

The St Joseph Parish Choir invites you to accompany them to

ITALY

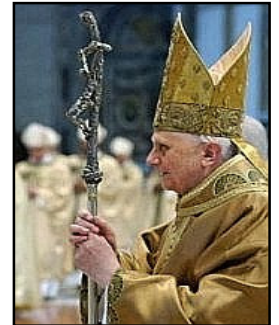
Fr. Bill Ashbaugh, *Spiritual Director*
Brian Mulheran, *Director of Music*
John Jeter, *Tour Director*



Your 10 Day Pilgrimage Includes:

February 18 – 27, 2010

- Round trip air transportation via scheduled airline, Detroit / Rome / Detroit
- Eight (8) nights accommodations at 3 and 4 - Star Hotels:
(2) nights in Assisi, (2) nights in San Gimignano and (4) nights in Rome
- Daily continental breakfasts
- Four (4) Dinners and one (1) Lunch, including a Welcome and Farewell dinner
- Arrangements for daily celebration of Mass and attendance at public Papal Audience (subject to The Holy Father's final schedule)
- Choir Performances in Rome and Assisi
- Italian Tour Escort while in Italy
- Deluxe coach for airport transfers in Italy and for specified sightseeing
- Sightseeing per the attached itinerary
- Hotel taxes and portorage for 1 piece of luggage



Sistine Chapel



St. Francis of Assisi



Duomo Orvieto

Rome Itinerary*

Day 1 – Thursday

Depart USA

Depart for Rome, Italy via overnight flight on scheduled airline.

Day 2 – Friday

Arrive Rome, Italy / Assisi

(D)

Arrive Rome, Italy. Meet your Italian Tour escort then travel to Assisi via luxury motorcoach. Lunch on your own. Free time to explore Assisi (if flight schedule allows.) Welcome Dinner tonight hosted by your tour escort. Overnight Assisi.

Day 3 – Saturday

Assisi

(CB)

Sing at morning Mass at St. Clare, then guided visit of church, along with the Basilicas of San Rufino and St. Francis, and the other main city sites. See the cross that spoke to St. Francis. After lunch, guided tour of San Damiano and Hermitage (if it is re-opened by then) and St. Mary of the Angels, including the Porziuncola. Free time in the evening. Lunch and dinner on your own. Overnight Assisi

Day 4 – Sunday

Assisi /Siena/San Gimignano

(CB, L)

Sing at Mass in the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi. Following Mass, depart for Siena, a classic medieval hill town famous for its large, fan-shaped piazza. The Piazza del Campo is the heart of Siena and the best place to enjoy a cappuccino while doing some people-watching! Lunch and typical wine-tasting right off the Piazza del Campo. Afternoon walking tour of this beautiful city- see the St. Dominic Basilica where the incorrupt head of St. Catherine of Siena lies in state. Explore the city that is second only to Florence in art and architecture. Depart for San Gimignano, another fascinating medieval city in the heart of Tuscany surrounded by its majestic walls and famous for its numerous towers. Overnight San Gimignano.

Day 5 – Monday

San Gimignano / Florence / San Gimignano

(CB, D)

Depart for a daylong visit to Florence, a city of magnificent art, architecture, leather and gold. *Celebrate Mass in the Cathedral of St. Mary*, followed by a tour. Lunch on your own with some free time for shopping. Next, take a guided walking tour of Florence including the Opera del Duomo Museum with the second dramatic “*Pietà*” by Michelangelo; Duomo; Baptistery; Signoria Square “the open air museum” and Santa Croce with the tombs of Michelangelo, Galileo and Rossini. Return to San Gimignano by way of Chianti country, across small villages, medieval towns, olive trees, and grape vines. Dinner at a Tuscan farmhouse outside of San Gimignano where you will taste some of the best local wines. Overnight San Gimignano.

Day 6 – Tuesday

San Gimignano / Orvieto/Rome

(CB)

In the morning, check out of hotel and depart for to the lovely Umbrian village of Orvieto, perched on the flat summit of a large butte of volcanic tuff, among the most dramatic in Europe. *Celebrate Mass in the Duomo*, followed by a tour. After Mass we take a guided tour to see the church and learn about the Eucharistic Miracle of Corpus Christi and the famous cycle of frescoes by Signorelli. Then, enjoy a light lunch and some time to stroll the charming streets and shops of Orvieto. Later, drive to Rome and check into a hotel located just blocks from St. Peter’s Square. Dinner on your own. Overnight Rome.

Day 7 – Wednesday

Rome/ Papal Audience/ Vatican

(CB, D)

Sing at Mass at St. Mary Major. Then, attend the public Papal Audience (pending the Holy Father’s final schedule). Lunch on your own. Next, tour of St. Peter’s Basilica including the underground tombs of the Popes. After, visit to the Sistine Chapel and Vatican Museums. Dinner tonight at a popular restaurant. Overnight Rome.

Day 8 – Thursday

Christian Rome Tour

(CB)

Celebrate private Mass at St. Peter’s in a chapel across from St. Peter’s Tomb, (pending confirmation) followed by the possibility of a unique opportunity to take the famous Vatican Scavi tour below St. Peter’s (*pending confirmation*). Then, take a Christian Rome Tour with visits to St. John in Lateran; the Holy Steps; Holy Cross of Jerusalem; Santa Maria Sopra Minerva, where the body of St. Catherine of Siena reclines under an altar. See the basilica of St. Paul-Outside- the- Walls. Visit the catacombs of San Callisto. Evening free to explore *La Dolce Vita* in the Eternal City! Overnight Rome.

Day 9 – Friday

Ancient Rome Tour

(CB, D)

Celebrate Mass at Tre Fontane. After, take a guided tour of Ancient Rome. See Circus Maximus, Palatine Hill, the Arch of Constantine, Mammertine Prison, and the interior of the Colosseum. From there go along the Way of the Imperial Forums to Piazza Venezia with its Monument to Victor Emmanuel, and on to Capitoline Hill with its view of the Roman Forum. Visit the Pantheon and Piazza Navona with its three splendid fountains, and continue past the Ara Pacis Augustae to finish your tour at the beautiful Trevi Fountain. Tonight, reminisce over a Farewell Dinner with entertainment. Overnight Rome.

Day 10 – Saturday

Depart to USA

Say “Arrivederci” to Italy and depart for your transatlantic flight back to the USA

*Tentative Itinerary, subject to final confirmation

Per person; double occupancy. **Price reflects an Early Booking Savings of \$100 per person for deposits received before April 15, 2009. Price reflects a \$65 discount for those paying the total cost of the tour by cash or check.** Please see TERMS & CONDITIONS for additional applicable pricing specifications. Rates based on January 2009 exchange rate. Exchange rates, taxes, tariffs and fuel surcharges are subject to increase prior to tour departure.

**Early Booking
Special:
\$2,799***

The tour does not include:

- Air taxes estimates to be \$450 per person
- Meals not specifically identified
- Gratuities payable to guides, drivers and local services personnel
- Other personal expenses

Reservation Form:

St. Joseph Parish - Fr. Bill Asbaugh

February 18 – 27, 2010

Please fill out one reservation form per person. Photo copies of form are permitted.

Name _____
(As it appears on your passport) If Under 18: Age _____ (see back)

Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip Code: _____ Home Phone (____) _____

Other Phone (____) _____ Email address _____

(Roommate) _____

Passenger Legal Passport Name: _____

Date of Issue _____ Expiration Date: _____

Passport Number _____ Passport Place of Issue _____

Date & Place of Birth _____

____ I would like land only; I will be responsible for my own air and will sign a Land Only Waiver

____ I would like a roommate; please put me in touch with other passengers looking for a roommate

____ I prefer a single room and will pay an additional \$500, which is due with my balance.

Preferred Name for Name Badge _____ (Your Name)

Preferred Name for Name Badge _____ (Roommate)

Payment Schedule: Deposit \$350 to book. Additional \$1,250 due on September 21, 2009.
Balance due on November 20, 2009.

Note: Price reflects a cash discount of \$65 for tours paid entirely by cash or check. Price reflects an Early Booking Savings of \$100.00 per person for deposits received before April 15, 2009.

Make check payable to Corporate Travel Service or use Credit Card. Visa or MasterCard (circle one)

Name as it appears on Card _____ Amount \$ _____

Card Number _____

Security code (back of card) _____ Expiration _____

Card Billing Address _____

I have received, read and agree to the TERMS & CONDITIONS on the backside of this form and the Liability clause and payment terms outlined on this side of the form. I also understand that Corporate Travel Service highly recommends the purchase of travel insurance and that the cancellation terms and penalties cannot be waived for any reason. If I decline to purchase travel insurance, I understand that there is no monetary recourse for any flight cancellations or delays by the airlines and I agree to the cancellation terms and penalties:

Signature _____

Signature of Parent or Guardian if Under 18 _____

Corporate Travel Service, Inc.,

23420 Ford Rd., Dearborn Heights, MI 48127
Phone: 313-565-8888 x 121 Fax: 313-565-3621
Website: www.ctscentral.net

Hours of Reservations Department:

Monday: 9:00am – 7:00pm EST
Tuesday through Friday: 9:00am – 5:00pm EST

Liability: In making arrangements for accommodations, meals, transportation, transfers, excursions, sightseeing and other services included in the tour, Corporate Travel Service, Inc., is acting only as an agent for the following suppliers of travel services, i.e. all airlines, all hotels, all ground handlers, all transfer companies, all restaurants, all sightseeing attractions, all entertainment, all bus companies, all museums and all cruise lines and is not liable for any accident, injury, damage, loss, illicit act, delay or other irregularity which may be caused by the defect of any vehicle or the negligence or default of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger or carrying out the arrangements of this tour. Should Fr. Ashbaugh, Brian Mulheran and/or John Jeter be unable to participate in this event, every effort will be made to secure a substitute. Regardless of Fr. Ashbaugh, Brian Mulheran and/or John Jeter participating, the tour will proceed as scheduled on that date. By signing this form to participate in this tour, you agree that the terms of the cancellation penalty will be binding upon you regardless of whether Fr. Ashbaugh, Brian Mulheran and/or John Jeter is able to participate. Corporate Travel Service will not be responsible for any loss incurred by traveller, including lost days of the scheduled tour, due to a cancelled flight or other means and modes of transportation. Please investigate purchasing travel insurance as recommended, to cover any type of loss associated with cancelled air or other transportation.

**CANCELLATION INSURANCE IS
HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**

***For optimum insurance coverage,
purchase travel insurance within 14
days of deposit.
Call us at 313-565-8888
ext. 151 or 152.***

TERMS & CONDITIONS

PAYMENT: In order to meet deposit schedules with suppliers for this tour, Corporate Travel Service asks for prompt payment on the requested dates. Please see the reservation form for the payment schedule. The advertised price is based on 42 passengers, tariffs, exchange rates, air line fuel surcharges and taxes in effect when the tour was organized and are subject to increase before tour departure. Price of the tour may have to be adjusted before final payment to reflect any increase in tariffs, fluctuation in exchange rates and/or fuel surcharges.

Corporate Travel Service accepts cash, check, money orders and Visa and MasterCard for payment. In order to qualify for the advertised price, traveler must pay entire tour (deposit and final payment) by cash or check. The discount for payment by cash or check will be made after final payments are received.

CANCELLATION POLICY: All cancellations must be received in writing. Forfeit \$100 per person for cancellation received before September 21, 2009. Forfeit \$350 for cancellations received between September 21, 2009 and November 10, 2009. Forfeit \$1,600 for cancellation received between November 10, 2009 and December 5, 2009. After December 5, 2009, no refund. **Penalties will be according to the fax or postmark date.**

STATE DEPARTMENT & OTHER AGENCIES: From time to time the State Department (www.state.gov) and the Centers 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. Corporate Travel Service 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.

CANCELLATION INSURANCE: Corporate Travel Service HIGHLY RECOMMENDS the purchase of travel insurance. To receive the optimum insurance coverage, purchase travel insurance within 14 days of deposit. Call us at 313-565-8888 x 151 or 152.

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. Single rooms are limited and are available first come-first served until the supply is exhausted.

CHECKED LUGGAGE: 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 inches** (length + width + height). If 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. Please confirm these specifications when you receive your final travel documents, as they can and do change.

CARRY ON LUGGAGE: You may also bring a small carry-on bag that will fit under an airline seat and on the small parcel racks of the motor coach, which average about 8 inches high by 18 inches deep. It is best if your carry-on bag is soft sided, as the parcel racks on the motor coaches are small. Currently, travellers are allowed to transport only small amounts of liquids, gels, lotions, aerosols or similar items on their person or in their carry-on luggage. Details will be in your final travel documents.

GRATUITIES: Gratuities for your escort, driver and guides are not included. In Europe it is customary to tip the escort (3) Euros and the driver two (2) Euros per person per day. The tip for the local guides is usually about one (1) Euro for half-day tours and two (2) Euros for full day tours.

PASSPORT: A valid U.S. Passport is required of all passengers. Please apply for your passport immediately as passports are taking a long time to process. Make sure to have it in your possession at all times while on tour. **It must be valid for 6 months following the return date of the trip or boarding may be denied or entry into the destination may be forbidden. Please provide Corporate Travel Service with a copy of the inside page of your passport (showing your name and photo) at the time of reservation.** A color copy is preferred.

GROUP AIR: Due to the airlines' reduced capacity and restrictive group reservation terms, group air reservations are often difficult to coordinate. The number of connections, length of layovers, and all conditions surrounding air travel cannot be guaranteed and may change before departure. Accordingly, if you require specific air travel needs and are not flexible concerning group air travel, **you may wish to consider purchasing a Land-Only package** and secure your own preferred air arrangements. In this case, you must notify Corporate Travel Service no less than 120 days before departure, be responsible for meeting the group at a specified location and time on the tour, and sign a Corporate Travel Service Land Only Waiver. Land only passengers are responsible for arranging and the cost of transfers to and from the airport. Corporate Travel Service will not be responsible for any loss incurred by traveller due to a cancelled flight or other means of transportation. Please investigate purchasing travel insurance to cover any type of loss associated with cancelled air or other transportation.

Seat Requests: Corporate Travel Service will request specific seating, but there is no guarantee that the airline will honour our request.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: Unless otherwise notified, Corporate Travel Service will mail to you or your group leader a more detailed itinerary and General Information Sheet approximately 2 weeks or 10 days before departure.

ITINERARY: The Itinerary as presented in this brochure 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.

HEALTH REQUIREMENTS: Travellers must be medically and physically fit for this tour. This tour requires significant walking, as motor coaches are not permitted to pick up and drop off in front of major attractions. The tour is not wheelchair accessible. Should any special assistance be required, traveller agrees to bring a companion capable and willing to assist traveller.

CHILDREN UNDER 18: For a minor under the age of 18 to travel out of the United States without both parents or legal guardians, a notarised affidavit must be obtained and presented to immigration official upon departure and return to the United States. You may request a form from our office. *Children must be at least 6 years old to travel.*



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