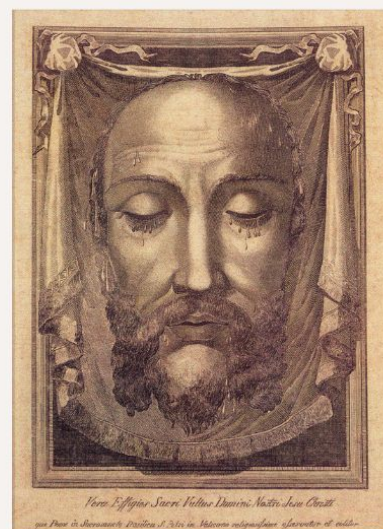


Unveiling Grace: A Journey to the Holy Face from Marian France to Eternal Rome with Father Pollman

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Join Father Kent Pollman of the Archdiocese of St. Louis on the **Holy Face Catholic Pilgrimage: France to Rome**, a transformative journey of faith, reflection, and devotion from **April 17 to May 1, 2027**. As pilgrims traverse sacred landscapes steeped in centuries of Catholic heritage, they will encounter sites where saints walked, apparitions unfolded, and miracles affirmed the divine presence, all under Father Pollman's guidance through daily Masses, prayers, and teachings that deepen their spiritual bond with the Church's timeless legacy.





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Saturday April 17, Day 1: Depart St. Louis, Missouri

With hearts brimming with excitement, pilgrims assemble at the airport in St. Louis, Missouri, ready to embark on this holy voyage led by Father Kent Pollman, echoing the ancient tradition of journeys undertaken by faithful souls seeking closer communion with God.



Sunday April 18, Day 2: Arrival in Toulouse, France

Arriving in Toulouse, the group journeys two hours to **Lourdes**, the renowned Marian shrine where, in 1858, the Virgin Mary appeared 18 times to the humble peasant girl St. Bernadette Soubirous, proclaiming herself the Immaculate Conception and urging prayer and penance. In the afternoon, Father Pollman celebrates **Mass**, followed by a guided tour of the majestic **Rosary Basilica**, the **Basilica of the Immaculate Conception** built over the grotto of the apparitions, and **St. Bernadette's home**, where her simple life exemplified profound humility. As dusk falls, pilgrims join the evocative Candlelight Procession, if available, symbolizing the light of faith amid the site's history of miraculous healings, before dinner and rest in **Lourdes**. (Dinner)

Monday April 19, Day 3: Lourdes – Day of Reflection

Dawn breaks over **Lourdes** with **Mass** at the **Grotto of Massabielle**, the very spot where Our Lady appeared to St. Bernadette, a site that has drawn millions since Pope Pius IX declared the apparitions authentic in 1862. Pilgrims may immerse in the Healing Baths, waters that have witnessed countless testimonies of grace since Bernadette unearthed the spring at Mary's instruction. The day offers free time for personal prayer, confession, or wandering the Sanctuary's hallowed grounds, with an optional visit to the **Lourdes Museum** chronicling the site's evolution into a global beacon of hope. Evening brings another Candlelight Procession, if offered, culminating in dinner and an overnight in **Lourdes**, enriched by Father Pollman's talk on St. Bernadette's humility, a virtue that transformed her visions into a lasting pillar of Marian devotion. (Dinner)





Tuesday April 20, Day 4: Lourdes – Day of Reflection

Deepening their immersion in **Lourdes'** spiritual aura, pilgrims partake in the sanctuary's program of adoration and reflection, guided by Father Pollman. This sacred pause allows contemplation of the site's role in Catholic history, where Mary's messages of conversion and peace have inspired reforms and pilgrimages for over a century. Today, we will have **Stations of the Cross**. The day concludes with dinner outside the hotel and an overnight stay in **Lourdes**.

Wednesday April 21, Day 5: Toulouse

A short drive returns the group to **Toulouse**, home to the 11th-century **Basilica of St. Sernin**, a Romanesque masterpiece built over the 4th-century tomb of St. Saturnin, Toulouse's first bishop martyred in 250 AD by being dragged by a bull for refusing pagan sacrifices. They also visit the **Église des Jacobins**, a 13th-century Gothic edifice housing the relics of St. Thomas Aquinas, the Dominican theologian whose Summa Theologica shaped Catholic doctrine, transferred here in 1369. Journeying to **Fanjeaux**, pilgrims explore **St. Mary Monastery of Prouilhe**, founded in 1206 by St. Dominic as a refuge for women converted from Cathar heresy during his preaching against the Albigensians. Father Pollman leads **Mass** at the monastery, with a possible encounter with Dominican sisters sharing St. Dominic's legacy of truth and prayer. Afternoon leads to **Carcassonne**, a fortified UNESCO site pivotal in the 1209 Albigensian Crusade, where papal forces besieged the Cathar stronghold, marking a turning point in suppressing the dualistic heresy. A tour of its ramparts and **Château Comtal** evokes this turbulent era, before dinner and overnight in **Fanjeaux** or **Carcassonne**.



Thursday April 22, Day 6: Avignon

Traveling to **Avignon**, pilgrims visit the **Palace of the Popes**, the fortified heart of the 14th-century Avignon Papacy, where seven popes resided from 1309 to 1377 amid political strife, including the "Babylonian Captivity" that strained Church unity. Afternoon **Mass** at **Avignon Cathédrale (Notre-Dame des Doms)**, a 12th-century Romanesque gem, precedes exploration of the **Pont Saint-Bénézet**, the famed "Bridge of Avignon" symbolizing medieval papal influence. Dinner outside the hotel and overnight in **Avignon** close the day.

Friday April 23, Day 7: La Salette-Fallavaux

The journey ascends to **La Salette-Fallavaux** and the **Notre-Dame de La Salette Sanctuary**, site of the Virgin Mary's 1846 apparition to two shepherd children, Maximin Giraud and Mélanie Calvat, weeping over humanity's sins and urging reconciliation. Afternoon **Mass** and a guided tour of the **Basilica** and apparition site immerse pilgrims in this approved Marian event's call to conversion. Dinner and overnight in **La Salette** foster quiet reflection. (Breakfast & Dinner)



Saturday April 24, Day 8: La Salette-Fallavaux

Staying in **La Salette-Fallavaux**, pilgrims engage in the sanctuary's program and adoration, drawing from Mary's messages that echoed through the Church, approved by Bishop Philibert de Bruillard in 1851. Father Pollman's leadership invites deeper insight into this 19th-century plea for faith amid secularism. **Holy Mass will be Celebrated in La Salette** today. Dinner and overnight in **La Salette** conclude the sojourn. (Breakfast & Dinner)

Sunday April 25, Day 9: Saint-Maximin-la-Sainte-Baume – Tomb of Mary Magdalene

Heading to **Saint-Maximin-la-Sainte-Baume**, the group reveres the **Basilica of Sainte-Marie-Madeleine**, guardian of Mary Magdalene's relics since their 1279 discovery by Charles II of Anjou, making it Christianity's third holiest tomb after Jerusalem and Rome. Father Pollman celebrates **Mass** here, followed by a hike to the **Sainte-Baume Grotto**, her legendary hermitage where tradition holds she spent 30 years in penance after evangelizing Provence. Afternoon orientation at **Cathédrale Saint-Sauveur** in Aix-en-Provence, a layered edifice from Roman forum ruins with a 6th-century baptistery, ties the sites to early Christian roots. Dinner and overnight near Marseille airport end the day. (Breakfast & Dinner)



Monday April 26, Day 10: Depart Marseille - Arrive Rome Airport

Flying to Rome, pilgrims begin with **Mass** at **St. John Lateran**, the oldest public church in Rome, founded in 324 by Constantine as the Pope's cathedral and "mother of all churches." Visits follow to the **Santa Scala (Holy Stairs)**, 28 marble steps from Pilate's praetorium climbed by Christ, brought by St. Helena in the 4th century; the **Basilica di Santa Croce in Gerusalemme**, housing Passion relics like Cross fragments, also from Helena; and **San Lorenzo**, burial site of Pope Pius IX, restored after 1943 bombing, honoring St. Lawrence's martyrdom. Hotel check-in, dinner, and overnight in Rome. (Breakfast & Dinner)

Tuesday April 27, Day 11: Heart of the Vatican

The morning commences with **Mass** in **St. Peter's** Crypts, led by Father Pollman, near the Scavi excavations that unveiled St. Peter's tomb amid a 1st-century necropolis, with Vatican digs in the 1940s under Pope Pius XII confirming the apostle's bones beneath the high altar. If arrangements allow, pilgrims partake in both the exclusive Scavi tour and a comprehensive Vatican Museums exploration, delving into **St. Peter's Basilica**, Emperor Constantine's monumental 4th-century edifice erected over the apostle's grave to symbolize the triumph of Christianity in Rome. In the afternoon, the group visits **Santo Spirito in Sassia**, a 16th-century church originally founded as a hospital by Pope Sixtus IV, intimately linked to Veronica's Veil—the sacred sudarium imprinted with Christ's face during the Passion, which inspired medieval devotion and was carried in processions from St. Peter's to this very site as early as 1300 by Pope Boniface VIII. This relic, often identified with the Holy Face, evokes the human suffering and divine gaze of Jesus, fostering contemplation on the mystery of the Incarnation. If the Scavi tour is unavailable, the day shifts focus to the Vatican Museums and **St. Peter's**. The evening brings dinner outside the hotel, near the accommodations in Rome. (Breakfast & Dinner)



Wednesday April 28, Day 12 Apostolic Encounter and Ancient Rome

Pilgrims attend the Papal Audience (Depending on the Holy Fathers Schedule) in the morning, a profound communal encounter with the successor of Peter, continuing the Church's apostolic tradition that traces back to the earliest popes and emphasizes unity in faith. The afternoon unfolds with explorations of **Piazza Navona**, built atop the 1st-century AD Stadium of Domitian and transformed into a Baroque masterpiece under Pope Innocent X in the 17th century, featuring Bernini's Fountain of the Four Rivers symbolizing the spread of Christianity across continents. Next, **San Luigi dei Francesi**, the French national church founded in 1518 by Cardinal Giulio de' Medici (future Pope Clement VII) and completed in 1589, dedicated to the Virgin Mary, St. Denis of Paris, and King St. Louis IX, housing Caravaggio's masterful cycle on St. Matthew that illuminates themes of divine calling and redemption. The itinerary continues to **Sant'Agnese in Agone**, a 17th-century Baroque gem designed by Francesco Borromini, standing on the site of St. Agnes's 4th-century martyrdom in a brothel during Diocletian's persecutions, its concave facade and dome evoking the saint's youthful purity and steadfast faith. Pilgrims then behold the **Pantheon**, an ancient Roman temple from 27 BC rebuilt by Hadrian around 126 AD and consecrated as a Christian church in 609 by Pope Boniface IV as the Basilica of St. Mary and the Martyrs, its oculus and dome representing the heavens and the Church's appropriation of pagan sites for sacred worship. Ancient Rome's remnants follow, including the **Mamertine Prison**, where tradition holds Apostles Peter and Paul were imprisoned under Nero before their martyrdoms, a site of early Christian suffering that became a chapel by the 7th century to honor their evangelization. The path winds through the **Roman Forum**, cradle of imperial power, and culminates at the **Colosseum**, infamous arena of early Christian martyrdoms under emperors like Nero and Domitian. Father Pollman celebrates **Mass** at the **Basilica of Saint Pudentiana**, Rome's oldest place of worship originating as a 2nd-century house church in the home of Senator Pudens, tied to St. Peter's ministry and featuring a 4th-century apse mosaic depicting Christ enthroned amid apostles, symbolizing the Church's foundational era. Dinner is enjoyed outside the hotel, near the accommodations. (Breakfast & Dinner)



Thursday April 29, Day 13 Catacombs and Eucharistic Wonder

After checking out of the hotel, pilgrims venture to the **Catacombe di San Callisto**, a sprawling 2nd-century Christian cemetery along the Appian Way, created under future Pope Callixtus I and encompassing five levels with over half a million burials, including the Crypt of the Popes housing tombs of 16 early pontiffs and numerous martyrs, embodying the early Church's resilience amid Roman persecutions and serving as the official cemetery of Rome's Christians in the 3rd century. Next, they visit **Domine Quo Vadis** (Santa Maria in Palmis), a 17th-century reconstruction of a 9th-century chapel, marking the legendary spot where St. Peter, fleeing Nero's persecutions around 64 AD, encountered the risen Christ who asked "Domine, quo vadis?" ("Lord, where are you going?"), prompting Peter's return to martyrdom and leaving a footprint relic now preserved nearby. The group then drives to **Lanciano** for an afternoon reverence of the 8th-century **Eucharistic Miracle**, where a doubting Basilian monk witnessed the host transform into flesh and the wine into blood during Mass; scientific analyses in 1970-71 by Professor Odoardo Linoli confirmed the flesh as human cardiac tissue under distress and the blood as type AB, with no preservatives detected despite centuries of preservation, affirming the Real Presence. **Here we have Mass.** After, we check into the hotel for dinner inside and an overnight stay. (Breakfast & Dinner)





Friday April 30, Day 14 Veil of the Holy Face

The morning drive leads to **Manoppello** for the **Veil of Manoppello**, believed to be the sudarium that covered Christ's face in the tomb, an acheiropoieton ("not made by hands") image on delicate byssus cloth venerated since its arrival in 1506, often linked to Veronica's Veil and sharing features with the Shroud of Turin, such as the open eyes and wounds of the resurrected Christ, inspiring devotion to the Holy Face as a symbol of divine mercy. Father Pollman leads **Mass** accompanied by a guided explanation of its mysteries. A farewell late lunch at a winery estate provides a moment to reflect on the pilgrimage's graces, from Marian shrines to Eucharistic wonders. The evening concludes with check-in at the Hilton Hotel near FCO airport. (Breakfast & Farewell Lunch)

Saturday May 1, Day 15 Homeward Bound in Grace

Pilgrims proceed to the airport in the morning, departing for the United States with souls enriched by the profound echoes of saints, apparitions, miracles, and sacred history encountered throughout this journey under Father Kent Pollman's pastoral guidance.





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