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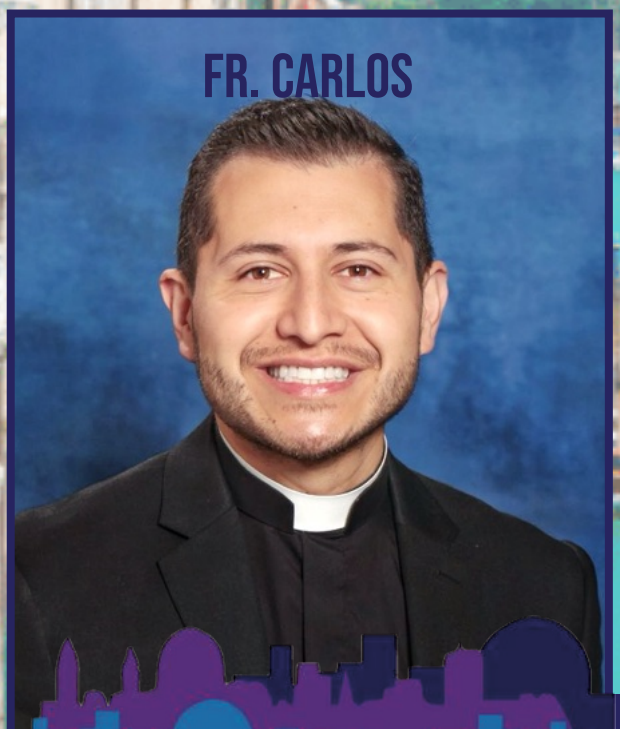

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Day 1: Depart USA

"If then you ask for miracles, Death, error , all calamities , Leprosy , and demons fly and health succeeds infirmities. The sea obeys and fetters break, And lifeless limbs you do restore. Whilst treasures lost are found again when young and old your aid implore " (Traditional Prayer to St. Anthony).

Day 2 – Arrive In Italy –Padova & St. Anthony

Upon arrival at Venice ' s airport, we will be greeted by our tour Manager and driver. According to the time of arrival, we will drive to Padova, to visit the Basilica of St Anthony. We will see his uncorrupt tongue over 760 years ago, more than 30 years after his death. This scientifically inexplicable phenomenon is what faith calls a miracle, seeing that the relicof the tongue, the instruments used by St Anthony for preaching, is still visible and uncorrupted after many centuries. The relic may be venerated in the Chapel of the Treasury in the Basilica, which is visited each year by millions of pilgrims. We celebrate Mass and continue to the hotel to check in and relax, before dinner and overnight. (D)

Day 3 – Venice

After breakfast, we will depart our hotel by bus to reach the dock. From here, by private motorboat, we reach Venice in 30 minutes by sea. Upon arrival, we will enjoy a guided tour in this fascinating town to see the Doge's Palace (outside) and the Basilica of St. Mark the Evangelist (inside). Free time for an optional Gondola ride, or for shopping. In afternoon, we will board private boat back to our bus and drive to Basilica of St Anthony to visit the Basilica and celebrate Mass. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight (B, D)

Day 4 – Venice – Siena

This morning we will depart hotel and drive to Siena (4 hrs drive). Upon arrival, we will enjoy a walking tour of Siena, birthplace of St. Catherine, Virgin and Doctor of the Church. After time at leisure for lunch, we will visit Basilica of St Dominic, which houses the relics of St. Catherine, and stroll the streets of Siena, considered to be the best preserved medieval city, Celebrate Mass before going to our hotel. Check in, dinner and overnight. (BD)

Day 5 – Siena –Florence – Siena

Florence awaits us today! Upon arrival, we stop at Michelangelo Square for a panoramic view of the city. The walking tour includes the Duomo and the Baptistery next door (outside view), the Ponte Vecchio and other highlights of the city. Mass is celebrated at the Church of Santa Croce. The afternoon is at leisure to explore the city on your own. Perhaps visit the Accademia to see Michelangelo's David or the Uffizi Gallery. Return to the hotel in Siena for dinner and overnight. (B.D.)

Day 6: Siena - Orvieto - Assisi

We depart after breakfast and drive to Orvieto, where we visit the gothic Cathedral built to house the holy relics of the Eucharistic Miracle of Orvieto. It was this miracle that occasioned the proclamationof the Feast of Corpus Christi and inspired St. Thomas Aquinas towrite the famous hymn "Tantum Ergo." We enjoy lunch in a local restaurant with tasting of the Orvieto and Orvieto Classico wine this region is famous for. In the afternoon, we proceed to Assisi and settle into our hotel for dinner and overnight (B. L. D)

Day 7 – Assisi

After early breakfast, transfer to the Basilica of St. Francis to Celebrate Mass at the Tomb of St. Francis, at which we will. After Mass, visit the Basilica of St. Francis. Our local guide will take us to explore the Basilica complex, which is actually composed of two churches built one atop the other. Beneath both churches is the crypt that houses the tomb of St. Francis. The lower Basilica dates from 1228 to 1230, and is richly decorated with beautiful stained glass windows, and paintings done by some of the most important artists of the 13th and 14th centuries. In the upper Basilica, built from 1230 - 1253, we will marvel at the monumental frescoes painted by Giotto, which depict scenes from the life of the saint. Continue to visit the Basilica of St. Clare, the first and most important heroine of the Franciscan movement, view her remains and see the miraculous Crucifix. Independent lunch – In the afternoon we will visit San Damiano Sanctuary "One day in the autumn of 1205 the Lord was waiting here for Francis On a morning in April of 1211 the Lord welcomed Clare together with her first sisters. They were encounters and thus began their Christian adventure. Brother, Sister. Perhaps here today the Lord will meet with you.May your faith be firm and may the Lord grant you peace. Next we will visit the Basilica of Santa Maria degli Angeli. Crowned by the magnificent dome designed by Alessi, this great Basilica was built in 1569. It enclosed the shrine of the "Porziuncola" or the Little Portion Chapel around which the first Franciscan community was centered, the place where Clare received the habit from Francis, and the Capella Del Transito, which marks the spotwhere the Saint died. Return to the hotel for dinner and an overnight. (B.D.)

Day 8 Assisi Rome : St Paul Outside The Walls, Trastevere

After breakfast we check out and drive to Rome. Upon arrival we stop at the Basilica of St Paul Outside the walls to walk through the first Holy Door of our Jubilee Year Pilgimage and to celebrate Mass. . Originally founded by Emperor Constantine in the 4th century, the Basilica is where the great Apostle Paul is buried Following lunch we will drive to the old quarter of Trastevere. Pietro arrived in Rome by ship at the Port of Ripa Grande, a few steps from the Basilica of St Cecilia, in a neighborhood at the time inhabited by Jews and was hosted here. We will start the day celebrating Mass at Basilica of St Cecilia. Then we will enjoy a walking tour around this quarter visiting the Church of St Francesco a Ripa and the Basilica of St. Maria in Trastevere. Continue to the hotel for check in, dinner and overnight. (BD)

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DAY 9 – APPIAN WAY – CATACOMBS - IMPERIAL ROME & BASILICA OF ST. MARY MAJOR

This morning we will drive to the Appian Way, the earliest road of Ancient Rome, to reach the Catacombs and the Basilica of St Sebastian. We will visit also the Church of Domine Quo Vadis. According to the tradition the apostle Peter, fleeing the city to avoid martyrdom, met Jesus to whomhe addressed the following words "Domine, quo vadis" ? (Lord, where are you going?) and the Lord replied "VenioRomam iterum crucifigi" (I am coming to Rome to be crucified again). Peter, understanding the rebuke, went back to face his fate and Jesus disappeared but, in disappearing, left his footprints on the road. As evidence of what happened, inside the Church there is a stone with the imprints "of His Holy feet". The stone is actually a copy: the original is in fact kept in the Basilica of San Sebastiano). Return to Rome.Break for lunch We will enjoy a walking tour of the Imperial Rome area. We start at the Colosseum (outside visit). Then we will continue to the Roman Forum, the religious, political, and commercial center of ancient Rome, and for centuries, the entire civilized world. We will see the Arches of Constantine and Titus. We will visit the Church of St. Francesca Romana. Also known as Santa Maria Nova, is located between the Roman Forum and the Temple of Venus and Rome. According to tradition, the place where the basilica stands was the one where Simon Magus died. A stone commemorates the event: on this one we would still see the marks of Peter's knees, who knelt in prayer. Here we will celebrate Mass. Finally, we will see the Mamertine prison, where San Pietro was incarcerated. In the late afternoon we will drive to the Basilica of St. Mary Major, walking through the 2nd Holy Door of our pilgrimage. Today we will start the day celebrating Mass then we will visit the Basilica of St Mary Major, which is one of the oldest and most important shrines in the world dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary - Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight (BD).

Day 10 –Wednesday Papal Audience – St John Lateran – Holy Stairs

Early morning wake -up call today, we will reach the Vatican City to attend the Papal Audience in St Peter's Square with Pope Francis After break for lunch, we will reach the Basilica of St John in Lateran and we walk through the third Holy Door of our trip. This Basilica is the seat of the bishop of Rome, who of course, is also the Pope. The Basilica houses magnificent artwork and also wood from the table used at the Last Supper. It is high above the altar above the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, to the left of the main Papal altar. From here we will walk to the Shrine of the Holy Stairs , so named because they are the steps which led to the praetorium of the Roman Procurator Ponzio Pilato. Some time at leisure for personal activities before returning to the hotel for dinner and overnight. (BD)

Day 11 : Basilica Of St Peter And Vatican Treasures & Baroque Square

Following breakfast, we reach t St. Peter's Basilica, the largest Christendom Church At the Basilica we walk through the fourth Holy Door of our trip. We celebrate Mass and the we enjoy a guided tour The Basilica was built on the site where St. Peter, the first Pope and Bishop of Rome, was martyred. It is here that we view Michelangelo's Pieta and pray at the tombs of St. Peter and Pope St. John Paul II. Continue to the Vatican Museum where we see world-famous masterpieces including the incomparable Sistine Chapel – Our afternoon tour includes the most beautiful monuments of the Baroque Rome area, including, Piazza Navona, Pantheon, Trevi Fountain and Spanish Steps. Some time at leisure for shopping before going back to our hotel for dinner and overnight. (BD)

Day 12 Departure

In the morning, transfer to Rome 's airport. Departure.

To include Padova in the program, and of course also Rome to celebrate the Jubilee, the flights should be:

Arrival into Venice April 23
Departure from Rome May 03
Let me know if it might work or if the tour leader wishes to make changes.
Rates are per attached program as the following:

TOTAL PRICE OF THE TRIP: 20-24 pax = USD $5590
Supplement in single room surcharge = USD 1163$

Rates are based on accommodation at 4* hotels as for the following list
OR SIMILAR

2 nights in Padova at hotel AC Marriot 4* www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/qpapa-ac-hotel-padova
2 nights in Venice Mestre at Hotel Belstay 4*https://www.belstayhotels.it/veneziamestre

2 nights in Siena at Hotel Montaperti 4* www.precisehotels.com/Montaperti-Siena

2 nights in Assisi at Hotel Cenacolo 4* www.hotelcenacolo.com

4 nights in Rome at Hotel Carpegna Palace 4* at 10 minutes by bus to San Peter's Basilica www.carpegnapalace.it

It is possible to book a 4* moderate hotel in Rome, similar to Hotel Fleming 4* www.grandhotelfleming.it to save EURO 200 p.p.

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4/23/24-5/03/25

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- 9 Lunches
- Gratuities for tour escort, for local guides and for drivers / Tips

All prices are in US Dollars based on per person in a double room, Pax rooming alone is subject to single supplement, and maximum capacity of the bus is 50 Pax. All prices are VAT inclusive

HOTELS:
Tour prices are per person, based on two people sharing a room in Deluxe hotels. Single rooms are subject to availability and at an additional cost of $850.00 (tour participants without a roommate will have to pay single room surcharge).

BAGGAGE:
You may check no more than one (1) piece of luggage whose overall dimensions does not exceed 62 inches (length + width + height) and whose weight does not exceed fifty (50) pounds in total. Checking a second bag will cost up to $100.00. Each passenger may also bring one (1) piece of carry-on luggage. Tips to hotel porters are included for one normal sized piece of luggage, excluding carry- on bags which must remain in your possession at all times. These regulations may change without notice so please read the monthly correspondence you will receive from Holy Sepulcher Travel for the most current information. Garment bags cannot be carried. Under no circumstances may dangerous articles such as firearms, explosives, oxygen, or combustible substances be contained in any baggage. Medications, valuables, passports, and a change of clothing should be packed in your carry-on bag.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS:
If a passenger cancels his/her tour membership there will be a cancellation fee of $100.00 per person to cover administrative and communication costs up until 121 days before departure. For cancellations 120-91 days before departure the cancellation fee will be $250.00 per person. 90-61 days before departure the cancellation fee will be 50% of the Cost per person. There will be no refund for cancellations within 60 days of departure, no-shows, or partially completed tours. All cancellation requests must be addressed to Holy Sepulcher Travel in writing. Trip cancellation insurance is recommended.

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PASSPORT:
A valid passport is required and must be obtained in person by each tour member. Complete instructions and application forms for passports can be obtained by contacting your local courthouse or post office.

PRICE CHANGES:
Tour conditions and air fares are subject to Governmental, IATA, ARC, and airline regulation requirements in effect at the date of and during the tour. All rates are quoted in US dollars and are based on tariffs and costs in effect in January 2023 and are subject to change without notice. Taxes and fuel surcharges of $423.00 are included in your tour cost and are subject to change without notice. Holy Sepulcher Travel reserves the right to pass along add- tonal fuel surcharges or additional taxes imposed by the airline.

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Registration for trip and payment of deposit constitutes your acceptance of the "Fine Print."

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Optional Post Tour Extension to Jordan

Yes ☐ **No** ☐

PERSONAL INFORMATION (Please complete one application per person)

Full Name (as printed on your passport): First Name: Middle Name: Last Name:				
Name (as you wish it to appear on your name badge):			**Date of birth:**	**Male** ☐ **Female** ☐
Mailing Address	Street:		**Mobile Phone:**	**Home Phone:**
City:	State:	Zip code:	**Work Phone:**	
Email Address				

PASSPORT INFORMATION

Country of citizenship:	**Passport number:**
Passport date of issue:	**Passport date of expiration:**
Frequent flier number:	**Known traveler number:**

ROOM ASSIGNMENT INFORMATION

Please check one: Double/triple occupancy ☐ Single occupancy **(Private Room)** $850.00 additional ☐

All prices are in US Dollars based on per person in a double/triple room, Passengers rooming alone is subject to single supplement

If choosing double occupancy, please indicate the name of your roommate if known at the time of booking

If choosing single occupancy, would you be willing to share a room with another person? Yes ☐ No ☐

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

Please list the name, relationship and phone number for a family member/close friend who is NOT traveling with you:

I agree to the terms and conditions as stated in this tour contract:

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Please enclose a copy of current passport and a deposit of **$500.00 per person** made payable to:

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