Jubilee Year of Mercy Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi

March 4-13, 2016

Led by Dr. and Mrs. Timothy O’Donnell

Seven Nights in Rome, One in Assisi
A Week of Spiritual Renewal in Preparation for Easter

Join fellow Catholics on a pilgrimage meant to strengthen the spirit of mercy within whilst praying through the final weeks of Lent. Dr. O’Donnell will give tours of St. Peter’s Basilica (with early morning Mass near the tomb of St. Peter), catacombs, the Roman forum, the Colosseum, “hidden churches of Rome”, the major basilicas of Rome, attend general audience with His Holiness Pope Francis, and more. In the medieval walled city of Assisi visit the basilica and tomb of St. Francis, the basilica and tomb of St. Clare, and more. These opportunities of a lifetime will become cherished memories, expanding the mind and touching the soul in ways not easily matched nor forgotten.

Price: $3,590

Pilgrims will stay at Hotel Columbus in Rome (very near to St. Peter’s). Price includes round-trip airfare from Washington, DC, transfers, hotels, entrance fees, deluxe coach travel to Assisi, daily breakfast and dinner. Participants will depart from Washington, D.C., on Friday, March 4 arrive in Rome on Saturday, March 5, and depart from there on Sunday, March 13th.

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christendom.edu/pilgrimage
Friday, March 4: Overnight flight to Rome from Washington-Dulles on United Airlines.

Saturday, March 5: After our arrival in Rome, on this first Saturday in March, we will tour Santa Maria Maggiore, the largest basilica dedicated to Our Lady and afterwards visit S. Presede. This evening we will dine at Hotel Columbus, the historical seat of the Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulcre with invited special guest Cardinal Edwin O’Brien, Grand Master of the Order. (dinner)

Sunday, March 6: We will begin the day with Mass and our pilgrimage in this Year of Mercy at S. Spirito in Sassia where the heart of S. Faustina is enshrined. Afterwards we will join the pilgrims in St. Peter’s Square for the Angelus with Pope Francis. In the afternoon we will visit the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls. This evening we will meet with Fr. Wojciech Giertych, theologian for the Papal Household, for dinner at nearby restaurant in the Borgo. (breakfast, dinner)

Monday, March 7: We celebrate Mass in St. Peter’s near the tomb of St. Peter and then tour the basilica. This will be followed by a visit to the Vatican Holy Office to learn of the great work being done in support of the mission of the Holy Father. Following our meeting, we will receive a private tour of Vatican Radio with Mr. Sean Lovett, Director of English Programs, who will also join us for dinner that evening. (breakfast, dinner)

Tuesday, March 8: We will travel outside the city to the ancient catacombs and have the opportunity to join in spirit with the ancient Christians by celebrating Mass in the catacombs. We will visit San Callisto and St. Sebastian and then dine out on the ancient Appian Way. Later that afternoon we will tour the Basilica of Our Savior, also known as the Cathedral of St. John Lateran, traditionally known as the Pope’s Cathedral, climb the Scala Santa (Holy Stairs), then visit Santa Croce, which houses the relics of our Lord’s Passion. (breakfast, lunch)

Wednesday, March 9: We will attend a Papal Audience with Pope Francis in St. Peter’s Square. This afternoon, on the feast of St. Frances of Rome, we will visit sites associated with this great Roman saint. Cardinal Arinze is invited to dine with us at a traditional Roman trattoria. (breakfast, dinner)

Thursday, March 10: This will be “Classical Day” focusing on the historical roots of Western Civilization, walking in the footsteps of Peter. This excursion will include visits to the Coliseum, Palatine Hill, and the Roman Forum. This afternoon is free for you to explore the city or revisit your favorite sites. Dinner at Hotel Columbus. (breakfast, dinner)

Friday, March 11: We’ll start with an early morning rise for a trip through the Laziale and Umbrian countryside to the medieval walled city of Assisi. We will have Mass at the tomb of St. Francis and visit the tomb and relics of St. Clare. Dinner will be at our hotel. (breakfast, dinner)

Saturday, March 12: Start the day with free time to explore the winding streets that Sts. Francis and Clare walked and visit San Damiano. Mass at Santa Maria degli Angeli. Return to seaside area of Rome this evening. (breakfast, dinner)

Sunday, March 13: After a week filled with memories, we will fly back home to the United States. (breakfast)
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**TRAVEL DOCUMENTS:** Unless otherwise notified, Christendom College will mail you a more detailed itinerary and General Information Sheet by February 28, 2016.

**ITINERARY:** The itinerary as presented by Christendom College is tentative and represents what we are planning for you, however it is subject to confirmations from many organizations. Because of changes in local schedules, we may need to alter specified events, dates and/or venues to better fit the overall plan. The right is reserved to alter the itinerary, at Christendom College's sole discretion, as it may deem necessary or advisable. Contact Brenda Seelbach with any itinerary questions: brenda.seelbach@christendom.edu or 540-636-2900 ext. 1211.

**GRATUITIES:** Gratuities for your driver and guides are not included.

**ROOMS:** Tour prices are per person according to a room type: A. “Single” room is one person in a room and a “Double” is two persons in one room. “Triple” rooms are discouraged because of cramped quarters. Triples are one double bed with two persons sharing the bed and one single bed. Triples, are not always available.

**LUGGAGE:** Baggage is at owner's risk throughout the tour. Checked baggage is limited to one bag per person. There can be no exceptions. For most airlines, the one checked bag is limited to 50 pounds and 62 linear inches (length + width + height). It these specifications are exceeded, excess charges may be collected by the airline at the airport. Do not lock baggage you intend to check in at the airport. **Carry On Luggage:** You may also bring a small carry-on bag that will fit under an airline seat, which average about 8 inches high by 18 inches deep. It is best if your carry-on bag is soft sided. Currently, travelers are allowed to transport only small amounts of liquids, gels, lotions, aerosols or similar items on their person or in their carry-on luggage.

**HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:** Travelers must be medically and physically fit for this tour. This tour requires significant walking, as transportation is not permitted to pick up and drop off in front of major sites. The tour is not wheelchair accessible. Any special medical conditions or equipment must be advised in writing, for evaluation of feasibility, at the time of making your reservation.

**STATE DEPARTMENT & OTHER AGENCIES:** From time to time the State Department (www.state.gov) and the Center for Disease Control (www.cdc.gov) and other government agencies and departments issue travel advisories or warnings for one or more of the destinations that you may be visiting on tour. We encourage you to contact these agencies directly to obtain the most current information. Christendom College cannot change the cancellation terms or conditions based on the issuance of any such warning or advisory or the occurrence of any terror, health or other incident in one or more of the places this tour is scheduled to visit. All cancellation penalties must remain in full force and effect as outlined on the reservation form.

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