A Spiritual & Cultural Journey to Italy
10-Days: June 8 to 17, 2018

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Dear Alumni, Families and Friends in Christ:

Today, I personally invite you to join me, and the Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Los Angeles on a spiritual and cultural pilgrimage to Italy. No where can you find so many reminders of the history of the Catholic Church, such important places of devotion and worship, and the opportunity to walk with the saints.

Let's take a summer faith-inspiring journey to Italy!

From June 8–17, 2018, we will lead Alumni, Student and Parish Families of Church of the Little Flower and St. Theresa School and all who are interested in exploring the roots of our faith. Over the course of our 10-day trip, we will explore the heart of Christianity, visiting Assisi, Florence, Orvieto, Rome and Vatican City. While at Saint Peter's Square, a papal audience is scheduled, a Mass celebrated at the tomb of Saint Peter, as well as a visit to the Vatican museum and the Sistine Chapel.

Transported on deluxe motor coach, and attended to by both a full-time tour guide and bus driver who will be with us every step of the way, we will enjoy the benefits of a carefully planned itinerary that will be amazing in its impact. In addition to the magnificent sight-seeing, we will enjoy beautiful liturgies with daily mass, spiritual and educational enrichment, the delights of Italian cuisine, comfortable upscale hotel accommodations, time for personal prayer and reflection, rest, and opportunities for shopping.

Our travel agency of choice is the nationally-renowned Catholic Travel Centre of Burbank, California. Their staff is very attentive to detail, and will make your registration experience effortless, and your journey one to remember for a lifetime.

Italy is the perfect destination for travelers looking to hear the voice of God more clearly, hoping that as we journey our hearts may be opened and our souls healed. Pilgrimages evoke our earthly journey toward heaven and are traditionally very special occasions for renewal in prayer and to reconnect with our families.

Please join us next June on this journey of spiritual enrichment.

Rev. Luis Alberto Flores
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Parochial Vicar
Church of the Little Flower and St. Theresa School

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**Our Daily Itinerary**

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**FRI, JUNE 8, DAY 1: DEPART THE USA:** We depart Miami this evening in route to Rome, with complimentary meals and beverages served on board.

**SAT, JUNE 9, DAY 2: ARRIVE ROME:** We arrive in Rome and are greeted by our Catholic Travel Centre representative, who will accompany us throughout the tour. Boarding our waiting motor coach, we proceed to our hotel for dinner and the evening. (D)

**SUN, JUNE 10, DAY 3: ROME: ANCIENT ROME & HISTORIC WALKING TOUR:** This morning we visit the Coliseum. Its real name was the Flavian Amphitheatre, after the emperors who built it in the first century A.D. Coliseum refers to the ‘colossal’ statue of Nero that at one time stood at the entrance. Originally on this spot stood a pool, around which was built Emperor Nero’s famous ‘Golden House.’ The construction was completed with the help of Jewish slaves brought here in 70 AD. The Coliseum served as the center for violent sports, and traditionally, as the site of the martyrdom of many Christians. After some time for lunch on our own, we enjoy a walking tour of historic Rome, beginning at the Piazza Navona, with its beautiful fountains. We see the Church of San Luigi dei Francesi with its three stunning paintings by Caravaggio, and the Pantheon, originally built to honor all the gods of ancient Rome. We celebrate Mass at the Basilica of Santa Maria Sopra Minerva, housing the tomb of St. Catherine of Siena. We continue with a visit to the Trevi Fountain, where we toss our three coins into the fountain to make our three wishes - one for love - one for money - and one to return to Rome. Don’t forget to get a photo of the beautiful Spanish Steps. Dinner tonight is at our hotel. (B, D)

**MON, JUNE 11, DAY 4: ROME: ST. PETER’S BASILICA, ST. MARY MAJOR & ST. JOHN LATERAN:** We begin today with Mass at the Basilica of St. Peter at the Tomb altar. After Mass we meet our local guide for a visit inside the Basilica of St. Peter. Inside we see the art treasures such as Michelangelo’s moving Pieta and Bernini’s Dove of the Holy Spirit. We will also be able to visit the tomb of St. John Paul II. We will have some free time in the Vatican area for lunch on our own and some shopping. This afternoon we visit the Basilica of St. Mary Major, the largest church in Rome dedicated to the Blessed Mother. Nearby we see the Basilica of St. John Lateran. It is here that St. Francis persuaded Pope Innocent III to give permission to begin the Franciscan Order. The night before, the Pope had seen a man in a dream and the man was supporting the tottering building of St. John Lateran. The next day, when Francis appeared before Pope Innocent, His Holiness recognized the face from the dream and consented to Francis’ request. Nearby we visit the Scala Sancta, purportedly the stairs which Christ climbed prior to his condemnation by Pontius Pilate. We return to our hotel for dinner and the evening. (B, D)

**TUE, JUNE 12, DAY 5: ROME: MORNING AT LEISURE, BOCA DELLA VERITA, CATACOMBS, ST. PAUL’S OUTSIDE THE WALLS:** After some time at leisure in the morning, we depart for Santa Maria in Cosmedin to see the Bocca della Verita (Mouth of Truth), which is found in the courtyard. Medieval tradition had it that the formidable jaws would snap shut over the hands of those who told lies. Next, we visit the Catacombs of St. Calixtus, housing many of the tombs of the early Popes and martyrs. These underground burial places for 16 popes, a large number of martyrs and a great many Christians, contain an intricate network of passages and chambers hewn from the soft Roman tufa. Late this afternoon, we celebrate Mass at the Basilica of St. Paul’s Outside the Walls, housing the Tomb of St. Paul the Apostle, affectionately known as the Apostle of the Gentiles. The Basilica was first built by the Emperor Constantine in the 300’s to honor the site where Paul was buried—outside the walls of the city. The basilica, rebuilt many times over many centuries, contains medallion portraits of all of the popes, from Peter to Francis. We return to our hotel for dinner and the evening. (B, D)

**WED, JUNE 13, DAY 6: ROME: PAPAL AUDIENCE & VATICAN MUSEUMS:** This morning, after breakfast, we make our way to Vatican City to attend the General Papal Audience with Pope Francis (subject to the Holy Father’s final schedule). After some time for lunch on our own, we visit the Vatican Museums,
whose treasures include the ancient Rome exhibits with the famous Laocoon statue, and the High Renaissance murals of Raphael, which he was painting at the same time Michelangelo completed the Sistine, another marvel. The restoration of its frescoes reveals startling bright colors—a new light on Michelangelo! The Sistine, another marvel. The restoration of its frescoes reveals startling bright colors—a new light on Michelangelo! The Sistine, another marvel. The restoration of its frescoes reveals startling bright colors—a new light on Michelangelo! The Sistine, another marvel. The restoration of its frescoes reveals startling bright colors—a new light on Michelangelo!

THU, JUNE 14, DAY 7: ROME / ORVIEITO / ST. MARY OF THE ANGELS / ASSISI: After breakfast, we depart for Assisi, stopping along the way at the charming hilltop town of Orvieto. Here we celebrate Mass in the Cathedral. The town sits on a 1,000-foot high rock formation, poetically crowned by Italy's most renowned Gothic cathedral. Because of its strategic location, Orvieto for centuries served as a refuge for the popes in troubled times. But Orvieto's claim to fame is really much more significant: “It was during one of Orvieto's papal visitations, in the 1260's (Urban IV), that the Miracle of Bolsena occurred. A Bohemian priest named Peter, passing through on his way to Rome, was asked to celebrate Mass in the town of Bolsena. Father Peter had long been secretly skeptical about the doctrine of transubstantiation, but during this Mass the Host itself answered his doubts by dripping blood on the altar linen. Marveling, Peter took the linen to the pope in Orvieto, who declared it a miracle and instituted the feast of Corpus Christi. Thomas Aquinas, also in Orvieto at the time, was instructed to compose a suitable office for the new holy day, while the pope promised Orvieto a magnificent new cathedral to enshrine the blood-stained relic” (Cadogan Guide). Back on our motor coach, we continue on to Assisi, a quiet medieval town, imbued with the mystical spirit of one of the most fascinating characters of history.”

We stop at the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels, containing the Porziuncola, built by St. Francis and the Mother Church of the Franciscan Order. This tiny church rests inside the larger Basilica, like a ship in a giant bottle. We check-in to our hotel in Assisi for dinner and the evening. (B, D)

FRI, JUNE 15, DAY 8: ASSISI: EXCURSION TO FLORENCE: This morning we depart Assisi for an excursion to Florence - the City of the Medici Family and Machiavelli. Upon arrival we meet our local guide for a city tour starting with a visit to the Galleria dell'Accademia. This gallery houses painting by Florentine artists spanning 13th to 16th centuries, but its main draw is Michelangelo's David, carved from a single block of marble when the artist was only 29. After our visit here we see the Duomo (Cathedral) with its pink, white and green marble façade, and its famed dome by Brunelleschi. It is the 4th largest Cathedral in the world. Located next to the Duomo is the Baptistry of San Giovanni, one of the oldest buildings in Florence, dedicated to John the Baptist. The octagonal building is famous for its gilded bronze doors, particularly the Gates of Paradise by Lorenzo Ghiberti. Our next visit is the Franciscan Church of Santa Croce, housing the tombs of Michelangelo and Dante among other famous figures. We celebrate Mass at St. Lorenzo Church. We will have some time to stop at the Ponte Vecchio (Old Bridge) the famous 14th-century bridge, lined with gold and silversmiths. Later this afternoon we board our motor coach and return to our hotel in Assisi for dinner. (B, D)

SAT, JUNE 16, DAY 9: ASSISI: VISIT OF THE TOWN: This morning after breakfast we visit the Basilica of St. Francis, by a local monk. Then we meet with our local guide and enjoy a walking tour of the city, visiting the major sites associated with St. Francis, including: the Chiesa Nuova, built over the home of Francis’ family; the Cathedral of San Rufino, with the baptismal font of the Saint; and the Basilica of St. Clare. After some time for lunch on our own, we meet at the piazza near St. Clare’s Basilica and take taxi’s up the winding road (buses cannot make these sharp turns) to the Eremo delle Carceri (Hermitage), secluded some 2 1/2 miles outside the town of Assisi. Here is where St. Francis often retired to pray. Here, in the midst of the lush green forest and the singing birds, one gets a deep sense of the spirit of St. Francis. This evening we celebrate a vigil Mass at the Basilica of St. Francis. Dinner will be served at our hotel. (B, D)

SUN, JUNE 17, DAY 10: RETURN TO THE USA: Early this morning, we transfer to the Rome airport for our return flight to the United States, our suitcases full of memories of our Spiritual & Cultural Journey to Italy. (B)

Note: While no changes are anticipated, there may be unforeseen occasions when certain alterations become necessary to this itinerary, either due to changes in airline schedules or for other reasons.

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