

In the Saints' Eternal Embrace: Italian Catholic Pilgrimage with Father Anthony Ochoa

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Join Father Anthony Ochoa on a transformative Catholic pilgrimage across Italy, following the sacred trails of Apostles, Saints, and Martyrs in Christendom's heart. From Rome's shadowy Catacombs of early persecution to Assisi's lush hills embodying St. Francis' poverty and devotion, revive your faith in historic splendor. Witness miracles like Lanciano's 8th-century Eucharistic Miracle and St. Pio's stigmata, drawing healing through humble intercession. In daily Masses amid Gregorian echoes, climb the Scala Santa walked by Christ, igniting piety and union with His Mystical Body.





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Embark upon this profound Catholic pilgrimage, a spiritual odyssey led by the venerable **Father Anthony Ochoa**, where the faithful are called to traverse the hallowed paths trodden by apostles, saints, and martyrs in the cradle of Christendom—Italy's timeless terrains steeped in ecclesiastical splendor. From the subterranean depths of Rome's ancient **Catacombs**, whispering tales of early Christian persecution and unwavering faith under imperial tyranny, to the ethereal heights of Assisi's verdant hills, where the mendicant spirit of **St. Francis** revolutionized devotion with his radical embrace of poverty and creation, this journey beckons the soul to renewal. Encounter the miraculous, such as the **Eucharistic Miracle** at Lanciano, a divine affirmation of the Real Presence dating to the 8th century, and the stigmata-borne legacy of **St. Pio of Pietrelcina**, whose Capuchin humility continues to heal the afflicted through intercession. Amidst daily **Masses** in basilicas echoing with centuries of Gregorian chant, historical pilgrimages to sites like the **Scala Santa**—the very stairs ascended by Our Lord during His Passion—and communal repasts fostering bonds of fraternity, may this itinerary enkindle fervent piety, historical reverence, and an abiding communion with the Mystical Body of Christ, guiding pilgrims toward eternal truths in the shadow of the Church's triumphant heritage.



Sunday, October 11, 2026

Depart from St. Louis bound for the Eternal City of Rome, the seat of the Holy See and bastion of apostolic succession, commencing this graced pilgrimage under the pastoral guidance of **Father Anthony Ochoa**. As we ascend into the heavens en route to the land where **St. Peter** and **St. Paul** sealed their martyrdom with blood, fortifying the foundations of the Universal Church, let us invoke the protection of Our Lady of the Airways for a journey imbued with contemplative anticipation of the sacred mysteries ahead. **Breakfast and dinner included** (in-flight meals provided).

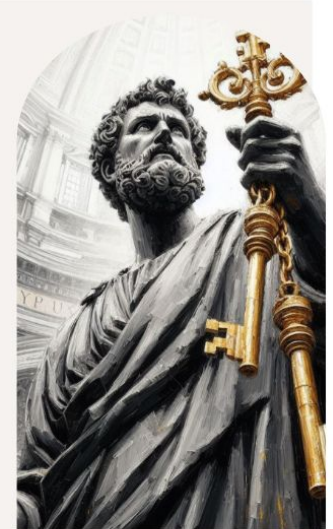


Monday, October 12, 2026

Upon arrival in Rome, the caput mundi where pagan empires yielded to the Cross, we commence our hallowed itinerary with a pilgrimage to the majestic **Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls**, erected over the tomb of the Apostle to the Gentiles whose epistles illuminate the doctrines of grace and justification, a site rebuilt in the 19th century after fire yet preserving ancient mosaics of triumphant faith. Descend into the shadowy **Catacombs** of early Christianity, labyrinthine galleries hewn from tufa rock where persecuted believers interred their dead amid symbols of resurrection and the Chi-Rho, evoking the heroic witness of martyrs under Nero and Diocletian. Check into a nearby hotel for repose, allowing time to acclimate to the rhythms of this city sanctified by two millennia of papal history. **Breakfast and dinner included** (dinner in the hotel).

Tuesday, October 13, 2026

Awaken to the solemnity of **Mass at St. Peter's Crypt**, beneath the grandeur of Michelangelo's dome in **St. Peter's Basilica**, venerating the relics of the Rock upon which Christ built His Church, a site of uninterrupted pilgrimage since the 4th century when Constantine erected the first basilica over **St. Peter's** tomb. Delve into the opulent repositories of sacred art within the **Vatican Museums**, traversing galleries adorned with Raphael's frescoes depicting theological virtues, culminating in the divine vault of the **Sistine Chapel** (if accessible), where Michelangelo's Genesis and Last Judgment proclaim the drama of salvation history from creation to eschaton. Venture into the heart of ancient Rome to the **Pantheon**, a marvel of imperial engineering consecrated as the Church of **Santa Maria ad Martyres** in the 7th century, its oculus symbolizing the eye of Providence over a space that once housed pagan idols now supplanted by altars to the saints. **Breakfast and dinner included** (dinner outside the hotel).



Wednesday, October 14, 2026

Partake in the **Papal Audience** at St. Peter's Square, a modern echo of apostolic gatherings where the Vicar of Christ imparts blessings and catechesis to the faithful, continuing the Petrine ministry established by Our Lord Himself. Journey eastward to Cascia, nestled in Umbria's rugged Apennines, for **Mass at the Shrine of St. Rita**, the Augustinian "Saint of the Impossible" whose 15th-century life of patient suffering and miraculous interventions, including her incorrupt body and the thorn from Christ's crown embedded in her forehead, inspires hope amid adversity. Proceed to the mystical town of Assisi, checking into the Windsor Hotel amid vistas that have drawn contemplatives for centuries. **Breakfast and dinner included** (dinner in the hotel).

Thursday, October 15, 2026

Immerse in Assisi's Franciscan patrimony, commencing atop the hill at the **Basilica of St. Clare**, guardian of the San Damiano Crucifix that spoke to **St. Francis**, housing the incorrupt remains of the foundress of the Poor Clares whose radical poverty mirrored the Virgin Mary's humility in the 13th century. Proceed to **San Carlo Acutis** and celebrate **Mass at Santa Maria Maggiore**, an ancient oratory rededicated to the Mother of God, where pilgrims honor Mary's maternal intercession in a setting resonant with medieval devotion. Following a prayerful interlude, explore the **Basilica of St. Francis** under the tutelage of a Franciscan friar, descending to the crypt where the Poverello of Assisi lies entombed, his 13th-century Cantic of the Sun still extolling creation's praise of the Creator; conclude at **Santa Maria**



degli Angeli, enveloping the humble Porziuncola chapel where **St. Francis** founded his order and received the Pardon of Assisi indulgence, a beacon of mercy granted by papal decree. **Breakfast and dinner included** (dinner outside the hotel at a nearby farm evoking Franciscan simplicity).

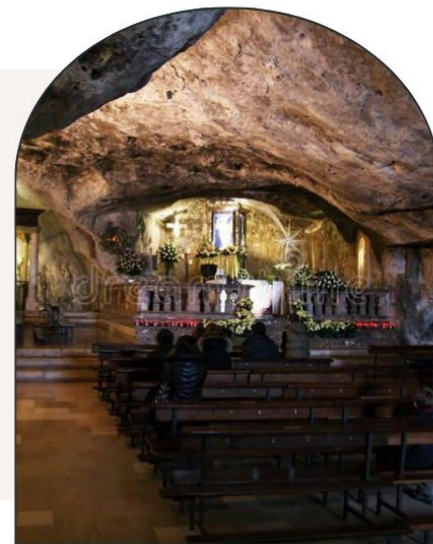


Friday, October 16, 2026

Set forth to Tolentino, venerating **St. Nicholas of Tolentino** in his basilica, the 13th-14th century Augustinian friar renowned for his Eucharistic fervor, miracles aiding souls in purgatory, and the "Bread of St. Nicholas" tradition symbolizing charitable sustenance for the afflicted. Continue to Loreto's **Holy House of the Blessed Virgin Mary**, the stone abode of the Holy Family in Nazareth, legendarily translated by angels in the 13th century to escape desecration, a Marian shrine where popes have knelt in devotion, encasing relics like the Black Madonna carved from Lebanese cedar. Drive southward to Lanciano for **Mass** at the **Church of the Eucharistic Miracle**, site of the 8th-century prodigy where a doubting monk's consecrated Host and Wine transubstantiated into visible Flesh and Blood, scientifically affirmed in modern times as cardiac tissue and AB-type blood, reinforcing the dogma of transubstantiation promulgated at Lateran IV. Overnight along the Adriatic's azure shores, contemplating the sea's vastness as a metaphor for divine infinity. **Breakfast and dinner included.**

Saturday, October 17, 2026

Pilgrimage to the **Grotto of St. Michael the Archangel** on Monte Gargano, a cavernous sanctuary hallowed by the Prince of the Heavenly Host's apparitions since the 5th century, including his command to erect a church amid barbarian invasions, for **Mass** and a program invoking angelic protection against spiritual warfare as chronicled in Lombard legends. Proceed to San Giovanni Rotondo, attending the English office for the **Blessing of Gloves**, a rite drawing from medieval chivalric customs to bestow fortitude in daily battles of faith. Check into the hotel adjoining the shrine, a modern haven amid Puglia's olive groves. **Breakfast and dinner included** (dinner in the hotel).



Sunday, October 18, 2026

Consecrate the Lord's Day to the **Shrine of St. Pio of Pietrelcina** in San Giovanni Rotondo, commencing with **Mass** in the presence of the 20th-century Capuchin stigmatist's relics, whose five decades bearing Christ's wounds, bilocation miracles, and marathon confessions embodied heroic sanctity amid fascist and ecclesiastical trials. Engage in comprehensive shrine activities, tracing **Padre Pio's** path from his friary cell to the confessional, with ample solitude for introspective prayer and sacramental reconciliation, fostering interior conversion in this locus of countless healings. **Breakfast and dinner included** (dinner outside the hotel).

Monday, October 19, 2026

Depart the **Shrine of Padre Pio**, journeying to the archaeological expanse of **Pompeii**, interred by Vesuvius in 79 AD—a poignant memento mori of human transience under divine providence, where frescoes and casts of the doomed reveal glimpses of pre-Christian Roman life transformed by the Gospel's arrival. Offer **Mass at the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Pompeii of the Rosary**, founded in the 19th century by Blessed Bartolo Longo, a former Satanist converted through Marian devotion, promoting the rosary as a spiritual weapon against evil. Savor a midday repast in a rustic trattoria, featuring Campania's famed buffalo mozzarella and Neapolitan pizza, then check into a Naples hotel with panoramic sea views evoking the Bay's apostolic landings. **Breakfast and dinner included** (dinner in the hotel).



Tuesday, October 20, 2026

Behold the **Cathedral of St. Gennaro** (Duomo di Napoli), custodian of the 4th-century martyr-bishop's relics, witnessing the thrice-annual **Liquefaction of the Blood of St. Januarius**, a phenomenon since 1389 interpreted as a portent of blessing or calamity for the city, blending faith with Neapolitan folklore. Ascend to **Monte Cassino** for **Mass** at the Benedictine abbey, phoenix-like reconstructed after World War II devastation, originally established by **St. Benedict** in the 6th century as the archetype of Western monasticism with his Rule emphasizing ora et labora, a citadel of learning that preserved classical knowledge through the Dark Ages. Check into a hotel proximate to the Vatican, gateway to the Church's heart. **Breakfast and dinner included** (dinner in the hotel).

Wednesday, October 21, 2026

Initiate the day with **Mass at the Basilica of Santa Cecilia in Trastevere**, the 3rd-century virgin-martyr's titular church, adorned with her statue by Maderno depicting her incorrupt discovery in 1599, patroness of sacred music whose hymns echoed in patrician halls converted to house churches. Proceed to **St. John Lateran**, the archbasilica and ecclesiastical mother of all churches, consecrated in 324 AD as the first public Christian edifice post-Edict of Milan; ascend the **Scala Santa**, the 28 marble steps from Pilate's praetorium sanctified by Christ's blood, climbed on knees in penitential devotion; venerate the **Relics of the Crucifixion** at **Santa Croce in Gerusalemme**, including thorns, nails, and True Cross fragments brought by St. Helena in the 4th century; and pay homage at **Santa Maria Maggiore**, the Liberian Basilica honoring Mary's divine maternity with 5th-century mosaics depicting Old Testament prefigurations. Conclude with exterior contemplations of imperial Rome's **Forum** and **Colosseum**, arenas of martyrdom where Christians like **St. Ignatius of Antioch** faced beasts, testifying to faith's victory over worldly power. Return to the hotel for a farewell banquet nearby, sharing graces received. **Breakfast and dinner included**.



Thursday, October 22, 2026

Depart Rome for St. Louis, arriving the same day, bearing the indelible imprint of this pilgrimage's encounters with the Church's living stones—the saints whose intercessions fortify us—as we reintegrate into ordinary life, transformed by the extraordinary communion with sacred history and divine mysteries. **Breakfast and dinner included** (in-flight meals provided).



INCLUDED FEATURES



- ROUND TRIP AIR FARE
- DAILY BUFFET BREAKFAST & DINNERS
- 9 NIGHTS IN 4 STAR HOTELS
- 10 IN COUNTRY TOUR MANAGER
- DINNERS IN GREAT ITALIAN RESTAURANTS



- PROFESSIONAL TOUR GUIDES
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- HEADPHONES ON TOURS WHERE APPLICABLE
- DAILY MASS AT SHRINES & CHURCHES PER ITINERARY
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