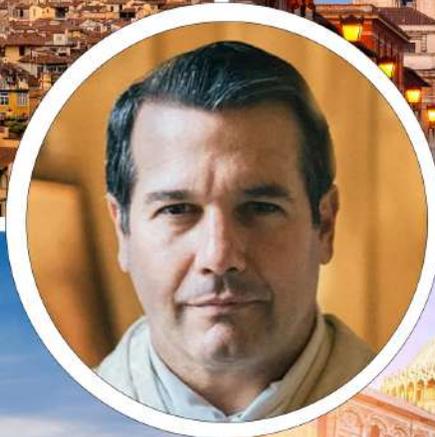


Join Star of the Sea Parish on a Sacred Pilgrimage to
**Rome, Assisi,
& Florence**

Under the Spiritual Direction of Fr. Javier Olivera Ravasi
Rome - Papal Audience - Orvieto - Assisi - Florence



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Day by Day Itinerary

Day 1: Depart from the USA: Today we depart from San Francisco International Airport as we begin our pilgrimage to Italy. We enjoy in-flight movies, dinner, and breakfast aloft.

Day 2: Arrival in Rome – Catacombs: Upon arrival in Rome this morning, we will be welcomed by our guide and begin our pilgrimage in the Eternal City. If time permits after arrival and airport formalities, we will visit one of the ancient Catacombs, the burial place of early Christians, where we will celebrate Mass and see remarkable 2nd and 3rd century frescoes. Before heading to your hotel for dinner and overnight. *If our arrival time does not allow for the visit on this day, the Catacombs will instead be scheduled for one of the days in Rome.*

Overnight: Rome (Dinner*)

Day 3: Papal Audience & Rome: This morning, we make our way to St. Peter's for an audience with Pope Leo if he is in residence. After lunch on our own we visit St. Paul's Beyond the Walls. This huge, imposing Basilica, second only to St. Peter's and one of the largest churches in the Christian world. We celebrate Mass here. We then proceed to St. John Lateran and Holy Stairs before returning to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Rome (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 4: Vatican City / Rome: Following early morning Mass at St. Peter's, we spend this morning viewing the treasures of the Vatican Museum. We marvel at Michelangelo's restored frescoes in the Sistine Chapel. Continue to St. Peter's Basilica to view the "Pieta." This afternoon, following a stop for lunch on our own, we visit St. Mary Major. We then proceed to the Church of Santi Vincenzo e Anastasia a Trevi. We pause at nearby Trevi Fountain and the Piazza Navona before returning to our hotel for dinner and overnight at the hotel.

Overnight: Rome (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 5: Rome & Grotto of the Three Fountains: This morning, we visit Tre Fontane "Grotto of the Three Fountains," marking the place where St. Paul the Apostle was martyred in the first century. Following our visit, we continue to the Basilica of St. Anastasia to view the relics of the Mantel of St. Joseph and the colorful Veil of our Blessed Mother! Both precious relics were brought to Rome from the Holy Land by St. Jerome in the fourth century AD before he was martyred by Emperor Diocletian. Following a stop for lunch on our own, the remainder of the day is at leisure. We return to our hotel for dinner and overnight at our hotel.

Overnight: Rome (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 6: Rome / Museum of the Holy Souls in Purgatory: Today following Mass at a church near our hotel we visit the Museum of Holy Souls in Purgatory and proceed to the Church of the Sacred Heart of Suffrage and the attached "Museum of the Holy Souls in Purgatory", which houses a unique collection of articles collected by a French missionary. We conclude our visit and travel to Santa Maria sopra Minerva. We break for lunch on our own and have the afternoon open for leisure or extra sightseeing. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

Overnight: Rome (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 7: Subiaco / Monte Cassino: We depart for Subiaco. We visit the Monastery of St. Benedict, which dates from the 13th and 14th centuries. We visit the Sacred Cave where Benedict lived as a hermit for three years. The staircase holds the earliest portrait of St. Francis without his halo or stigmata. We celebrate Mass while there. Following our visit and a break for lunch on our own, we proceed to Monte Cassino. We conclude our day as we return to Rome in time for dinner and overnight at our hotel.

Overnight: Rome (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 8: Rome/ Civita Di Bagnoregio/ Orvieto / Assisi: Following an early morning departure from Rome, we travel north through the scenic countryside of central Italy. Our first stop will be the spectacular hilltop village of Civita di Bagnoregio, often called "the Dying City." During our visit, pilgrims will enjoy time to stroll through its charming stone streets and relax with a coffee in the village piazza. We then continue to Orvieto for a visit and Mass at the magnificent Orvieto Cathedral. Inside the Cathedral is the Chapel of the Corporal, which houses the chalice cloth involved in the Eucharistic Miracle that occurred in nearby Bolsena. Afterward, we continue to Assisi. Our first stop will be in the lower town for a visit to the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels, where we see the Portiuncula, Francis' beloved *Church of the Little Portion*.

Overnight: Assisi (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 9: Full Day in Assisi: This morning, we begin at the Basilica of St. Francesco with Mass. After our visit of the Basilica and the tomb of St. Francis, we begin our walking tour of the village with a stop at the Church of St. Clare to view the famous San Damiano crucifix. Afterwards, we visit the resting place of newly canonized St. Carlo Acutis who was 15-years old when he died in 2006 from leukemia. We pass by the famous Temple of Minerva in the Piazza del Comune. This afternoon, we can enjoy this picturesque hillside village on our own. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

Overnight: Assisi (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 10: Assisi / Siena / Montecatini: Today, we journey through the Italian countryside arriving in the magnificent city of Siena, which invites us to stroll through its Gothic streets. After we celebrate Mass at the Dominican Church commemorating St. Catherine, we walk to the famous Piazza del Campo. We continue uphill to visit the monumental Cathedral dedicated to the Virgin Mary. We enjoy free time for lunch and browsing before continuing our journey to the spa town of Montecatini Terme, just outside of Florence for dinner and overnight at our hotel.

Overnight: Florence (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 11: Florence: This morning, we drive to Florence where our first stop will be "Piazzale Michelangelo" for the best panoramic view of this spectacular city one could ask for. We proceed with a tour of the Accademia Gallery, where we view one of Michelangelo's most famous works, "David" (or Medici Museum). We continue with the celebration of Mass and a visit to the Duomo. There we admire the cupola by Brunelleschi, completed in 1440, its campanile by Giotto. Once outside we view the Baptistry's with its incomparable bronze doors by Ghiberti. We break for a leisurely lunch on our own at one of the many trattorias that dot the riverfront area, along Florence's Arno River. The rest of the day is free for personal shopping, browsing this fascinating city on your own. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Overnight: Florence (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 12: Florence: Museo di San Marco / Piazza della Signoria / Ponte Vecchio: Today we explore the artistic and spiritual beauty of Florence. Our day begins with a visit to the peaceful Museo di San Marco, once home to the Dominican friars and the renowned painter Fra Angelico. During our visit we will admire the beautiful frescoes painted by Fra Angelico, including the famous *Annunciation*, as well as the simple monastic cells where the friars lived and prayed. We then continue to the historic Piazza della Signoria, dominated by the impressive Palazzo Vecchio with its embattlement-crowned tower. Nearby we see the famous Loggia dei Lanzi, an open-air gallery featuring masterpieces such as *Persus* by Benvenuto Cellini and *The Rape of the Sabines* by Giambologna. After a break for lunch on your own, enjoy free time for shopping or personal exploration in this beautiful Renaissance city. After a long, beautiful day in Florence, we return to our hotel where we will enjoy dinner together.

Overnight: Florence (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 13: Florence / San Gimignano: This morning we journey into the Tuscan countryside to the charming medieval town of San Gimignano, often called the "Town of the Towers." Once a stop for pilgrims traveling the historic Via Francigena, San Gimignano is famous for its beautifully preserved medieval skyline. Our visit begins at the Collegiata di Santa Maria Assunta, a minor basilica known for its remarkable frescoes, among the best preserved in Tuscany. We then explore the historic town center including Piazza della Cisterna, named after the large medieval cistern located beneath the square and constructed in the 13th century. Enjoy free time to explore the narrow stone streets and have lunch on your own at one of the charming local trattorias surrounding the square.

Overnight: Florence (Breakfast, Dinner)

Day 14: Return Home: After breakfast at the hotel, we transfer to the airport for our return flight home. Depending on the final overnight location. Departures will be from Leonardo da Vinci-Fiumicino Airport. As our pilgrimage comes to an end, we depart with hearts full of gratitude for the sacred places visited, the friendships formed, and the many spiritual blessings received throughout our journey.

*Time Permitting

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\$5499.00*

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*Discount cash/check price

OPTIONS

- For a single room*: add \$1249

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FIRST PAYMENT	\$500.00	DUE: NOW
SECOND PAYMENT	\$1249.00	DUE: JUN 12, 2026
THIRD PAYMENT	\$1000.00	DUE: AUG 11, 2026
FINAL PAYMENT	REMAINING	DUE: SEP 25, 2026

BASE PRICE INCLUDES:

- Roundtrip airfare from San Francisco (SFO)
- Excursions per itinerary
- 4-5 Star Hotels
- 12 Nights accommodation
- Meals per Itinerary
- Transportation by air-conditioned motor coach
- Professional tour guides
- Pilgrims' Backpack

NOT INCLUDED:

- Passport/Visa Costs
- Gratuities
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By making any payments (cash, credit card or otherwise) towards any tour constitutes your unconditional acceptance of all the terms and conditions stated in this brochure. Pax Via Tours & Travel Inc. shall be referred to as PVTT within this document.

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REGISTRATION AND DEPOSIT: Deposit of \$500 per person is required upon registration along with a signed copy of the registration form. Registrations are processed in the order received by PVTT. Final payment is due 45 days prior to departure. Late payments are subject to a \$50 late fee per week past the due date. PVTT reserves the right to cancel reservations whose payments are 30 days late and to apply applicable cancellation/penalties indicated below. No registrations can be made over the telephone.

INDIVIDUAL CANCELLATION FEES & REFUNDS: Upon cancellation of participation of tour by you, the registrant, for any reason, and only after PVTT receives your written cancellation via email used to register or by US mail, PVTT will then refund your payment for services not received by you, minus applicable cancellation fees per person, according to the following schedule: All refunds will be processed via check. Credit card fees are collected by the payment processor and will not be refunded.

Minimum cancellation fee is \$500 from time of registration up to 120 days prior to the tour's departure date.

From 119 to 60 days prior to departure day, the cancellation fee is \$500 + 20% of total price.

From 59 days to 31 days prior to departure day, cancellation fee is \$500 + 50% of total price.

From 30 days prior to departure day onward, no refund is possible.

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BOUNCED CHECKS: Bounced checks will incur a \$25 administrative fee.

DISPUTED PAYMENTS: In the event of a disputed payment for reasons other than a fraudulent charge, the administrative fees associated with a dispute will be invoiced to your account and either deducted from your refund or invoiced to you. These fees are subject to change due to payment processors' rules and regulations.

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LAND TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSFERS: By private deluxe motor coach.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Tour prices are per person, based on two persons sharing double or twin-bedded rooms with a private bathroom with tub or shower. In the event that one does not sign up with a roommate and is not able to be paired with another traveler, there will be a single supplement charge to the account. Single rooms subject to availability and an additional cost indicated on the brochure. Accommodations are subject to change due to upgrade, size of group, etc.

MOBILE APP: Final pilgrimage details will be available through an app before departure. Please be aware that the information on the app is regularly updated and subject to change. PVTT holds no liability for errors or discrepancies in the app's content.

MEALS: Meals in accordance with the itinerary. All beverages are extra.

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