



Join Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish  
In a Pilgrimage to the Shrines of Southern Italy  
Spiritual Guide: Fr. Mark Van Patten  
February 11<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>, 2009 ♦ 10 days/ 8 nights

**Day 1 ~ Wednesday, February 11**  
**TORONTO - ROME**

Depart from Toronto on overnight flight to Bari via Rome, dinner and breakfast on board.

**Day 2 ~ Thursday, February 12**  
**SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO**

Arrive in Bari, meet with your guide and transfer to your hotel in San Giovanni Rotondo. Enjoy the rest of the day at your leisure. *Overnight: San Giovanni Rotondo x 2 nights. [D]*

**Day 3 ~ Friday, February 13**  
**SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO - MONTE SANT'ANGELO**

Enjoy a breathtaking view of the Gargano Peninsula visiting the Grotto of St. Michael the Archangel and celebrate the Holy Mass. A panoramic view of the sea and the surrounding countryside awaits you at this most celebrated shrine of early Christianity, a shrine consecrated by St. Michael himself in 490AD. In the afternoon tour the sanctuary: the museum where St. Pio's tomb is on view; his Confessional from where he performed many miracles and the choir loft where he received the Stigmata. *[B/D]*

**Day 4 ~ Saturday, February 14**  
**LANCIANO - LORETO**

Depart for Lanciano, Loreto and Assisi. Visit the church of St. Lagontial and celebrate Mass in the very place of the 8<sup>th</sup> century Eucharistic Miracle. Follow the lush Adriatic coast to the great Marian shrine of Loreto. Visit the Basilica and the "Santa Casa", the house of the Virgin Mary, which according to the tradition was miraculously transported, by the angels from the Holy Land and the beautiful Madonna of Loreto. After celebrating Holy Mass, proceed to Assisi, birthplace of St. Francis. *Overnight: Assisi x 2 nights. [B/D]*

**Day 5 ~ Sunday, February 15**  
**ASSISI**

Celebrate Sunday Mass at the Tomb of St. Francis. Explore the quaint hilltop birthplace of St. Francis, which still retains something of the atmosphere of the early 1200s, the period when St. Francis began his ministry. Visit: St. Francis Basilica; the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels, where St. Francis spent most of his life; the Porziuncola Chapel; the rose bush; the cave where the saint retired for prayer; the Church of St. Clare, founder of the Order of Poor to see the saint's incorrupt body. St. Clare followed the teachings of St. Francis by living a life of poverty and humility. *[B/D]*

**Day 6 ~ Monday, February 16**  
**ORVIETO**

Early in the morning depart Assisi for Rome; en route stop in the medieval city of Orvieto to visit the spectacular "Well of St.

Patrick" and the marvelous Gothic Cathedral. Celebrate Holy Mass. *Overnight: Rome x 4 nights. [B/D]*

**Day 7 ~ Tuesday, February 17**  
**ROME**

Visit Religious Rome starting with the Vatican Museums and its unique treasures: the Candelabras, the Tapestries and the Geographic Maps Galleries, the Raphael Rooms and Michelangelo's magnificent masterpiece - the Sistine Chapel. Continue to St. Peter's Basilica, the largest church in Christendom and then proceed to visit the three major Basilicas: St. Mary Major, one of the oldest shrines dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, a shrine containing a relic from the manger of the infant Jesus; St. John in Lateran, the Cathedral Church of Rome and the official ecclesiastical seat of the Bishop of Rome, who is the Pope, celebrate the Holy Mass; St. Paul Outside the Wall, which houses the remains of St. Paul under its main altar. *[B/D]*

**Day 8 ~ Wednesday, February 18**  
**ROME**

Attend the weekly Papal Audience in St. Peter and the Blessing given by His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI\*. In the afternoon tour of Rome including: the Coliseum (from outside), the Roman Forum, the Church of St. Peter in Chains to see Michelangelo's unique statue of Moses and to celebrate the Holy Mass, Trevi Fountain and the Spanish Steps. *[B/D]*

**Day 9 ~ Thursday, February 19**  
**ROME**

Enjoy the day at your leisure to discover Rome on your own: time for last minute shopping or to reflect on the many years of Christian continuity in the world centre of the Western Church. *[B/D]*

**Day 10 ~ Friday, February 20**  
**ROME - TORONTO**

Transfer to the airport for your return flight to Toronto.

Itinerary subject to change for reasons beyond our control

*\* Circumstances permitting*

**Price per person from Toronto sharing  
Twin/Double occupancy \$2,439.00\*  
Single room supplement: \$489.00**

*\*Airport Taxes, fuel surcharges, security & related fees are extra and to be advised.*

**Price per person sharing Twin/Double occupancy from Toronto \$2,439.00\***

\*Price is based on a minimum of 25 participants. Should we have less than 25 participants, a supplementary fee will be added to each person's invoice. Airport taxes, fuel surcharges, security & related fees are extra and to be advised.

**Single Room Supplement: \$489.00**

**For any information or Insurance details please call Richard D'Souza**

Tel: 416 890 5022 ~ 1 888 840 8785 ~ Fax: 905 840 5752

**Please make cheques payable and mail to: PAYLESS TRAVEL**

**1027 Yonge Street, First Floor, Toronto, Ontario, M4W 2K9, Attn: Richard D'Souza**

**Initial Deposit \$350.00 per person required to guarantee a reservation.**

**Balance due no later than December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008**

✂ ----- Cut Here and Send With Payment ----- ✂

**EARLY BOOKING RECOMMENDED**

*Application to Join Fr. Mark Van Patten ~ February 11-20, 2009 -----(Richard/Payless Travel)*

**NAMES EXACTLY AS APPEARS IN PASSPORT, FIRST & LAST NAMES ONLY**

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ROOM TYPE: 2 Twin Beds:\_\_\_\_\_ / 1 Double Bed:\_\_\_\_\_ / I Require Single Room @ Extra Cost:\_\_\_\_\_

I wish to share with: \_\_\_\_\_

**EMERGENCY CONTACT IN CANADA:** Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime telephone contact number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate if **special meals** required on flights: \_\_\_\_\_ Do you require assistance at airports:\_\_\_\_\_

**INSURANCE**

IT IS OPTIONAL, HOWEVER HIGHLY RECOMMENDED. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO RECEIVE ADDITIONAL DETAILS RE TRAVEL INSURANCE, PLEASE INDICATE AND WE WILL CONTACT YOU WITH THE DETAILS AND RATES.

I/we require travel insurance: \_\_\_\_\_ Please call during the day at \_\_\_\_\_ with details.

I/we do not require any travel insurance: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ [required if declining insurance]

# TERMS & CONDITIONS

## TRAVEL DOCUMENTS

All passports must have a validity of minimum 6 months after your return date to Canada or you will be denied boarding with no refund applicable. Residents not holding Canadian passports must possess a permanent resident card.

## RESERVATIONS & DEPOSIT

Early reservations are recommended as all services are on a request basis, both for air travel and land requirements. A guaranteed minimum deposit of \$350.00 per person is required at time of booking to confirm your request for participation. Full and final payment is required no later than 60 days prior to departure. Payments can be made weekly, bi monthly or monthly provided the total is paid 60 days prior to departure.

## REFUNDS, CHANGES & CANCELLATIONS

Up to 60 days prior \$350.00 penalty  
59 to 45 days prior \$500.00 penalty \*\*  
44 to 30 days prior \$1000.00 penalty \*\*  
29 to 15 days prior \$1500.00 penalty \*\*  
14 days to departure 100% non refundable.

\*\*Plus any unrecoverable deposits paid to airlines or supplier.

No refunds will be made for any unused portion including hotels, sightseeing, cruises, transfers, meals, international or domestic flights with or without notice unless cancelled or missed by the supplier.

**N.B.: PAYMENTS BY CHEQUE ONLY. CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS SUBJECT TO CONVENIENCE FEE OF 3.5%**

## TRAVEL INSURANCE

To protect yourself against cancellation charges, we highly recommend that you purchase adequate travel insurance, which must be purchased with deposit. If you have credit card coverage, it is important to confirm that they cover cancellation penalties.

## FINAL DOCUMENTS

Documentation and tickets will be sent once full payment has been received by Tours & Travel Centre. The documents will contain airline tickets and any applicable mission vouchers and insurance policies.

## ACCOMMODATIONS

Per itinerary or best available with private washroom. All hotel taxes, service charges and government taxes are included in the mission price. Accommodation is based on 2 persons sharing a twin or double room. Single room supplements apply to all persons requesting a room for single occupancy. Requests for upgrading rooms are subject to additional charges. Where available handicapped or non smoking rooms are always on a request basis but not subject to additional costs. The right is reserved by the supplier to substitute hotels when necessary from those listed in the brochure or final mission documents for reasons of our/their own high standards, for client comfort and for reasons beyond our/their control.

## INCLUDED IN COSTS

See adjacent list for what is included and excluded. Cost of mission DOES NOT include any applicable prepaid airport departure taxes, passport or visa charges.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE

Tours & Travel Centre and its suppliers reserve the right to accept or decline any participant should it be determined that the participant's health, mental or emotional condition or physical needs impedes with the smooth operation of the mission or the rights, welfare or enjoyment of the other participants. The refund of the unused services is limited to Tours & Travel Centre liability when these rights are exercised.

**Participants with mobility concerns must be accompanied at their own cost by their own companion. Leaders and guides cannot be responsible for assisting with walkers or wheelchairs.**

## PRICES LISTED

All rates in the price insert or brochure or on a customized itinerary include planning, communication, handling and operational charges and are quoted at the current rate of exchange and tariffs as of April 2008. In the event of a marked increase in airfares and foreign currency exchange or tariff rates, costs are subject to revision.

## RESPONSIBILITY

Tours & Travel Centre purchases transportation, hotel rooms, restaurant & other services from various suppliers who are not affiliated with Tours & Travel Centre in any way. All vouchers, coupons or receipts issued by Tours & Travel Centre are issued subject to all tariffs, terms & conditions under which all transportation, including airlines, coach, limousine companies, hotels, tour and cruise operators restaurants & other service are contracted. Participants agree not to hold Tours & Travel Centre responsible for any loss, injury or damage to any person, property or otherwise in connection with any accommodation, transportation or resulting from any Acts of God, dangers, incident at sea fire, breakdowns in machinery or equipment, act of governments or authorities, de jure or de facto, wars declared or not, hostilities, civil disturbances, strikes, riots, thefts, pilferage, epidemics, quarantines, medical or customs regulations, defaults, delays, cancellations or any causes beyond Tours & Travel Centre control for any loss or damage resulting from improperly issued visas or other documents, and that Tours & Travel Centre or its staff will not be responsible for any additional expenses or liability sustained for or incurred by the mission participant as a result of any of the foregoing clauses. The payment for a reservation on a customized itinerary shall constitute consent to all provisions in the terms & conditions published herein.

## AIRLINE CLAUSE

The airline[s] is not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their aircraft. The passenger tickets in use by the airline, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airline & the passenger. All airfares & conditions thereof are those in effect as of April 2008 & are subject to change.

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**Tel: 416-890-5022/1-888-840-8785**  
**Email: rdsouza@payless2travel.net**

## Included

- Return flight from/to Toronto
- 8 nights hotel in Italy on a twin share basis
- Daily breakfast and dinner
- Government & hotel taxes
- Sightseeing and entrance fees per itinerary
- All group transfers
- Luxury tour bus
- English speaking government licensed tour guide

## Not Included

- Prepaid airport taxes, fuel surcharges, security & related fees
- Gratuities to guides, drivers and hotel staff
- Travel Insurance
- Lunches and beverages
- Personal items
- Anything not mentioned above as "Included"

**ALL PASSPORTS MUST HAVE A VALIDITY OF MINIMUM 6 MONTHS AFTER YOUR RETURN DATE TO CANADA OR YOU WILL BE DENIED BOARDING WITH NO REFUND APPLICABLE. RESIDENTS NOT HOLDING CANADIAN PASSPORTS MUST POSSESS A PERMANENT RESIDENT CARD.**



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