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itinerary

DAY 1: MONDAY, JUNE 22 • DEPART FOR ITALY

Independent travel to Naples, Italy (arrangements can be booked through Corporate Travel).

DAY 2: TUESDAY, JUNE 23 • ARRIVE IN NAPLES

Arrive in Naples and take personal transfers to the hotel for check-in. Pending arrival times, visit the cell and classroom of St. Thomas Aquinas in the afternoon, followed by Mass at the Dominican Convent. Gather this evening for an opening conference and special Welcome Dinner along the seaside. Overnight in Naples.

DAY 3: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 24 • DAY TRIP TO SALERNO

After breakfast at the hotel, take a day trip to Salerno and visit the Cathedral of Salerno dedicated to St. Matthew, the Apostle. Celebrate Mass, followed by free time for lunch. Return to Naples for free time to explore the city. Dinner and overnight in Naples.

DAY 4: THURSDAY, JUNE 25 • MONTE CASSINO I ROME

After breakfast and hotel check-out, depart for the famous Benedictine Abbey perched high atop mountain. The monastery was founded and built by St. Benedict (patron saint of Europe) around 529 A.D. on the remains of a Roman fortification. Learn about the foundation of monastic life including the life of his sister, St. Scholastica. Celebrate Mass. Continue to Rome for check-in, dinner and overnight.

DAY 5: FRIDAY, JUNE 26 • ROME

Celebrate Mass at the Tomb of St. Peter (pending confirmation), followed by a guided tour of the beautiful Basilica. After lunch on your own, the remainder of the day is free to explore on your own, whether you choose to visit the Vatican Museums or see the famous Coliseum. Dinner on your own and overnight in Rome.

DAY 6: SATURDAY, JUNE 27 • ROME

After breakfast, visit the catacombs of Priscilla and the Benedictine Sisters, charged with explaining its history and religious value. Continue with a tour of the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls. Celebrate Mass. Enjoy an afternoon walking tour with the Sisters to see the Gesu, the Church of the Society of Jesus, and Santa Marie Sopra Minerva, where St. Catherine of Siena is buried. Dinner on your own and overnight in Rome.

DAY 7: SUNDAY, JUNE 28 • ROME

This morning, have a special audience with the Congregation for Catholic Education (pending confirmation). After lunch on your own, take a guided tour of the Basilica of St. Mary Major and celebrate Mass. The remainder of the day is yours to explore the Eternal City or take an optional walking tour to see the Trevi Fountain, the Pantheon and Piazza Navona. Dinner and overnight in Rome.

DAY 8: MONDAY, JUNE 29 • ROME I BRACCIANO

Early morning departure for St. Peter's Square to celebrate the Feast Day of SS. Peter and Paul with the Holy Father. After lunch on your own, depart for the town of Bracciano, famous for its volcanic lake and serene environment. Dinner and overnight in Bracciano at Villaggio Betania.

DAY 9: TUESDAY, JUNE 30 • BRACCIANO

This morning, spend the day in Bracciano reflecting on the pilgrimage experience. Celebrate Mass and a closing conference to wrap-up the week together. Enjoy a special Farewell Dinner and overnight in Bracciano at Villaggio Betania.

DAY 10: WEDNESDAY, JULY 1 • RETURN FLIGHT TO USA

Depart on a transfer to Rome Fiumicino Airport for independent flights home (arrangements can be booked through Corporate Travel).

OPTIONAL EXTENSION TO ASSISI: JULY 1 – 3, 2020

Experience the City of Peace! Celebrate Mass at St. Mary of the Angels. See the famous Portiuncula that St. Francis built for his community, the tomb of St. Francis (pending confirmation), followed by a tour of the Basilica. Explore the city through a walking tour of the Church of St. Clare and the Cross of San Damiano.

Two (2) night hotel stay in Assisi, two (2) additional continental breakfasts, two (2) additional dinners, and all transfers are included.

 = CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST |  = DINNER

*Itinerary is tentative and subject to change; specified Masses pending confirmation

