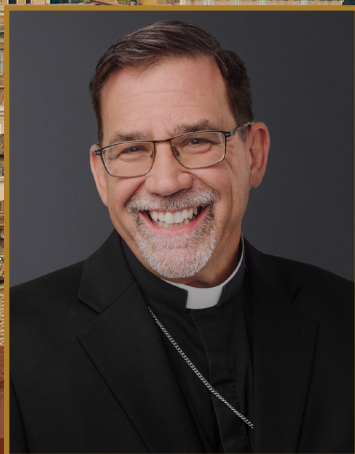


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DIACONATE ORDINATION PILGRIMAGE TO

# ITALY

SEPTEMBER 25 – OCTOBER 4, 2025



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# Itinerary

**Day 1** Thursday, September 25

## Depart USA

Depart on overnight flights to Rome.

**Day 2** Friday, September 26 🍴

## Rome | Assisi

Arrive in Rome and meet your Italian tour manager, then board a private motor coach and travel to Assisi. Celebrate Mass, time permitting, followed by a late afternoon hotel check-in. Gather for a special group welcome dinner and overnight in Assisi.

**Day 3** Saturday, September 27 🍴

## Assisi

Explore the St. Francis Basilica and the Church of St. Clare, where you'll witness the cross that inspired St. Francis to embrace a life of piety. Celebrate Mass, then tour San Rufino Church where St. Francis and St. Clare were both baptized. Visit the tomb of Blessed Carlo Acutis, who will be canonized in 2025. Enjoy the evening with dinner on your own. Overnight in Assisi.

**Day 4** Sunday, September 28 🍴🏰

## Rome | Holy Doors

Depart for Rome, stopping along the way for lunch. Depending on arrival time, tour and walk through the Holy Doors at the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls. Check in to your hotel and gather for a group dinner and overnight in Rome.

**Day 5** Monday, September 29 🍴

## Papal Basilicas | Holy Stairs

Celebrate a morning Mass, then head to the Basilica of St. John in Lateran and the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls to walk through the Holy Doors. After a visit to the Holy Stairs, enjoy leisure time to explore Rome and its many dining venues.

**Day 6** Tuesday, September 30 🍴

## Vatican Museums | Sistine Chapel

After Mass, embark on a guided tour of the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel, where you will view some of the most inspiring works of art, including Michelangelo's magnificent fresco of the Last Judgment. Tour St. Peter's Basilica and walk through the Holy Doors. The remainder of the day is at your leisure in St. Peter's Square. Overnight in Rome.

**Day 7** Wednesday, October 1 🍴

## Papal Audience/Optional Walking Tour

This morning, attend the weekly Papal Audience, pending Holy Father's schedule. Join an optional walking tour of the world-famous Piazza Navona and nearby sites including Trevi Fountain, the Spanish Steps and Pantheon. Attend a special optional vigil service for family and friends of the NAC seminarians. Overnight in Rome.

**Day 8** Thursday, October 2 🍴🏰

## Diaconate Ordination Day

Attend the morning Mass and Diaconate Ordination at St. Peter's Basilica, followed by a reception at the North American College. Join a celebratory dinner with the newly ordained deacon and family before an overnight in Rome.

**Day 9** Friday, October 3 🍴🏰

## Thanksgiving Mass-Free Day

Begin your day with the first Diaconate Mass, and then the remainder of the day will be unscheduled to allow for shopping, relaxing or touring additional sites. Gather for a special farewell dinner to celebrate this extraordinary pilgrimage. Overnight in Rome.

**Day 10** Saturday, October 4

## Depart Italy

Transfer to the Rome airport for your return flight home.



🍴 = Breakfast | 🏰 = Dinner

\*Itinerary is subject to change





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#### PAYMENT SCHEDULE

- **Deposit:** \$500 per person due upon registration
- **Second Deposit:** \$1,250 additional due on or before January 31, 2025
- **Final Payment:** Balance due on or before April 30, 2025

#### CANCELLATION POLICY:

All cancellations must be received in writing. Payments are non-refundable and subject to CTS Terms and Conditions, including the CTS Liability Release.

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## TOUR INCLUSIONS

- Eight nights' accommodations at four-star hotels
  - Two nights in Assisi
  - Six nights in Rome
- Meals
  - Continental breakfast daily
  - Four dinners with wine, including welcome and farewell dinners
- Italian tour manager
- Corporate Travel tour manager
- Licensed local guides and sightseeing/entrance fees
  - Assisi
  - Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel
  - All Papal Basilicas
- Luxury private motor coach in Italy
- Arrangements of daily Mass including donations in historic churches
- Diaconate Ordination Mass and reception\*
- Spiritual direction of Bishop Jeffrey M. Fleming
- Attendance at weekly Papal Audience\*
- Gratuities payable to Italian tour manager, guides, and drivers
- Airport transfers if selecting optional group air
- Hotel and city taxes, plus portorage for one piece of luggage

#### YOUR TOUR DOES NOT INCLUDE

- Roundtrip airfare, unless selecting optional group air
  - Optional group airfare will be available in November 2024
  - Estimated roundtrip group airfare from Great Falls/Billings is \$1700-\$1900
- Airport transfers in Italy
  - Unless selecting optional group airfare or meeting the group at pre-determined time at Rome airport
- Meals and beverages unless specified
- Travel insurance
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