



## A JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE OF HOPE FOR THE HOLY YEAR: ASSISI, FLORENCE & ROME

Under the Spiritual Leadership of:  
**Bishop Edward C. Malesic, JCL and Rev. Daniel Schlegel**



**11-Days: January 13 to 23, 2025**



# AN INVITATION TO JOIN US



***Bishop Edward Malesic***

My Dear Friend,

I am thrilled to extend to you an invitation to join me on a pilgrimage to three of the most sacred cities in Italy: Rome, Assisi, and Florence. This journey holds a special significance as it is part of the Jubilee Pilgrimage of Hope for the Holy Year, a time of renewal and spiritual rejuvenation for believers worldwide.

As outlined in the brochure enclosed, our itinerary, meticulously curated by the Catholic Travel Centre, promises an enriching experience. We will immerse ourselves in the profound spirituality of these locations, where saints, scholars, and seekers have left indelible marks throughout the centuries. From the grandeur of the Vatican

City in Rome to the serenity of Assisi, the birthplace of St. Francis, and the artistic splendor of Florence, this pilgrimage offers a unique opportunity to walk in the footsteps of the faithful.

Just as a pilgrimage to the Holy Land deepens one's understanding of the Scriptures and strengthens their connection to Jesus, so too will this journey to Italy inspire spiritual growth and personal reflection. The beauty of the landscapes, the majesty of the cathedrals, and the echoes of history all serve to renew and invigorate the soul.

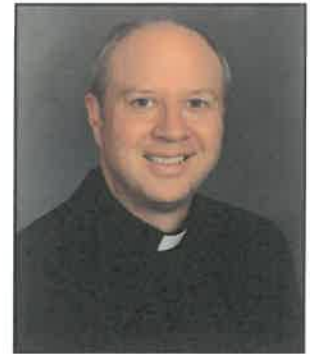
Our group will be limited to approximately 80 fellow pilgrims, fostering a sense of community and allowing for meaningful interactions with our knowledgeable guides. To secure your place, I encourage you to promptly submit your registration forms and deposits.

I eagerly anticipate the possibility of sharing this transformative experience with you, as we delve into the heart of our Christian heritage in the company of like-minded believers.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "+ Edward C. Malesic".

The Most Reverend Edward C. Malesic  
Bishop of Cleveland



***Rev. Daniel Schlegel***



## OUR DAILY ITINERARY

### **Day 1, Monday, January 13: Depart the USA**

We depart the USA en route to Rome with complimentary meals and beverages served on board our international flight.

### **Day 2, Tuesday, January 14: Arrive Rome / Transfer to Assisi**

We arrive in Rome and are met by our Catholic Travel Centre tour manager, who will accompany us throughout our journey. We board a motor coach and make our way to Assisi. Dinner is served at our hotel. (D)

### **Day 3, Wednesday, January 15: Assisi: Visit of the town**

This morning, after breakfast, we visit this quiet medieval town, imbued with the mystical spirit of one of the most fascinating characters of history. St. Francis was born the son of a wealthy cloth merchant, and for the first 25 years of his life lived the high life, drinking and partying with his friends, and dreaming of being a Prince and Knight. While going off to war in 1204, Francis had a vision that directed him back to Assisi, where he lost his taste for his worldly life. From then on, his

sometimes harsh experiences moved him to live the rest of his life in poverty.

St. Clare was born in Assisi in 1194. Like her mother, Clare was very devout. When Clare was 12, her father wanted her to marry a wealthy young man - she begged to be 18 first. When she turned 18, she heard Francis preach and ran away to become one of his first followers.

We begin with Mass at the Basilica of St. Francis. Then we meet a local guide for a guided visit of the Basilica of St. Francis, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, constructed over the tomb of St. Francis.

We continue our walking tour of the town including the Chiesa Nuova, built over the home of Francis' family and the Basilica of St. Clare, where St. Clare lies in repose.

Here we see the original 'San Damiano' crucifix that spoke to Francis. We continue on to the Church of St. Mary Major where, some 800 years ago, St. Francis dramatically renounced his father's wealth, disrobing in the presence of his father and the bishop. The church contains the remains of Blessed Carlo Acutis. (May 3, 1991 - October 12, 2006), a remarkable young man beatified for documenting Eucharistic miracles worldwide. He was beatified on October 19, 2020. Lunch and the rest of the afternoon are on our own. Dinner is included at our hotel. (B, D)

#### **Day 4, Thursday, January 16: Assisi / Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels / Florence**

This morning we check out from our hotel and travel to the village of Santa Maria degli Angeli, where we visit the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels containing the Porziuncola, a small chapel called the "Blessed Virgin Mother of God." The chapel deserted and in ruins, was repaired by St. Francis and the friars. This tiny church rests inside the larger Basilica, like a ship in a giant bottle. Nearby is the site of Francis' death. We celebrate Mass at the Basilica and then continue to our hotel in Florence for check-in and dinner. (B, D)

#### **Day 5, Friday, January 17: Florence: Visit of the City & leisure**

This morning, we start with Mass at the Church of Santa Croce, housing the tombs of Michelangelo and Dante among other famous figures. Then we meet our local guide to begin our walking tour, encompassing the Baptistery of San Giovanni, one of the oldest buildings in Florence. It is dedicated to John the Baptist. The octagonal building is famous for its gilded bronze doors,

particularly the Gates of Paradise by Lorenzo Ghiberti. We also visit the Cathedral, and the renowned Piazza della Signoria. Lunch and the rest of the afternoon are on our own. The afternoon provides an opportunity to explore the iconic Ponte Vecchio. Dinner is served at our hotel. (B, D)

#### **Day 6, Saturday, January 18: Florence / Rome: St. Paul Outside the Walls & Abbey of Tre Fontane**

Today we check out from our hotel and travel to Rome. Upon arrival in Rome we visit 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.

After his execution and burial in Rome in the 1st century AD, Saint Paul's followers erected a shrine over the grave. Early Christians frequently visited the site to honor the great Apostle. The first church on the site was, founded by Emperor Constantine in 324. In 386 Emperor Theodosius began the construction of a much larger basilica. According to the inscription on the triumphal arch, it was consecrated in 390 and completed in 395. Although heavily restored, the present Basilica looks much the same as it did in the 4th century. We enter through the Holy Door and celebrate Mass.

We also visit the Abbey of Tre Fontane, the traditional site of Paul's execution. Paul was executed in the aftermath of the fires that demolished Rome in 64 AD. The Annals of the Roman historian Tacitus describe the persecution of the Christians, who were blamed without grounds for the fire that destroyed three-quarters of the city. We check in to our hotel in Rome for dinner and the rest of the evening. (B, D)

#### **Day 7, Sunday, January 19: Rome: Panoramic tour of Ancient Rome & historic walking tour**

This morning after breakfast, we board our motor coach and enjoy a panoramic tour of Ancient Rome driving by the Roman Forum, Palatine Hill, the Arch of Constantine, Circus Maximus and the Coliseum, named in reference to the "colossal" statue of Nero that at one time stood at the entrance.

Then our local guide leads us on a walking tour of historic central Rome, starting with a visit to the Trevi Fountain, where we toss our traditional three coins into the fountain to make our three wishes - one for love - one for money - and one to return to Rome. We continue our walk to view the Pantheon, originally built to honor all the gods

of Ancient Rome as well as the Piazza Navona, with its beautiful fountains. We gather at a local restaurant for our included lunch.

In the afternoon we visit the Basilica of Santa Maria Sopra Minerva, housing the tomb of the St. Catherine of Siena. Along with St. Francis, St. Catherine is a co-patron of Italy. Here we celebrate Mass. We return to our hotel and dinner and the rest of the evening are on our own. (B, L)

### **Day 8, Monday, January 20: Rome: St. Peter's Basilica, Scavi tour & Vatican Museums**

Early this morning, we enter through the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica. We will celebrate Mass here at the Basilica. After Mass, our guide shows us the Basilica. With Michelangelo's dome, the Basilica is the most prominent building inside Vatican City. Here we see the Papal Altar covered with the sumptuous bronze baldachin by Bernini, and the apse, aglow with golden mosaic. In addition to many sculptures and monuments by Bernini and other great artists, we see Michelangelo's famous statue of The Pieta. There are over 100 tombs located within the Basilica, including 91 popes.

Later, we have the rare privilege of a guided visit and tour of the underground excavations (Scavi) beneath St. Peter's Basilica. (*subject to confirmation*). After enjoying an included lunch at a local restaurant, we have some time at leisure in the Vatican area.

Early this evening, we enjoy a special semi-private, after-hours visit of the Vatican Museum and Sistine Chapel (*subject to confirmation*). Dinner is on our own tonight to explore the local restaurant scene. (B, L)

### **Day 9, Tuesday, January 21: Rome: Basilica of St. John Lateran & Holy Stairs**

This morning we visit the Archbasilica of St. John Lateran, entering through the Holy Door. It is the cathedral of the Diocese of Rome, and the seat of its Bishop (the Pope). Built by Constantine, and consecrated in 324 A.D., it is the highest ranking of the world's basilicas, and called "the mother of all churches." Its dedication has even been given a feast day (November 9) on the Church's liturgical calendar! Here we celebrate Mass. The Lateran Palace, next door, was the home of Popes for many years, until the Vatican was built, and at least 18 Popes are buried in this Basilica. We will also visit the nearby Scala Santa, purportedly

the stairs which Christ climbed prior to his condemnation by Pontius Pilate. Balance of the afternoon is at leisure. Dinner is included at our hotel (B, D)

### **Day 10, Wednesday, January 22: Rome: General Papal Audience, Basilica of St. Mary Major & Our Lady of Perpetual Help**

After an early breakfast, we transfer to St. Peter's Square for the General Papal Audience (subject to Pope's schedule). We have some time on our own for lunch and shopping in the Vatican area.

In the afternoon we enter the Holy Door for Mass at the Papal Basilica of St. Mary Major, the largest church in Rome dedicated to our Blessed Mother. The present church was built around 440 AD. It is one of the four historic Major Basilicas of the papacy, part of the papal territory beyond Vatican City. It was here that Pope Francis celebrated his first Mass. Our next stop is the Church of St. Alfonso Liguori, where we will see the icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Tonight we gather for a special farewell dinner at a local restaurant. (B, D)

### **Day 11, Thursday, January 23: Return to the USA**

This morning we transfer to Rome airport for our return flight home.

**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.



## Pricing & Registration Information: Tour Number 25-004-0113

**HOW TO REGISTER:** Registrations are processed in the order received and many groups fill up quickly, so please register soon as space on this pilgrimage is limited. Deadline for initial registration is **June 15, 2024**. To attempt to register after this date, inquire first to learn if any space is still available. To make your reservation, you will need to complete Catholic Travel Centre's (CTC) Registration form and send it along with your \$500 per person non-refundable deposit (*payable to Catholic Travel Centre*). If you were registered to travel to the Holy Land this year and received your \$500 travel voucher, you need to include that voucher along with your registration form and deposit.

In addition to these items, you will need to complete the waiver form and the release form sent to you by the Diocese of Cleveland. Please send all these items to:

**Ms. Lori Conley, Catholic Community Foundation, 1404 East Ninth Street, Cleveland, OH 44114**

Once Ms. Conley receives all three of your completed forms (CTC Registration form, the waiver form and the release form from Diocese of Cleveland) and your deposit, she will forward your Registration form and deposit directly to Catholic Travel Centre for processing. Catholic Travel Centre will send your invoice to you via postal mail within two weeks of CTC's receipt of your completed registration form and deposit. Final payment is due directly to Catholic Travel Centre 120 days prior to departure, by **September 15, 2024**.

**VOUCHER:** If you were registered to travel to the Holy Land in 2024 and received your \$500 travel voucher, please enclose the voucher when mailing your completed paperwork and initial deposit. Your voucher amount will appear on your invoice as a credit toward your final balance due; voucher cannot be applied toward your initial registration deposit.

**TRAVEL PACKAGES:** We offer two types of tour packages and two forms of payment:

### Packages

- 1) Full Package (including airfare)
- 2) Land Only Package (travelers make their own airline arrangements).

### Payment

- 1) Discount Price (payment by check or money order)
- 2) Standard Price (payment by credit or debit card).

Prices are per person based on double occupancy. A limited number of single rooms are available at the supplement shown below.

**CASH DISCOUNT PRICE** (payable by check or money order)

**Full Package:** \$5,799 from Cleveland (CLE) plus tips of \$195 for total tour cost of \$5,994

**Land Only Package:** \$4,899 plus tips of \$195 for total tour cost of \$5,094

**STANDARD PRICE** (payable by credit or debit card)

**Full Package:** \$6,148 from Cleveland (CLE) plus tips of \$195 for total tour cost of \$6,343

**Land Only Package:** \$5,248 plus tips of \$195 for total tour cost of \$5,443

**SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT: \$1,095**

**YOUR PRICE INCLUDES:** Airfare based on non-refundable, restricted economy class group fares only on regularly scheduled IATA carrier from Cleveland airport (CLE); first class hotels or best available accommodations (all with private facilities); sightseeing; meals per itinerary (B, L, D); all gratuities and is based on a minimum of 35 fully paying passengers per motor coach. Please see the Registration Form and Terms & Conditions for more details.

**GRATUITIES:** Are included in your package price for hotel porters, restaurant staff, motor coach driver and your tour manager.

### NOTICE ON ETIAS (European Travel Information And Authorization System)

The European Union plans to implement ETIAS Travel Authorization for U.S. Citizens wishing to enter a member country of the European Union (*Italy included*). At the time of creating this brochure, the start date for this ETIAS program was not available. Catholic Travel Centre will continue to monitor the situation and advise passengers accordingly. Passengers will be responsible for securing and paying for their own ETIAS Authorization online (about \$10 per person) once the program officially begins.

**HEALTH DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS:** Please refer to the Terms and Conditions of this brochure for guidance on documentation requirements.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** Once your initial registration deposit is processed by CTC, you will receive an email with information on suggested travel insurance options. CTC strongly suggests the purchase of travel insurance to help protect your investment in the trip and to help provide medical coverage outside the United States. We also strongly suggest you purchase the broadest coverage available with the least amount of exclusions. Because some travel insurance plans contain time-sensitive benefits, we encourage you to do your research and purchase insurance in a timely manner.

### AIRLINE DEVIATIONS, SEATING, UPGRADES & FREQUENT FLYER

**BOOKINGS:** Deviations from the group flight itinerary, specific seat assignments, seat upgrades, and bookings using "frequent flyer" program points are not possible within the terms of our group airline contract. If these items are important to you, we advise you register for the "Land Only" package.

**WALKING:** Please note, this journey involves considerable walking on cobblestone streets and uneven pavement and requires being on your feet more than usual. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy this pilgrimage to its fullest.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

#### Your Local Contact:

Ms. Lori Conley, Assistant to the Executive Director  
Catholic Community Foundation

Phone: 216 696-6525 Ext. 3760

Email: [lconley@catholiccommunity.org](mailto:lconley@catholiccommunity.org)



# TERMS AND CONDITIONS

**ACCEPTANCE OF TERMS & CONDITIONS:** Any payments made by a Traveler or on behalf of the Traveler ("Traveler", "you") to Catholic Travel Centre (CTC) toward any CTC tour shall constitute acceptance of all Terms & Conditions provided herein.

**PAYMENT TERMS:** All payments shall be made on the dates indicated in the payment schedule, noted in the Registration Information section. Late payments are subject to a non-refundable \$150 fee, and may result in cancellation. A Traveler registering within 120 days prior to departure must provide full payment by cashier check, plus a non-refundable late registration \$150 fee. CTC reserves the right to cancel registrations not paid in full 105 days prior to tour departure and to charge fees per the Cancellation Policy. A non-refundable \$75 fee is charged on all returned payments. Travelers agree not to dispute any credit card charges associated with this trip before contacting CTC first to resolve their concerns. CTC retains the right to dispute any chargeback that is improper and recover any costs, including attorney's fees related to improper chargebacks. Additionally, in the event of an improper chargeback, CTC retains the right to cancel any travel reservation related to that improper chargeback. NOTE: Credit card charges will not show as "travel expense" on your credit card statement, but will appear as "specialty services", "shopping" or another designation.

**CHANGES IN PACKAGE:** After initial invoicing, changes from the air inclusive package ("Full Package") to "Land Only" or vice versa are subject to a non-refundable \$75 per person per change fee. Changes must be requested in writing to CTC at least 130 days prior to departure date (subject to availability). Late requests to change the package may not be accommodated.

**CHANGES IN FORM OF PAYMENT:** To change from Cash Discount to Standard pricing, the difference between prices plus an additional \$75 fee applies. After a Traveler's credit card has been charged for any portion of the tour, s/he is ineligible for the Cash Discount Price.

**PARTIAL PACKAGES NOT AVAILABLE:** Tour Packages are offered as described in this brochure, at the stated price. Partial package purchase is not available.

**INDIVIDUAL CANCELLATION POLICY:** CTC's cancellation policy is in effect upon first payment toward any CTC tour. A Traveler's cancellation must be provided in writing either by email, fax, or registered mail to CTC. The cancellation by the Traveler is effective on the date of the cancellation email, fax, or date of postmark. The Traveler forfeits the following fees to CTC based on the date of cancellation notice: anytime up to 120 days prior to departure, \$500 fee; 119 to 90 days prior to departure, \$500 fee plus 25% of Land Cost plus the full cost of all of the Traveler's airline travel (including airfare and related taxes, fees, surcharges); 89 to 60 days prior to departure, \$500 fee plus 50% of Land Cost plus the full cost of all of the Traveler's airline travel (including airfare and related taxes, fees, surcharges); 59 days or fewer, all payments by Traveler made to CTC are forfeited, and there are no refunds. In event of individual cancellation, no name changes or substitutions are permitted. **No shows:** Passengers who do not show up for the group's departing flight (or land only passengers who do not show for first hotel night) will be considered as tour cancellations: their airline and/or hotel reservations will automatically be cancelled and cannot be reinstated.

**PRICES:** If the group does not reach the size advertised, the price or programming will be adjusted accordingly. Pricing is based on exchange rates and fares applicable at the time of quotation and is subject to change. Fuel surcharges are subject to increase up to 30 days prior to departure.

**PASSPORT:** A valid passport is required of all U.S. citizen passengers. Travelers of other nationalities should inquire with the appropriate embassies, and such Travelers are responsible for securing their own visas if required in addition to their valid passport. Travelers' passports must be valid for six (6) months following the return date of the trip. CTC expressly denies any responsibility for any losses incurred due to insufficient validity of a Traveler's passport.

**HEALTH & MEDICAL CONSIDERATIONS:** The Traveler is responsible for identifying and securing any health/medical related documentation required by the airlines and/or countries visited on the itinerary, and CTC bears no responsibility for the passenger not providing the required documentation. If a country requires proof of COVID vaccination and/or a negative COVID test, it is the responsibility of the passenger to secure such documentation within the required timeframe as a condition for joining this tour.

The Traveler agrees not to hold CTC, our suppliers, or the group leaders responsible should they contract any illness during or after their travel. It is highly recommended Travelers be medically healthy and physically capable of significant walking. CTC tours involve international travel to foreign countries that have different standards of accessibility than U.S. law. Transportation services, which are provided by third parties, as well as visited sites and accommodations, which are not owned, leased, or controlled by CTC, may not be compliant with accessibility standards required by U.S. law. CTC cannot guarantee wheelchair,

motorized scooter, or walker accessibility during a trip and does not provide individual assistance to Travelers. If a Traveler requires special individual assistance, the Traveler, not CTC, is responsible for bringing and paying for a capable companion willing to assist the Traveler. CTC assumes no responsibility for Travelers' inability to fully participate in the tour, nor does CTC provide any refund for non-participation in any part of the tour.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** CTC strongly suggests the purchase of Travel Insurance to help protect Travelers' investment in the trip and to help provide medical coverage outside the United States. We also strongly suggest you purchase the broadest coverage available with the least amount of exclusions. Travel Insurance is encouraged because CTC strictly adheres to our Cancellation Policy. Because some Travel Insurance plans contain time-sensitive benefits, we encourage Travelers to do their research and purchase insurance in a timely manner. CTC is not qualified to answer technical questions about the benefits, exclusions, and conditions of travel insurance plans. CTC cannot evaluate the adequacy of the prospective insured's existing insurance coverage. If you have any questions about your travel protection, call your insurer or insurance agent or broker. Declining to purchase an adequate travel protection plan could result in the loss of your travel cost and/or require more money to correct the situation. You also acknowledge that without this coverage, there may be no way to recoup any losses, costs, or expenses incurred. If you choose to travel without adequate coverage, CTC will not be liable for any of your losses howsoever arising, for which trip protection plan coverage would otherwise have been available.

**STATE DEPARTMENT & OTHER AGENCIES' ADVISORIES:** The State Department ([www.state.gov](http://www.state.gov)), the Center for Disease Control ([www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)), and other government departments and agencies may issue travel advisories or warnings for one or more of the destinations visited on tour, and such advisories or warnings may even be in effect at the time of your registration for this tour. Should you choose to travel to a country that has been issued a travel warning or advisory, CTC will not be liable for damages or losses that result from travel to such destinations. CTC cannot change its Cancellation Policy or Terms & Conditions based on any such warning or advisory or the occurrence of any terror, health, pandemic, or other incident in one or more of the places this tour is scheduled to visit. All cancellation penalties remain in full force and effect. It is your responsibility to be aware of any and all requirements for admittance to a country or state, including COVID-19 requirements. Certain countries have a requirement for foreign visitors to have valid medical insurance on entry. CTC cannot be held responsible for denied entry if the Traveler is unable to provide details to authorities of insurance or denial of entry for any reason.

**ITINERARY:** The itinerary presented in this brochure represents what CTC is planning for this trip; however, the itinerary is subject to final confirmations and changes in local schedules. While no changes are anticipated, CTC, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to change the itinerary, as it deems necessary or advisable. CTC is not responsible for costs or fees related to itinerary changes necessitated by changes in an airline's schedule or other arrangements not made through CTC.

**FINAL TRAVEL DOCUMENTS:** Travelers receive travel documents by email approximately two weeks prior to departure. Bulk items such as luggage and names tags will be shipped by CTC to group leaders for distribution.

**ACCOMMODATIONS AND MEALS:** Accommodations are based on double/twin rooms with private bathroom facilities. A limited number of single rooms are available and are subject to a single room supplement fee. If no roommate is available for you, or your roommate cancels prior to departure, a single room supplement surcharge applies. Triple rooms are not always available and are discouraged because of cramped quarters; no price reduction for triple rooms. Meals are either menu of the day or buffet. Included meals are as shown in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner).

**AIR TRANSPORTATION:** All airline tickets are round-trip economy class and non-refundable unless specifically stated. Any cancellation, itinerary change, or failure to use confirmed space is subject to penalties and/or fees levied by the airline at the time of ticketing. Airfare, airline carrier, and airline schedules are subject to change without notice. Airline fees and fuel or security fee surcharges (if any) occurring after the date of brochure publication are the responsibility of the Traveler.

**AIRLINE DEVIATIONS, SEATING, UPGRADES & FREQUENT FLYER BOOKINGS:** The following are not possible within the terms of CTC's group airline contract: specific seat assignments, seat upgrades, services deviating from the group itinerary, booking using frequent flyer points and airline credit. If these items are important to you, CTC advises you to register for the "Land Only" package. Additionally, CTC does not record Traveler frequent flyer numbers, TSA numbers, or Global Entry numbers. Passengers must submit this information on their own at the airport at the time of check-in.

# TERMS AND CONDITIONS (CONTINUED)

**LAND ONLY PASSENGERS:** Travelers arranging their own airline ticket must meet the group at the first hotel of the itinerary.

**BAGGAGE & PORTERAGE:** Baggage is at Traveler's risk. Traveler should confirm the checked and carry-on baggage specifications with the air carrier specified in Final Travel Documents. Any checked baggage fees, if applicable, are not included in the tour price. Checked baggage is limited to one bag per person (subject to change by airline) and must adhere to airline specifications. Porterage for one piece of luggage is included at hotels; no porterage at airports.

**NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE:** Passports, visas, meals and beverages not mentioned, extras beyond standard menu, baggage fees, telephone calls, laundry, medical tests, and other items not explicitly stated as included.

**PHOTOGRAPHY:** CTC may take photographs or film of its trips and trip Travelers, and Traveler grants CTC express permission to do so and for CTC to use such for promotional or commercial use without payment of any fee or royalties. CTC has the unrestricted right to use and/or copyright and/or publish aforementioned photographs or film in any media for advertising or for any other lawful purpose. Traveler waives any ownership or publication right in connection with photographs or film taken by CTC.

**PARTICIPATION:** CTC reserves the right to decline to accept or retain any Traveler on any of its tours if, in its sole discretion, it deems accepting or retaining any such Traveler as being detrimental to the tour. No refunds shall be made for any unused portion of the tour in this instance, and any expenses related to early return home are the sole responsibility of the traveler. Traveler agrees to and shall indemnify and hold harmless CTC, and each of our officers, directors, employees and agents (collectively "CTC"), from any expenses, losses, liabilities, damages, judgments, settlements, and costs (collectively, "damages") involved with or incurred by CTC (including, without limitation, reasonable attorneys' fees and the advancement of same) with respect to any claims, law suits, arbitrations, or other causes of action, which result, directly or indirectly, from: (i) traveler's breach or violation, or threatened breach or violation, of this Agreement and (ii) Any damage caused by traveler while participating in the trip.

**UNUSED SERVICES:** There is no right to a refund for any unused services, including airline tickets.

**LIABILITY DISCLAIMER:** CTC hereby expressly disclaims any and all liability for any personal injury, property damage, loss of baggage, accident, delay or irregularity, any claim for special or consequential damages, or any other loss that may be occasioned by the acts and/or omissions, whether negligent, wrongful, or intentional of any air carrier, hotel/motel, or other lodging operator, railroad operator, bus operator, public transportation, sea carrier, local sightseeing company, tour operator, tour leader, or spiritual director, any employees thereof, or for any other entity or individual not under the direct supervision and control of CTC when engaged in conveying the passenger or in carrying out the arrangements of the tour, or otherwise in connection therewith. CTC further disclaims any liability for any damages, losses, or expenses incurred, or inconvenience caused, due to delay or changes in schedules, defaults, over-booking of hotels or airlines, sickness, weather, strikes, quarantines, acts of terrorism, construction, war, pandemic, force majeure, or other such events that are beyond CTC's control. CTC likewise disclaims any liability for statements, actions, or inactions of any intermediary agents, such as group administrators, spiritual directors, tour leaders, travel agents, or any other intermediary involved with the selling, promotion, or operation of CTC's tours. Furthermore, to the fullest extent permitted by law, CTC disclaims any liability for any damages or injuries, or other losses whatsoever, sustained or incurred as a result of the negligence of CTC. Group administrators, spiritual leaders, and tour leaders likewise expressly disclaim any liability for the acts and/or omissions of any of the above entities and/or individuals not directly under their supervision or control. Please be advised that the liability of carriers as well as providers of hotel and lodging accommodations is limited by law, and Travelers may thus wish to consider purchasing a Travel Protection plan and/or additional insurance to protect themselves against any losses or injuries suffered as a result of their acts and/or omissions. In no event shall CTC's liability exceed the amounts paid by the Traveler for participation in the tour, and subject to the provisions and cancellation fees as set forth in this brochure. In the event the tour leader and/or spiritual director named in a brochure or itinerary does not travel with the group and a substitute is not named therein, CTC reserves the right to make substitutions of its choosing for such person(s). CTC is not responsible for any misquotes contained in this brochure or other accompanying documentations, and the contents therein may be changed at any time without notice and at CTC's sole discretion.

**GROUP COORDINATOR/SPIRITUAL LEADER:** The group coordinator and/or spiritual leader is not an employee, agent, or contractor of CTC. Statements made by group coordinator and/or spiritual leader are not binding on CTC, and we will not be liable for their actions, words or promises.

**CANCELLATION BY GROUP COORDINATOR/SPIRITUAL LEADER:** As CTC does not plan trips for individuals, a cancellation by the Group Coordinator and/or Spiritual Leader effectively cancels the trip for all individuals booked on that trip. The cancellation by the Group Coordinator and/or Spiritual Leader is effective on the date of the cancellation email, fax, or date of postmark. CTC will not be liable for any losses or expenses incurred due to the cancellation or alteration of the tour by your group coordinator and/or spiritual leader and you shall forfeit your \$500 per person non-refundable operational fee in the event of any such cancellation.

**CANCELLATION BY THE SUPPLIER:** CTC will inform you as soon as reasonably possible if a supplier needs to cancel. CTC will also liaise between you and the supplier in relation to any alternative arrangements offered by the supplier, but CTC will have no further liability to you.

**CANCELLATION BY CTC:** CTC reserves the right to cancel any tour if the minimum number of travelers is not met. In such event, CTC shall refund all amounts paid by Traveler.

**CANCELLATION BEYOND CTC'S CONTROL:** CTC disclaims any responsibility for any losses or expenses incurred due to cancellation or alteration of the tour resulting from, but not limited to: travel advisories or warnings issued by the State Department or any other relevant authority, acts of war, terrorism, acts of God, natural disasters, pandemic, or any other circumstance beyond CTC's control. In such case, CTC will assist Travelers in requesting refunds for all land and air services not received by the Traveler, less a non-refundable operational fee of \$500 per person, that covers all trip planning and refund processing. CTC shall not be responsible for any non-recoverable amounts disbursed to service providers on a Traveler's behalf. Suppliers may choose to provide a travel voucher or credit in lieu of refund. CTC is not responsible for a supplier's failure to pay a refund or for supplier bankruptcy or insolvency.

**POLICY AGAINST DISCRIMINATION:** CTC does not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, physical or mental disability, medical condition, marital status, sex, age, sexual orientation, or status as a Vietnam or other veteran in the provision of its tour and pilgrimage services.

**CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS ONLY REGISTERED SELLER:** Catholic Travel Centre is a registered Seller of Travel in the State of California: CST#: 2018667-40. "Registration as a Seller of Travel does not constitute approval by the State of California." Section 17550.24(f). CTC subscribes to the California Travel Consumer Restitution Fund. Non-residents of California are not eligible to make claims to this fund. A claim must be submitted to the TCRF within 12 months after the scheduled completion date of travel. For more information, visit [www.tcrfinfo.org](http://www.tcrfinfo.org). In accordance with California law, CTC has a trust account to protect Traveler's purchase money.

**FLORIDA SELLER OF TRAVEL:** Fla. Seller of Travel Ref. No. ST43075.

**JURISDICTION/VENUE/CLASS ACTION WAIVER/LIMITATION OF DAMAGES/ NOTICE OF CLAIM:** These Terms and Conditions shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California without regard to conflict of law principles. Any dispute arising from the contract shall be litigated in a court of competent jurisdiction in the County of Los Angeles. You agree you will only bring claims against CTC in your individual capacity and not as a plaintiff or class member in any purported class action or representative proceeding. CTC shall not in any case be liable for other than compensatory damages, and your payment of a deposit on a trip means you agree to these conditions of sale and expressly waive any right to punitive damages. You understand and agree no claims will be considered and you will not bring suit against CTC unless you have first provided a typewritten notice of claim to CTC within 30 days after the trip or cancellation of the trip.

**TERMS & CONDITIONS CHANGES:** Changes in any of the Terms & Conditions can be made only in writing signed by an officer of CTC.

**FOR CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS ONLY:** Upon cancellation of the transportation or travel services, where the passenger is not at fault and has not canceled in violation of any terms and conditions previously clearly and conspicuously disclosed and agreed to by the passenger, all sums paid to CTC for services not provided will be promptly paid to the passenger, unless the passenger advises the CTC in writing, after cancellation. This provision does not apply where CTC has remitted the payment to another registered wholesale seller of travel or a carrier, without obtaining a refund, and where the wholesaler or provider defaults in providing the agreed-upon transportation or service. In this situation, CTC must provide the passenger with a written statement accompanied by bank records establishing the disbursement of the payment, and if disbursed to a wholesale seller of travel, proof of current registration of that wholesaler.



# A JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

January 13 to 23, 2025 • Tour #: 25-004-0113 • Group Name: MALESIC

**\*\*If any section below is left blank, your registration form will not be processed and you will not be confirmed on this pilgrimage\*\***

## 1. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Please print in **BLOCK LETTERS** your complete Last Name, First Name and Middle Name **as they appear on your PASSPORT:**

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

How would you like your first name to appear on your nametag?

Email (Forms submitted without email address cannot be processed)

Date of Birth

Gender

Street Address

Apt

City

State

Zip

Home Tel

Mobile Tel

## 2. PASSPORT INFORMATION

Will you hold a U.S. Passport at the time of travel? (Yes / No)

If "no," what nationality?

**You must select one of the two choices below:**

- I have enclosed a copy of the photo page of my passport showing my name, passport number and expiration date.
- I understand I must submit a copy of the photo page of my passport 120 days or more prior to departure.

Note: Catholic Travel Centre is not liable for passports expiring within 180 days of the return date of the pilgrimage.

## 3. ROOMING INFORMATION

**You must select one of the three choices below:**

- I wish to room with: (enter name)

- Please try to find a roommate for me. I understand if you cannot find a roommate for me, I will be obliged to pay the single room supplement.
- I wish a single room at a supplement of \$1,095. A limited number of single rooms are available at this price.

## 4. PAYMENT INFORMATION

Registration Deposit Deadline: \$500 by June 15, 2024

Final Payment Due: by September 15, 2024

**You must select one of the four choices below:**

### DISCOUNT PRICE

\$500 non-refundable deposit & balance paid by check or money order. Make check payable to Catholic Travel Centre.

- FULL PACKAGE:** \$5,799 from Cleveland (CLE) plus tips of \$195 for total tour cost of **\$5,994.**
- LAND ONLY PACKAGE:** \$4,899 plus tips of \$195 for total tour cost of **\$5,094.** I agree to meet the group at the first night's hotel.

### STANDARD PRICE

\$500 non-refundable deposit and payment by credit or debit card. Please fill in your credit card information below.

- FULL PACKAGE:** \$6,148 from Cleveland (CLE) plus tips of \$195 for total tour cost of **\$6,343.**
- LAND ONLY PACKAGE:** \$5,248 plus tips of \$195 for total tour cost of **\$5,443.** I agree to meet the group at the first night's hotel.

### CREDIT / DEBIT CARD PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION

I authorize Catholic Travel Centre to charge the Standard Price amount to my credit or debit card (\$500 will be charged now; balance of payment will be charged to my card per the invoice due date).

**I agree to the terms and conditions and cancellation terms attached here.**

VISA

MASTERCARD

Card Number

Exp. Date

Name as it appears on credit card

Signature

Date

Office Use Only:

**Please complete one registration form per person (couples, submit two separate forms).**

**If any section above is left blank, your registration form will not be processed and you will not be confirmed on this pilgrimage.**

Enclosed please find my \$500 per person non-refundable deposit for the above referenced trip. By submitting this payment, I acknowledge that I have read, understood, and agree to the "Terms and Conditions" in the accompanying brochure, including information related to pricing and cancellations.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make your check payable to Catholic Travel Centre and mail it along with this form to:  
Catholic Community Foundation | Attn: Ms. Lori Conley  
1404 East Ninth Street | Cleveland, OH 44114**



## STATEMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY/WAIVER AND RELEASE (Adults)

I, \_\_\_\_\_ (*name of participant*) would like to participate in the \_\_\_\_\_ (*title of program/activity*) to \_\_\_\_\_ (*location*) (the "Program") offered by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland (the "Diocese") during the period of \_\_\_\_\_ (*dates of program*). In exchange and in consideration for Diocese's agreement to allow me to participate in the Program, I agree as follows:

- I understand the scope and nature of the Program, including but not limited to the fact that the Program involves or may involve vigorous physical activity such as substantial standing, walking, and interaction with others who are not part of Diocese's group among other things. I understand the nature of the Program and have been given the opportunity to ask questions about the Program and travel to and from the Program. I understand that there are risks involved with international travel or travel abroad and that while traveling I will be subject to the laws of the country or territory in which I am traveling. It is my responsibility to assess the risk level of traveling abroad and to assess the applicability of any/all travel warnings from any governmental agency or other person, and any assurances from anyone abroad, and to comply with any governmental recommendations for any vaccinations or medication. The Diocese does not make any type of representation about whether it is safe to go to any particular destination. I recognize the possibility and risk of injury associated with my participation in the Event, which may include, but is not limited to, bodily injury up to and including death, psychological injury, and further injury by medical treatment. I further recognize the possibility and risk of such injuries resulting from exposure to or infection by COVID-19 or other communicable diseases in connection with my participation in the Event and that such exposure or infection may result in my or other family members' exposure to or infection of COVID-19 or other communicable diseases. I understand that the types of injuries listed above can occur for any number of reasons which are both foreseeable and unforeseeable and which may include, but are not limited to, my own actions or inaction, the actions or inaction of others (whether negligent, intentional, or otherwise), and equipment failure. I agree to participate in the Event in spite of the risks. I assume all risks in connection with my participation in the Event.
- I assume all risks in connection with my participation in the Program. To the fullest extent allowed by law, I, on behalf of myself, my spouse, as well as our respective heirs and assigns, executors, all other legal representatives and any others claiming through us or on behalf of us, hereby agree to release, discharge, hold harmless and indemnify the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland and the Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland, as well as their respective clergy, officers, employees, agents, representatives, attorneys, sponsors, and volunteers from and against all claims, injuries, losses, damages, judgments, and liability (of any nature or extent) which in any way arise out of or relate to or are connected with my participation in the Program, including travel to and from the Program, whether foreseen or unforeseen, regardless of the cause (including, but not limited to, the negligence of any person).
- I agree to follow the Diocese's rules and cooperate with the person(s) in charge of the Event, including all safety protocols and procedures related to COVID-19 or other communicable diseases. I understand that the Diocese reserves the right to decline to accept or retain me in the Program at any time should my behavior impede program operations or the rights or welfare of any person. In such an event, no refund will be made and I will bear any costs associated with the decision to require me to leave the Program and return to the United States. I understand that the Diocese may, in its sole discretion, cancel the program before departure or cancel the program after departure and require that all participants return to the United States. I understand that in such an event, no refund will be made and I will bear my share of any costs associated with the decision to cancel the Program and return to the United States.
- I consent and grant permission for the Diocese, and affiliated parishes and/or their agents to photograph, audio record, video or otherwise record my name, image, likeness, spoken words, in any form (the "Recordings"), and to use, display, publish, distribute, or alter the Recordings, or any part thereof, for any lawful purpose including, without limitation, on social media accounts, websites, in marketing publications, public relations and communications materials and/or presentations, and any other uses as may not be contemplated herein, without further notice or compensation. I further agree that the Recordings shall constitute the sole property of the Diocese, or affiliated parish taking the Recording.
- I understand that it is my responsibility to carry appropriate medical insurance for myself and that such is not the responsibility of any other person or party, including, without limitation, the Diocese of Cleveland.
- I agree that this instrument is to be construed under the laws of the State of Ohio, and that if any portion is held to be invalid, the balance shall remain in full force and effect.

**I have carefully read and understand and accept the terms and conditions stated herein and I have signed this agreement of my own free will. For Online Forms Add: By typing my name below, which shall constitute my electronic signature, I agree that my electronic signature is intended to authenticate this writing and to have the same force and effect as my manual signature.**

Participant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**EMERGENCY MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION AND RELEASE FOR TREATMENT (Adults)**

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This authorization enables a participant to authorize the provision of emergency treatment for the participant who becomes ill or injured while attending \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (title of activity/program and location) ("Program") and while in the care of or under the supervision of the Diocese or its staff, employees, volunteers, agents and/or representatives. This must be signed in order for you to participate in the trip.

I hereby authorize any of the staff, employees, volunteers, agents and/or representatives of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ the Diocese of Cleveland (each an "Authorized Party") to provide for, seek, and authorize medical treatment for me in the case of illness or accident from the closest and most appropriate licensed medical practitioner or hospital available.

This authorization does not cover major surgery unless the medical opinions of two licensed physicians/dentists concurring in the necessity for such surgery are obtained for the performance of such surgery.

Any and all information concerning my medical history including allergies, medications and physical impairments, has been reported in these registration forms. In the event of an emergency, I authorize any Authorized Party to share the completed registration information packet with persons related to my treatment.

Participant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**MEDICAL INFORMATION**

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Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Sex: Male  Female

Home Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_ Diocese: \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact #1:**

Name of Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. for Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

**Emergency Contact #2:**

Name of Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No. for Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

Chronic Illnesses: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Current Medications: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Last Tetanus Immunization: \_\_\_\_\_

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Doctor/Primary Care Physician: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Insurance Information:**

Health insurance co: \_\_\_\_\_ Member number: \_\_\_\_\_

Group number: \_\_\_\_\_ Group name: \_\_\_\_\_