

Pilgrimage *with the Saints*

Join *Arkansas Catholic* for a 10-day pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi and a special visit to Subiaco with **Father Erik Pohlmeier**, diocesan faith formation director and theological consultant for *Arkansas Catholic*.

**Experience Rome for
All Saints Day and All Souls Day
October 27-November 5, 2017
\$3,654**

per person, double occupancy • Daily Mass • Includes lodging, breakfast daily, eight dinners, two lunches, airfare and entrance fees to scheduled sites • Tips, beverages and insurance not included • \$425 single room supplement • A \$600 deposit is required at the time of registration. Final payment is due by August 21, 2017.

**Limited number of seats available.
Details and registration form inside.**

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

with Father Pohlmeier and organizers
Sunday, November 6, 2016 • 2-3:30 p.m.

St. John Center, Fitzgerald Hall, Little Rock

To register for the meeting, visit

<http://pilgrimmeeting.eventbrite.com>.

SO MUCH TO SEE, LEARN, EXPERIENCE • Miracle of the Eucharist in Orvieto • Chapel where St. Francis consecrated St. Clare • Holy places that are key to St. Francis, St. Clare, St. Rita, St. Benedict, St. Scholastica, St. Agnes, St. Peter, St. Paul and more • Major basilicas in Rome • Mass at Basilica of St. Peter • Sistine Chapel • Piazza Navona • Weekly audience with Pope Francis • Tombs of St. John XXIII and St. John Paul II • Castel Gandolfo, the papal summer residence • **Father Erik will lead an afternoon retreat in Rome at the Abbey of Tre Fontane.**



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YOUR DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY

Day 1 October 27, Little Rock: Today we depart Little Rock Airport for our overnight international flight to Rome. Dinner and breakfast served on board.

Day 2 October 28, Rome/ Orvieto/Assisi: Today, we arrive in Rome, "The Eternal City." After passing through customs, our tour guide will welcome us and direct us to our deluxe motor coach for our scenic drive to the Umbrian town of Orvieto. We will visit the Cathedral (Duomo), where in 1263 a Eucharistic miracle occurred. A priest had difficulty believing that Christ was really present in the consecrated host. While celebrating Mass, blood flowed from the host and trickled down his hands onto the corporal. Because of this miracle, Pope Paul VI declared the feast of Corpus Christi. There will be some time at leisure to explore this lovely town before we meet for lunch (which is included). We continue on to Assisi, the home of gentle St. Francis, patron saint of animals, the environment and servant of the poor, stopping at the Church of St. Mary of the Angels housing the famous Porziuncola, birthplace of the Franciscan order and the chapel where St. Francis consecrated St. Clare. We will see the thornless rose bush and the cave where St. Francis retired for prayer. We ascend Mount Subasio to the quaint hilltop town where St. Francis was born in 1181. The walled town still retains its early 1200s charm. Welcome dinner and overnight at the Giotto Hotel. (Lunch/Dinner)

Day 3 October 29, Assisi: After breakfast, our first stop is the huge 13th century Basilica of St. Francis built over his crypt. The basilica and friary were declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2000. Our Franciscan guide will lead the tour of the basilica, which holds many relics of St Francis' life and many beautiful artworks by Giotto depicting his life. Mass will be celebrated at the crypt. We will then stroll the medieval streets to the Church of St. Clare to see the saint's incorrupt body and review her relics. St. Clare is the founder of the Order of Poor Clares; they follow the teachings of St. Francis by living a life of poverty and humility. Inside this church is also the original San Damiano cross that spoke to St. Francis while he was praying. The Lord commissioned St. Francis to rebuild his Church. St. Francis believed the message to mean to rebuild the physical buildings that were greatly in need of repair, but he soon came to know the message was for him to rebuild his inner self and the people of God through love, patience, trust, service, prayer and renewal. Next we visit the Cathedral of St. Rufinus (San Rufino), which houses the baptismal font where Sts. Francis and Clare were baptized. Our last visit is to Chiesa Nuova, childhood home of St. Francis. Balance of the day is at leisure. Dinner and overnight. (Breakfast/Dinner)

Day 4 October 30, Assisi/ Norcia/ Cascia/ Rome: After breakfast, we depart Assisi. (Time permitting we will make a stop at Norcia

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Enclosed is my payment for the Pilgrimage with the Saints 2017 Tour • BN:47029

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Clearly print name as it appears on your passport: (Last, First, Middle)

Rooming With: _____ Single Room (\$425 Additional Cost): Yes ___ No ___

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PASSENGER #2 NAME (if residing in same household as Passenger 1): _____
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Home Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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where St. Benedict, the founder of the Benedictine order, and his twin sister St. Scholastica were born in 480. This quaint, walled city will charm you with its winding streets and excellent food.) Our next stop is to Cascia, home of St. Rita where Mass will be celebrated. We will see St. Rita's incorrupt body, hear the story of her stigmata of the crown of thorns, the Eucharistic miracle in the lower church and the remains of Blessed Simone Fidati. In 1330, a priest went to visit a dying farmer, taking with him the consecrated host and stuck it in his breviary instead of a pyx. When he opened the breviary he discovered the host was bleeding and the pages inside stained with blood. We drive to Rome for dinner and overnight at the Guest House of Santa Maria alle Fornaci, a half-mile from St. Peter Basilica. (Breakfast/Dinner)

Day 5 October 31, Rome: We start the day with a visit to the Vatican Museums with its many galleries filled with awe-inspiring art treasures, relics and the most overwhelming Sistine Chapel with Michelangelo's breathtaking frescoes and the mural of the Last Judgment. Continue our tour of "Christian Rome," starting with visiting two of the major basilicas: St. Mary Major, one of the oldest churches in Rome dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, which contains a relic from the manger of the Infant Jesus; and the Basilica of St. John Lateran, where we will celebrate Mass, the former residence of the popes prior to their return to Rome in 1377, which contains relics of both Peter and Paul under the main altar. In this church, St. Francis persuaded Pope Innocent III to give him permission to begin the Franciscan order. Across the square is the Holy Stairs said to be the stairs Jesus walked up when he was condemned to death. Many pilgrims walk these steps on their knees. The next stop is the Basilica of the Holy Cross (Santa Croce in Gerusalemme), which houses some of the relics of the Passion of Jesus. Inside this church we can see three pieces of the true cross, two thorns and a nail and a full-size replica of the Shroud of Turin. When this minor basilica was built around 325 A.D., its floor was built with soil from Jerusalem. Dinner and overnight. (Breakfast/Dinner)

Day 6 November 1, All Saint's Day, Rome: After breakfast we transfer to Vatican City to attend the weekly papal audience with His Holiness Pope Francis (pending papal schedule). Today will truly be a day to remember as we gather with thousands of pilgrims from around the world. After lunch (which is on our own) we will tour and celebrate Mass in St. Peter Basilica, the largest church in Christendom, built on the site where St. Peter was martyred. The basilica is unsurpassed in beauty and history to which pilgrims from all over the world come to visit and worship. Our tour of the basilica includes the tombs under the main altar where many popes are buried, the Pieta, Bernini's amazing bronze canopy and the Chair of St. Peter. After we tour the basilica we will have time to pray and mediate at the tombs of St. John XXIII and St. John Paul II. We will stop at the Piazza Navona, one of the most beautiful plazas for great shopping and delicious food. Dinner on your own and overnight. (Breakfast)

Day 7 November 2, All Soul's Day, Ancient Rome: After breakfast we start our sightseeing tour of "Ancient Rome" with a panorama tour of the Coliseum, the Forum, the center of the daily life of Ancient Rome, Arch of Constantine, Circus Maximus, Palazzo Venezia,

Capitoline Hill, the Pantheon and the Spanish Steps. We will make a stop at the famous Trevi Fountain where tradition says if you toss a coin over your left shoulder you will return to Rome again. We travel along the Appian Way where we see the Baths of Caracalla, Arch of Drusus, Chapel of Domine Quo Vadis and visit the Catacombs where the early Christians hid themselves to escape persecution. We will celebrate Mass at the Catacombs. As we head back to the center of Rome time permitting we will stop at the St. Peter in Chains Basilica to see the chains that bound St. Peter and Michelangelo's Moses. Dinner and overnight. (Breakfast/Dinner)

Day 8 November 3, Subiaco/ Rome: Today we depart Rome for a visit to Subiaco, the birthplace of western monasticism. The Monastery of St. Benedict and the Holy Grotto are about 25 miles from Rome along the Aniene River. The Abbey of St. Scholastica is close by. The monastery enshrines the cave (Sacro Speco) where St. Benedict lived alone as a hermit for three years before he organized his first monastic community. The monastery is a breath-taking complex built into the mountain. It consists of numerous buildings, passage ways, stairways and chapels with beautiful frescos. One is a full-length portrait of St. Francis without his halo and stigmata, indicating it was painted during his lifetime before 1224.

We will return to Rome in the afternoon to visit the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Wall and Tre Fontane Abbey, made up of three separate sanctuaries. Tradition says it is the place of St Paul's martyrdom. He was beheaded by Emperor Nero's order and when St. Paul's head struck the earth in three different places three fountains of water miraculously sprang forth. We will spend time in prayer, meditation and confession. A short distance away is the Convent of the Little Sisters of Jesus. Little Sister Magdeleine had always wanted a central house in Rome. In 1956 the house was built on land owned by the Trappist Fathers of the Cistercian Order (the order of Tre Fontane Abbey). We will stop by the convent to celebrate Mass. Dinner and overnight. (Breakfast/Dinner)

Day 9 November 4, Castel Gondolfo/Frascati Region/Rome: After breakfast we will drive to Castle Gondolfo, the summer home of our Holy Father. We stroll the grounds and nearby lake before visiting some of the shops. We will stop for wine tasting before returning to Rome. We return to Rome where we will stop at the Piazza Navona and visit St. Agnes Church for Mass. We will have some time for shopping. This evening we will have our farewell dinner at a local restaurant with wine and music. Overnight in Rome. (Breakfast/Dinner)

Day 10 November 5, Rome/Little Rock: After breakfast, we depart for the airport for our flight back to Little Rock. We arrive home the same day, taking with us many memories and blessings to last us a lifetime. (Breakfast)

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Rooms: Prices are per person, based on two persons sharing a hotel room. A limited number of single rooms are available at the supplement shown per tour. In some cases, when requested, we may be able to find an appropriate roommate for passengers who have booked as a single person. If a roommate is not available, you must pay the single room supplement (\$425). While single rooms provide privacy they are often smaller than twin bedrooms. Triple rooms are available in many hotels for family or friends traveling together. There are no discounts for triple rooms.

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