyred in 258. The Church is built next to catacombs that lead down to his grave. The relics of Saints Justin Martyr and Stephen are also enshrined here. Continue on your pilgrim journey to the **Basilica of Saint Mary Major** (Maria Maggiore). This is the largest Marian church in Rome. Its construction began after the Council of Ephesus in 431 proclaimed that Mary was the Mother of God. Saint Jerome, translator of the Bible into the Latin Vulgate, is buried here. Celebrate Mass in one of the Churches here. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

Oct. 8 – Pilgrimage in Rome

This morning, begin your final day of pilgrimage at the **Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls**. The present structure stands over the place where Constantine built the first church over Saint Paul's grave. The church features a portrait of every Pope that has served the church, with the face of Pope Francis I illuminated as the present pontiff. Step beneath the surface into the **Catacombs of Callixtus**, built along the Appian Way. Here 16 Popes from the 2nd through 4th Centuries were interred, though they have been removed to various churches over

Itinerary continued...

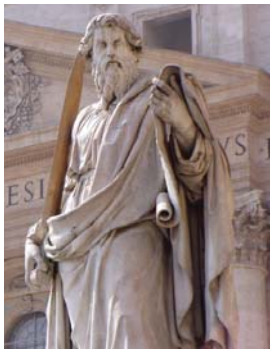
the centuries. **San Sebastian Outside the Walls** is another of the seven Pilgrimage churches, built over the Catacombs of Saint Sebastian. The remains of Peter and Paul were temporarily protected here during the Valerian Persecution of 258. Your seventh and final pilgrimage stop is the **Basilica of the Holy Cross in Jerusalem**. Saint Helena brought Passion relics here, and the floor was covered with soil from Jerusalem. Relics here include the index finger of Thomas that touched the wounds of Christ after His resurrection, and a piece of the Good Thief's Cross. Those who want to complete the seven church pilgrimage as declared by Saint John Paul II in 2000 can continue on to one more stop at **Shrine of Our Lady of Divine Love**. Here a pilgrim pursued by dogs appealed to Our Lady and she intervened for his safety. Pilgrims began to frequent the site and a chapel was built here in 1745. Celebrate mass in one of the churches. Return to your hotel for dinner and overnight.

Oct. 9 – Subiaco and Monte Cassino

Travel south of Rome to **Subiaco**, home to the Abbey of St. Scholastica and St. Benedict's Cave. A visit to the **Cave of St. Benedict** (a few kilometers from the Abbey) includes seeing the oldest fresco of St. Francis of Assisi, made in his lifetime. Continue south to visit the hilltop monastery of **Monte Cassino**. The abbey was destroyed in 1944 in the latter stages of World War II, but has been rebuilt, with its extensive archives having been restored to the library here. The Benedictine Order was established here in 529 AD. Celebrate Mass at one of these sites before returning to Rome for dinner and overnight.

Oct. 10 – Return to USA

Return home with memories of the people and places of Assisi and Rome.



HOST BIOS

FATHER DAVID PELES



Fr. Dave graduated from St. Francis University in 1980 with a B.A. in Philosophy. He earned an M.A. in Theology from Mount Saint Mary's Seminary in Emmitsburg, MD and was ordained to the priesthood in 1984. Fr. Dave served in various parishes throughout the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese as a Parochial Vicar and Hospital Chaplain prior to being named Pastor of St. Mary's in 2001. In 2009 he was appointed Pastor of St. Benedict Parish, Johnstown.

DEACON MICHAEL RUSSO



Deacon Michael L. Russo is the Parish Deacon at St. Benedicts and is the Director of the Permanent Diaconate and the Ministerial Coordinator of Adult Enrichment and Lay Ecclesial Ministry for the Diocese of Johnstown-Altoona. He recently authored a book "The Via Dolorosa."

Deacon Michael holds a Master of Arts degree in Sacred Scripture and Systematic Theology from St. Vincent Seminary where he served as a member of the Adjunct Faculty. He and his wife Nancy look forward to sharing their love for Italy and the Eternal City of Rome with you on this pilgrimage.



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Host: Deacon Michael Russo ID#: 57761 Tour: RM18
Departure City: Departure Date: 10/01/18 (B)
Legal Name must be submitted as it appears on your passport:

Guest 1 Legal Name: Title:
Preferred Name:
Street Address: P.O. Box:
City: State: Zip Code:
Phone: Alt. Phone:
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Birth Date: / / State of Birth: Sex: Male Female
Emergency Contact: Relationship:
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How did you learn about this tour?

Guest 2 Legal Name: Title:
Preferred Name:
Street Address: P.O. Box:
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Emergency Contact: Relationship:
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Important Information Regarding Travel Protection Plan:
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2 Premium is based on TOTAL cost of trip and is non-refundable.
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DEPOSIT PER PERSON REQUIRED

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Travel Protection Plan - Premium Rates For All Tours

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Table with 5 columns showing premium rates for different trip costs. Columns include \$0 to \$1000, \$1001 to \$1500, \$1501 to \$2000, \$2001 to \$2500, and rates for \$2501 to \$3000, \$3001 to \$3500, \$3501 to \$4000, \$4001 to \$4500, \$4501 to \$5000, \$5001 to \$5500, \$5501 to \$6000, \$6001 to \$6500, \$6501 to \$7000, \$7001 to \$8000, \$8001 to \$9000, \$9001 to \$10,000.

Table with 2 columns: Schedule of Coverages and Maximum Benefit. Rows include Trip Cancellation, Accidental Death & Dismemberment, Medical Expense / Emergency Assistance, Trip Interruption, Travel Delay, Missed Connection, Baggage and Personal Effects, Baggage Delay.

Part A - Travel Arrangement Benefits are provided by Educational Opportunities Tours. Part B - Travel Protection Benefits are provided by United States Fire Insurance Co. For New York Residents Only: Part A Benefits are travel arrangement benefits underwritten by United States Insurance Company.

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THE FINE PRINT

INCLUDED IN PRICE:

- Roundtrip international airfare • Deluxe motorcoaches • 1st class hotels • Guided sightseeing
• Entrance fees to sites visited (as listed in itinerary) • Breakfast & dinner daily • Hotel gratuities
• Program fees • Fuel surcharges \$500 • Taxes \$98 (Increases in government tax and fees are subject to change)

NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE:

- Optional Travel Protection Program (see premium schedule)
• Extensions and optional sightseeing as listed in the brochure
• Miscellaneous fees such as individual transfers; passports, laundry, lunches, beverages at meals & baggage fees
• Voluntary "Love Offering" for guide and driver • \$100 Document fee for Non-US/Canadian residents

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Price is per person based on double occupancy. When available, single rooms are often smaller than doubles. While EOT will try to match roommates, EOT cannot guarantee a roommate will be available. Roommates may be assigned as late as 30 days prior to departure and, if one is not available or you request a single room, the following charges apply: \$448 during the basic week.

SAVINGS:

Early registration discounts or other promotions are deducted from the balance of your bill. Hosts/Co-hosts are not eligible.

PAYMENT INFORMATION:

All prices reflect a 4% discount for full payment via check.

PAYMENT SCHEDULE:

Table with 2 columns: Payment Amount and Payment Due Dates & Notes. Rows include \$100*, \$300**, \$600, \$1,200, \$1,800, Full Payment, and Travel Protection Premium Amount.

REGISTRATIONS RECEIVED after June 18, 2018:

We welcome registrations after 06/18/18. Registrations received between 06/19/18 - 07/03/18 will incur a \$100 per person fee. Registrations received between 07/04/18 - 07/18/18 will incur a \$200 per person fee. Registrations received between 07/19/18 - 08/02/18 will incur a \$400 per person fee. Registrations received on 08/3/18 or later will incur an additional fee based on air availability. Additional fees will be advised upon registration.

CANCELLATION FEES:

100% of Cancellation Fees are covered by the optional Travel Protection Program, provided premium has been paid and reason for cancellation is insurable. Those who do not take travel protection should be aware of the following cancellation penalties: From day of registration to 105 days prior to departure, you will be charged the \$100 non-refundable administrative fee plus any airline fees. Additionally, thereafter, you will be charged any airline penalties and a single room supplement if your cancellation forces your roommate into a single plus the following charges: 104-60 days = \$400; 59-45 days = \$600; 44-31 days = 40% of total cost; 30 days to day of departure = 100% of total cost. Submit cancellation in writing. On or after day of departure, there will be no refund for any services not used.

FIT TO TRAVEL STATEMENT:

Passengers registering for the tour accept the responsibility for being in good health and able to walk and travel on the tour. Because many of the sites are not accessible to the physically challenged, those needing oxygen, wheelchairs, or other ambulatory assistance will find the tour extremely limiting to their experiences. If you have questions, please contact Educational Opportunities Tours Inc. for more details.

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PRICE INCREASES:

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AIRLINE ROUTES and TICKETS:

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FLIGHT TIMES:

All flights are subject to change by the airlines without advance notice. EOT is not responsible for such changes or delays and does not reimburse expenses resulting from such delays. If you are making your own flight arrangements to the departure city, we recommend you purchase a ticket that can be exchanged without large penalties.

ADDITIONAL AIRLINE FEES:

You will likely incur additional airline checked baggage fees that are not included in the price of the tour. These fees vary by airline and are at the airline's discretion on each segment of the flight itinerary. Additionally, you may incur optional fees (food, excess baggage, overweight baggage, items of personal nature, etc.) as well. For more information, visit www.eocatholic.com/travelinfo/airlinefees.aspx.

DEVIATIONS:

Deviations from the standard tour program must be submitted in writing and are subject to additional airline fees, if applicable. Transfers for passengers who deviate are not included.

ITINERARY CHANGES:

Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this brochure. While you will see all sites listed in this brochure, the order of sites and/or days and number of days may be altered to accommodate changes in airline, hotel schedules, and local conditions. Due to airline schedules, some participants may receive one or two extra leisure days at a nominal per day charge and some extensions may not be available on all departure dates. If itinerary changes necessitate extra overnights, you will be charged \$125 per night; single rooms \$175 per night. Meals for extra nights are not included.

VALIDITY DATE:

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