

~ **Passionist Family Pilgrimage** ~

ITALY

Fr. Arthur Carrillo C.P.

August 28 to September 8, 2014



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3 Lunches (L) 6 Dinners (D)
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PASSIONIST FAMILY PILGRIMAGE

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Pilgrimage Date: August 28 (arrive Milan) to Sept. 8, 2014
Pilgrimage Cost: \$3188.00 pp Dbl.Occupancy/ Land package

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I (we) would like ___ Additional Nights: Milan \$112.00 pp
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Passionist Family Pilgrimage to Italy

DAY ONE ~ August 28, 2014

Upon arrival in Milan, transfer on your own, to the hotel for check-in. Later afternoon there will be a group orientation meeting and Father will celebrate Mass. Dinner at the hotel and overnight in Milan. (B/D) Hotel Antares Concorde - www.hotelconcordemilano.com

Day Two ~ Ovada /Castellazzo Bormida/ Rapallo

After breakfast we depart to the Piedmont region and the small village of Castellazzo Bormida and Ovada ~ the birthplace of Paul Francis Daneo (1694) and later St. Paul of the Cross ~ the founder of the Passionist Order. We will learn in greater detail the story of his devotion to the Blessed Sacrament and love of the cross, which brought about the vision of a new Order clothed in a black wool tunic and, over the heart, a white cross with the Holy Name of Jesus. We will visit Castellazzo Bormida, the site of the Church of St. Charles where St. Paul of the Cross, after a 40 day retreat, wrote the primitive rule of his future order. Father will celebrate Mass at the Church of San Carlo. After Mass and lunch we depart to the coast and Rapallo, for dinner and overnight. (B/D)

Day Three ~ Pisa / Lucca/ Florence

After breakfast we depart to Florence, first stopping in Pisa to see the famous Leaning Tower. Then on to Lucca, home to a monastery of cloistered Passionist Nuns. Here we will also visit the burial place and shrine to St. Gemma Galgani, celebrate Mass and have lunch, before departing for Florence. Dinner and overnight in Florence (B/L/D)

Day Four ~ Florence

After breakfast we visit the highlights of this beautiful city including the Duomo with its massive dome and Bell Tower, the Baptistry and the exquisite bronze doors, the Basilica de Santa Croce (Holy Cross), housing the tombs of Michelangelo and Galileo and the famous two chapels with their fabulous frescoes. You may walk the Cloister of the monastery to the Leather Design School, which is the largest leather design school in Italy. We will also visit the Academia to view the famous "David" statue by Michelangelo. The afternoon is free for browsing the open markets or visiting the many shops lined across the Ponte Vecchio Bridge. Dinner is at your leisure and overnight in Florence. (B)

Day Five ~ Assisi

After breakfast we depart on our scenic ride to Assisi, mystical town of St. Francis and St. Clare. Ancient walls surround Assisi and colorful houses of pink stone with flower-decked balconies. Its narrow winding streets spread in a fan shape over Mt. Subasio. This morning we tour the Basilica of St. Francis, with its lower church containing the Crypt of St. Francis and actual articles belonging to St. Francis ~ his tunic, shoes, chalice and communion plate. The upper church houses the Frescoes of Giotto and Cimabue, depicting the life of St. Francis, and the famous painting of Virgin and Child with Four Angels. We will see the Crucifix of San Damiano, which spoke to St. Francis. We will also visit the church of Santa Maria degli Angeli ~ St. Mary of the Angels ~ containing the famous Porziuncola, the chapel where St. Francis consecrated St. Clare and where in 1226 St. Francis passed from this life into eternal life. St. Gabriel Possenti, a Passionist student, was born in Assisi and baptized in the same font as Francis and Clare (His baptismal name was 'Francis') at the Cathedral of St. Rufino, where Father will celebrate Mass. Late afternoon free time to browse the local shops or visit the monastery with its open courtyards and small religious shops. Dinner & time to walk in Assisi in the evening (B/D)

Day Six ~ Assisi / Monte Argentario / Rome

After breakfast we depart to Monte Argentario (Province of Grosseto) to the first Retreat that St. Paul of the Cross built to house his religious community, in 1737. There are two "retreats" and we will first visit Presentation, where Father will celebrate Mass. The second "retreat" we will visit is St. Joseph. Once an island, the area is now accessible by motor coach and Porto Ercole is the most picturesque town on the island. The sea promenade is lined with cottages and in the old town, elevated from the harbor, is the *Chiesa di Sant Erasmo* ~ with a marble altar and tombs of the Spanish governors. The area boasts beautiful views. Late afternoon we continue to Rome for dinner and overnight in Rome (B/L/D) Hotel Cardinal St. Peters - www.cardinalhotelrome.com

Day Seven ~ Rome ~ Basilica of Sts. John and Paul

After breakfast we visit the Basilica of Sts. John and Paul ~ Santi Giovanni e Paolo al Celio ~ located on the Celian Hill. We will visit the Basilica and its adjacent monastery and gardens. St. Paul of the Cross, received this property from the Pope in 1773 and it remains the Passionist Generalate to this day. St. Paul of the Cross, spent the last three years of his life in this retreat and his body is under the altar of the special chapel, which was built onto the basilica at the time of his canonization. Additionally, the Basilica is the station church for the first Friday in Lent. Following our visit with the Community, we will visit the Catacombs of San Callisto. Remainder of the afternoon is at your leisure (B/L)

Day Eight ~ Rome ~ Papal Audience & Vatican Museums

Today we will attend the Papal audience and blessings. Swiss guards surround the Basilica and St. Peter's square, assuring all is peaceful in eager anticipation of the Holy Father's entrance. Following the Papal Audience, lunch (on your own) in the Vatican area. After lunch enjoy a guided tour of the magnificent Vatican Museums and the Sistine Chapel, ending in St. Peter's Basilica with a guided tour of the magnificent sculptures including the Pieta, the Seat of St. Peter, the Altar by Bernini and the interior dome. Dinner at your leisure (B)

Day Nine ~ Christian & Ancient Rome

Today enjoy visiting the highlights of Christian and Ancient Rome, including a drive down the Old Apian Way to visit St. Paul Outside-the-Walls; Also the Coliseum, the Roman Forum, Arch of Constantine, Circus Maximus, Palazzo Venezia and two of Rome's major Basilicas: St. John Lateran, and the "Palace of the Holy Steps" ... the actual steps that Christ is believed to have climbed when He was brought before Pilate. Father will celebrate mass in the small chapel beneath the Scala Santa. Our sightseeing continues with a visit to St. Mary Major and ends at the Spanish Steps and Trevi Fountain, where you may continue on your own for shopping or return to the hotel. Evening and dinner at your leisure (B)

Day Ten ~ Abruzzi & the Shrine of San Gabriele dell'Addolorata

After breakfast we will visit the Abruzzi town of San Gabriele dell'Addolorata, approximately two hours from Rome. Here we will visit the Passionist Shrine of St. Gabriel. Lunch is at your leisure at one of the small cafes that serve the pilgrims to the shrine. Return to Rome. Remainder of the afternoon and evening is at your leisure. (B)

Day Eleven ~ Rome & Latina

After breakfast enjoy an excursion through the town of Latina, just south of Rome, to visit the village of Le Ferriere, which is where the young Passionist Saint, St. Maria Goretti, lived with her family, and where she was martyred in 1902. The Passionists at the seacoast town Nettuno cared for the people of Le Ferriere, so they came to the hospital of Nettuno when she was brought there following her attack. Her shrine is in the Passionist church of St. Maria delle Grazie in Nettuno. Return to Rome for an afternoon at leisure. Tonight enjoy a farewell dinner with wine! (B/D)

Day Twelve ~ DEPARTURE: Rome / U.S.A.

There will be one early morning complimentary transfer to the airport (B)



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We use the Government rated Hotels that are chosen on the basis of locations, cleanliness, services, and when possible, are typical of the local area. All rooms have private bath and toilet facilities. In all cases, hotel management assigns your room. Location, view, and size may vary. Rooms assigned are on a "Run of the House" basis. Because air conditioning is not a standard feature of

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