



## DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON

### *Pilgrimage to Italy*

for the special occasion of the Year of the Jubilee

October 26 to November 5, 2025

Spiritually led by the Most Reverend William E. Koenig, D.D.



**\$4,850.00\* per person, double occupancy**  
**\$5,745.00\* single occupancy**

\*based on estimated airfare to be confirmed in December 2024

Airport taxes and fuel surcharges (approximately \$115.00) are included and may vary slightly.  
Adjustments will be made at the time of final invoicing.



## INCLUSIVE FEATURES

- Bus transportation from Ocean City/Wilmington to Philadelphia Airport
- Economy class air transportation on scheduled airlines from Philadelphia
- 9 nights' accommodation in superior 4-star hotels, including continental buffet breakfast
  - 9 meals (1 lunch & 7 dinners, plus a Farewell Dinner including music entertainment)
  - Airport transfers and ground transportation by private, deluxe motor coach
- Guided sightseeing as detailed in the program, including headsets and entrance fees where needed
  - After-hours visit of the Vatican Museums and Scavi Tour (to be reconfirmed)
    - Tour leader assistance throughout the stay in Italy
  - Papal Blessing and daily Mass celebrations at selected churches

## TOUR ITINERARY

### Day 1: Sunday, October 26 - PHILADELPHIA/ROME

Depart from Ocean City/Wilmington by bus to Philadelphia International Airport and board the flight to Rome. Dinner and breakfast will be served on board. (M)

### Day 2: Monday, October 27 - ROME/ORVIETO/ASSISI

Arrive at the Da Vinci Airport in Rome. After passport control, meet the tour leader and board the private motor coach that will take you north through the Umbrian countryside, the “green heart of Italy”. Arrive in Orvieto and, upon arrival, take advantage of some free time to grab a quick bite for lunch. Afterward, visit the **Cathedral of Orvieto**, housing the Corporal of Bolsena, preserved in a reliquary, and celebrate Mass. Continue to Assisi, home of St. Francis, and reach the hotel in time to enjoy dinner. (D)

### Day 3: Tuesday, October 28 - ASSISI

Celebrate an early Mass at the Tomb of St. Francis. Afterward, a guided tour will include the **Basilica of St. Francis**, the **Basilica of St. Clare**, **St. Francis' birthplace**, the **Piazza del Comune** and, lastly, the **Church of St. Mary Major** housing the tomb of Blessed Carlo Acutis. After free time for lunch, visit the **Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels**. View the **Porziuncola**, the small church within the church, from where the Franciscan movement began. Dinner will be served at the hotel. (B, D)

### Day 4: Wednesday, October 29 - ASSISI/CASCIA/PESCARA

Today, reach Cascia, the town where Saint Rita, known as the Patroness for impossible causes, died. Visit the **Basilica of St. Rita**, housing the incorrupt body of the former nun, beatified in 1900. Here Mass will be celebrated. After some free time for lunch and independent activities, continue to the hotel in Pescara, where dinner will be served. (B, D)

### Day 5: Thursday, October 30 - PESCARA/MANOPPELLO/LANCIANO/SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO

After breakfast, reach the **Sanctuary of the Holy Face** in Manoppello for a view of the cloth containing the image of Jesus' face. Continue to Lanciano and visit the **Sanctuary of the Eucharistic Miracle**, followed by Mass. Arrive in San Giovanni Rotondo, home of Padre Pio, in time for dinner served at the hotel. (B, D)

This pilgrimage requires walking for long periods of time, sometimes uphill and/or on uneven surfaces and cobblestones, as well as climbing stairs.

Please make sure you are medically and physically fit for this type of travel.



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### Day 6: Friday, October 31 - SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO

This morning celebrate Mass then experience your faith grow as you visit the **Monastery Shrine of Padre Pio**. The shrine is home to two churches, the older **Our Lady of Grace Church** (Santa Maria delle Grazie) with its stunning wall of mosaics and the new **Padre Pio Pilgrimage Church** that was designed by the lauded Italian architect Renzo Piano. See Padre Pio's tomb and prayer cell inside the Our Lady of Grace Church and take a stroll to see the Way of the Cross monument on a hill overlooking the church. In the afternoon, travel along the stunning Gargano Peninsula to the **Grotto of St. Michael the Archangel**, a shrine consecrated by St. Michael. Tonight, enjoy dinner at the hotel. (B, D)

### Day 7: Saturday, November 1 - SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO/MONTECASSINO/ROME

Ride the coach to Montecassino, a small-town home of the sacred relics and monastery of St. Benedict, the patron saint of Europe and the founder of western monasticism. Your visit includes the historic **Abbey**, where Mass will be celebrated. Continue to Rome and, en route to the hotel, stop at the **Catacombs** and admire a network of underground cemeteries which are a vivid sign of the origin of Christianity. Dinner is served at or near the hotel. (B, D)

### Day 8: Sunday, November 2 - ROME

Walk to St. Peter's Square to recite the **Angelus** with Pope Francis and receive the Papal Blessing. Celebrate Mass and enjoy an included lunch. The afternoon's guided touring includes the **Church of the Holy Cross of Jerusalem**, housing the Passion relics brought to Rome from the Holy Land by St. Helena of Constantinople, the **Holy Steps**, believed to be the actual ones Jesus climbed when He was sentenced to death, and the Cathedral of Rome, **St. John Lateran**. This evening, discover on your own one of Rome's endless fine restaurants. (B, L)

### Day 9: Monday, November 3 - ROME

Begin the day with an early Mass in the Vatican Grottoes. This morning, visit the most magnificent of churches, the **Basilica of St. Peter**. Experience the unforgettable opportunity to enter through the Holy Door or 'Porta Sancta', which only opens during a Holy Year (Jubilee), every 25 years. Afterward, possibly take part in a **Scavi Tour**, the excavations beneath St. Peter's Basilica. Tonight, enjoy a tasty pizza at a nearby "pizzeria", possibly followed by a special, after-hours guided tour of the **Vatican Museums** unveiling treasures of famous artists and the **Sistine Chapel**, Michelangelo's masterpiece. (B, D)

### Day 10: Tuesday, November 11 - ROME

After breakfast, discover the **Basilica of St. Paul's Outside the Walls**, whose construction began in the 4th century, and the **Basilica of St. Mary Major**, the largest church of Rome. Celebrate Mass, then the afternoon is yours for last-minute shopping or sightseeing. Be sure not to miss visiting the Trevi Fountain and toss in that coin that will ensure your return to Rome! In the evening, an "Arrivederci Roma" toast is in order at the Farewell Dinner. Let the wine flow as you tune in to some of Italy's most famous melodies. (B, D)

### Day 11: Wednesday, November 5 - ROME/HOME

This morning you will be accompanied by your tour leader to the airport and assisted with check-in formality to board the flight home. You will be asking yourself "where did the time go?" (B, M)

Meal Legend: M = meals onboard flight    B = Breakfast    L = Lunch    D = Dinner



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**RESERVATION FORM - DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY**  
**Reservation Form and Contract between Tour Participant and Tour Operator**



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Phone: 305-9474700 - Fax: 305-9474400  
Email: info@caravelletours.com

This form must be fully completed, in clear print, and returned with deposit no later than November 11, 2024.

Please **email or fax** to the above address, along with a copy of your passport.

**SPACE IS LIMITED. Reservations will be confirmed on a first come, first served basis.**

TITLE <small>(Mr-Mrs-Ms-other)</small>	LAST NAME <small>(full name as it appears on passport)</small>	FIRST NAME	MIDDLE NAME <small>(if different from first name provided)</small>	TOUR BADGE NAME	Birthdate
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Address (P.O. box not accepted) _____					Birthdate _____
City _____		State _____		Zip Code _____	
E-Mail (please print clearly) _____			Cell Phone/s (_____) _____		

**AIRLINE RESERVATIONS**

Global Entry/KTN \_\_\_\_\_ (this data will be processed only if received with reservation form)  
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 I will not be departing from Philadelphia. I would like a quotation for flights departing from \_\_\_\_\_  
 I would like to deviate from the group, as detailed in my email request  
*Please note deviations will be accepted/processed up to reservation deadline only and a processing fee of \$50 per person will apply. Seating requests will be noted but cannot be guaranteed.*

**ROOM ACCOMMODATION**

One person:  Single (subject to availability)  I hope to find a roommate (single supplement applies until one is found)  
Two people:  Double (one queen bed)  Twin (two single beds)  
Roommate, if not listed above or on other reservation form \_\_\_\_\_

**SPECIAL REQUESTS**

Please write here: \_\_\_\_\_

**PAYMENT**

**Deposit due by November 11, 2024: \$800.00 per person (credit cards only) - Final Payment due by June 27, 2025**

I authorize Caravelle Tours to charge my deposit of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ on the credit card listed below:  
 Visa  MasterCard  Discover  American Express  
Card Number \_\_\_\_\_ Expiration Date \_\_\_\_\_ 3 Digit Code \_\_\_\_\_  
Name appearing on credit card \_\_\_\_\_  
Billing address if different than above \_\_\_\_\_

*Please choose one of the following options:*

- I will send a check for the final payment which is due by June 27, 2025 (\$100.00 discount per person applies).
- I authorize Caravelle Tours to charge my final payment on the credit card listed above on June 27, 2025.  
*Please note changes of billing instructions after trip confirmation will incur a \$20 processing fee.*

Pricing is based on estimated airfare to be confirmed in December 2024. I agree to be committed up to a maximum of a \$150.00 per person increase, over which I can accept or decline. I/we have read the terms and conditions stated in the brochure, especially those regarding Tour Prices, Cancellations/Modification Fees and Air Transportation, understand the details of the tour and agree to be bound thereby for myself and anyone else registered on this form. I am aware that travel protection is available and that I may find additional information and build a custom quote at [www.caravelletours.com/travel-protection/](http://www.caravelletours.com/travel-protection/).

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## TERMS AND CONDITIONS - DIOCESE OF WILMINGTON PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

**Tour Prices:** Pricing is based on estimated airfare to be confirmed in December 2024. Passengers agree to be committed up to a maximum of a \$150.00 per person increase, over which they can accept or decline. Prices are based on the exchange rate of the dollar in effect at the time of brochure distribution. Should the value of the dollar drop significantly, the prices will be adjusted accordingly. All efforts will be made not to alter prices, but should there be a need, Caravelle Tours reserves the right to communicate the amount at the time of final payment. Prices are also based on a minimum of 30 participants or the expected group size, advised by the organizer. The participant hereby agrees to an automatic adjustment on the price due to a variation of either of these conditions with a maximum of 5% of the group price. Written acceptance by the participant will be requested only in case of a greater increase.

**Reservation, Deposit and Final Payment:** A non-refundable \$800.00 per person deposit is required by the deposit due date in order to make reservations, along with a signed copy of the registration form as well as a copy of the passport/s. Final payment is due on June 27, 2025. Late payments are subject to a \$50.00 handling charge. Late registrations (sixty days prior to departure) are subject to a \$50.00 per person handling charge plus any additional cost charged by airlines and hotels, require a full payment by credit card and are subject to availability. All checks should be made payable to Caravelle Tours Inc. Bank fees resulting from returned checks or charges from a financial institution for denied payments will have to be covered by the client.

**Cancellation/Modification Fees:** The deposit is non-refundable. The following per person fees will apply in case of cancellation by the passenger: 25% of the total tour price from July 28, 2025 to August 26, 2025; 50% of the total tour price from August 27, 2025 to September 25, 2025; no refund from September 26, 2025 up to departure. Cancellations can only be accepted in writing. Travel protection is available and highly encouraged. Additional information may be found on our website under [www.caravelletours.com/travel-protection/](http://www.caravelletours.com/travel-protection/).

**Passport and Visa:** All U.S. citizens are required to have a valid passport, with an expiration date of no less than 6 months from the date of return. U.S. citizens are also required to obtain an ETIAS travel authorization. Non-U.S. citizens must check requirements with their respective consulate.

**Air Transportation:** Transatlantic airfare is based on a special economy class contracted fare, on regularly scheduled airlines and other IATA carriers. Total cost of taxes, security/fuel surcharges will be advised in the final invoice, however, is subject to change up to 30 days prior to departure. Deviation of departure or return date/city **may** be possible for a limited number of seats, if the request is made at the time of reservation. A \$50.00 fee per person applies plus any additional costs applied by the airline.

**Land Transportation:** As specified in the itinerary. Ground transportation will be provided by deluxe, air conditioned motor coaches. Land only participants may take advantage of the group's airport transfers only if their flight schedule coincides with the group's and have informed Caravelle Tours of their air schedule. Please be informed that Caravelle Tours is unable to hold up the group should land only participants face any delays on arrival. In case of misconnection with the group, it will be land only participants' responsibility to arrange transportation to meet with the group, at their own expense.

**Hotels:** Accommodation will be provided at the hotel category described in the brochure. All rooms are with private bath. Occasionally, hotels may be substituted by others of a similar category or better at no extra cost to the passenger. All rates are per person. Single rooms, although assuring privacy, may be smaller in size and not ideally located.

**Meals:** Snacks and meals are served on all transatlantic flights and all other carriers as specified by the single contractor involved. Buffet breakfast at the hotels and other meals will be provided as noted in the program. Mineral water and house wine are included at meals.

**Tipping:** All gratuities and handling charges to hotel staff, chambermaids and waiters are included. Personal tipping to guides, tour directors and drivers are **not** included.

**Baggage Handling:** Checked baggage will be limited to one piece per person, plus one carry on. Porterage may or may not be included based on timing and what will be in the best interest of the participants. The tour operator accepts no liability for loss and damage of luggage, although maximum care will be taken to ensure safe handling of your luggage. Travel protection is highly suggested.

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**Travelers Who Need Special Assistance On Tour:** You must report to Caravelle Tours any disability requiring special attention while on tour at the time the reservation is made. Caravelle Tours will make reasonable attempts to accommodate the special needs of disabled travellers, but is not responsible in the event it is unable to do so nor responsible for any denial of services by air carriers, hotels, restaurants, or other independent suppliers. Caravelle Tours cannot provide individual assistance to a tour participant for walking, dining, getting on and off coaches and other vehicles, or other personal needs. A qualified and physically able companion must accompany travellers who need such assistance. If we are not notified at time of reservation of any disability requiring special attention, Caravelle Tours reserves the right to cancel your booking or terminate your tour if your special needs or disabilities are not suitable for the vacation, are incompatible with other travellers, or if you are not traveling with a companion who provides all the assistance you require. Caravelle Tours will not refund or cover any costs or expenses incurred for cancellation, booking, or termination of the vacation. Cancellation penalties, as above, apply. Not all sightseeing stops/sites accommodate wheelchairs, and some locations and sightseeing activities require extensive standing, sitting, or walking—sometimes on unpaved or cobblestone streets. Caravelle Tours will not refund or cover any cost or expense incurred for any missed activities due to a participant's inability to fully participate with the group. The Americans with Disabilities Act is only applicable within the United States, and facilities for disabled individuals are limited outside its borders. Most transportation services, including the touring coaches, are not equipped with wheelchair ramps. Motorized scooters and motorized wheelchairs are not suitable for international travel and are not permitted on Caravelle Tours tours.

**Exclusions:** Expenses and items not mentioned in this brochure are not covered, including but not limited to: passport fees, visas, meals (other than stated in the brochure), items of a personal nature and transportation to/from home and home town airports.

**Responsibility:** The responsibility of Caravelle Tours Inc, herein after called the "Operator", his and or their agent is limited. They act only as agent for the passenger in regard to travel whether by railroad, motor coach, private car, boat, aircraft or any other conveyance, and assume no liability for injury, damage, loss, accident, delay or irregularity which may be occasioned by either reason of defect, through the acts or default of any company or person engaged in conveying the passenger or in carrying out the arrangements of the tour, or as a direct or indirect result of acts of God, dangers incident to the sea, fire, breakdown in machinery or equipment, act of governments or other authorities, de jure or de facto, wars, whether declared or not, hostilities, civil disturbances, strikes, riots, theft, pilferage, epidemics, quarantines, medical or customs regulations, or from any causes beyond the Operator's control, or from any loss or damage resulting from improper passport, visas or other documents. The airlines concerned are not responsible for any act, omission or event during the time you are not aboard the aircraft. The passenger contract in use by the airline, when issued, constitutes the sole contract between you and airline. Anyone not utilizing the pre-arranged transportation is responsible for the subsequent transportation. No changes in the itinerary are expected but we reserve the right to make them if necessary. Because of unforeseen changes in transportation schedules, the land portion of your tour may be occasionally extended or curtailed. The Operator cannot be responsible for changes of itinerary. The number of days indicated for each itinerary begins with the day of scheduled departure and ends with the scheduled return arrival day, irrespective of the hour of departure or return, and may vary due to transportation schedule changes. The Operator reserves the right to accept or retain anyone as a passenger on its trip, or to cancel a trip. After refunding all partial and full payments, the Operator has no other obligations to passengers on cancelled trip. Unused portions of the itinerary are not refundable. Full or partial payment for a trip reservation constitutes agreement to all the provision of the brochure.



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