



Italy and Medjugorje Pilgrimage

Your Invitation

Dear Catholic Daughters, Relatives, and Friends,

It is my pleasure to invite you to join us on a two week pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi, Florence, Venice, and Medjugorje. We will leave from New York on Sunday, November 1, 2015 and return on Saturday, November 14, 2015. Our National Chaplain, Father Matthew Kuhn, will lead us on the pilgrimage and celebrate Mass for us each day. We will also have a guide to explain each place we visit. The trip will take us deep into the heart of our Roman Catholic faith, to the Vatican and St. Peter's Basilica, and to an audience with Pope Francis. We also plan to visit the Pontifical North American College in Rome, one of CDA's National charities. Father Kuhn is a graduate of Pontifical North American College. We will visit many historic and famous cities, basilicas and tombs of beloved saints, yet will have some free time to shop on our own. After our visit to Italy, we will also travel to Croatia where we will go to Medjugorje, and visit the site of the apparitions to the children.

Please review the brochure for the details of all the places we will visit and celebrate Mass. Like our CDA pilgrimage to the Holy Land in the fall of 2013, I am sure this will be another "once in a lifetime" journey. I look forward to sharing this special pilgrimage with you. Space is limited. To reserve your spot, fill out the registration and send in your deposit as soon as possible.

Peace and God Bless,

Shirley Seyfried

Shirley Seyfried, National Regent



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Your Journey Features:

- Roundtrip air transportation from New York
- Four Star Hotels
- Land transportation via deluxe, private motor coach
- Taxes (\$718) and tips (\$142) included
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- Entrance fees to all sites on itinerary
- Daily Masses
- Professional, English-speaking guide

Please Read

This Important Information:

Deposit - \$350 (payable on booking)
Second payment due - June 04, 2015 - 50% of balance
Full balance due - August 18, 2015

Each tour member must hold a U.S. passport that is valid up to 6 months after the scheduled return. **The passport must be valid until May 14, 2016.** Application forms are available at your local Passport Office or U.S. Postal Service. Any required visas will be processed for US citizens only. **Non-US citizens are solely responsible for obtaining any required visas.**

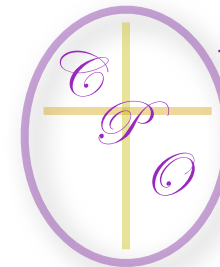
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Rates based on double-occupancy, the airline tax and fuel surcharge (\$718) and currency exchange rate(s) at the date of quotation to your host. Subject to change up to 30 days prior to departure.

14 Days



Led by: Fr. Matthew Kuhn, CDA National Chaplain

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November 01, 2015  
from New York  
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## 14 Days - Italy & Medjugorje

**DAY 1 SUN, NOV. 01: U.S.A. / EUROPE.** Tour members will depart to Rome. Dinner will be served aboard the flight.

**DAY 2 MON, NOV. 02: ROME.** Upon our arrival at the Rome Airport, we are met and escorted to our deluxe motor coach for a panoramic tour around the city to view the Roman Forum, Circus Maximus, Arch of Titus and Palatine Hill and visit the Coliseum. Check into our hotel. We celebrate **Mass** at St. Paul Outside the Walls. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

**DAY 3 TUE, NOV. 03: ROME.** After breakfast, we have a **SCAVI TOUR by APPOINTMENT ONLY.** Then we visit the Holy Staircase and celebrate **Mass** at the Basilica of St. John Lateran. Enjoy a visit to The Pantheon, Piazza Navona as well as the Basilica of St. Mary Major. We end our day visiting the world famous Spanish Steps and the Trevi Fountain. Then some time to enjoy a gelato. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.



**DAY 4 WED, NOV. 04: ROME.** Early morning transfer to the Vatican to attend the weekly Papal Audience (Wednesday, if available). Afterward sightseeing will include the Vatican City which includes St. Peter's Square, Church of St. Peter, Vatican Museum and Gallery, Raphael's Rooms, the Sistine Chapel. We then visit the Pontifical North American College. Dinner at our hotel tonight.



**DAY 5 THU, NOV. 05: ROME / ORVIETO / ASSISI.** This morning depart Rome for Orvieto with a stop in the Cathedral, where in 1263 a **Eucharistic Miracle** took place. Continue to the mystic province of Umbria and its capital city of Assisi, town of St. Francis. Also visit the Basilica of Santa Maria degli Angeli with the thornless rose bushes, Celebrate **Mass.** Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

**DAY 6 FRI, NOV. 06: ASSISI.** After breakfast, we will tour the Basilica of St. Francis built in 1228 to house the Relics of the saint. The "Upper " Basilica houses beautiful frescoes of Giotto. **Mass** will be celebrated. Then we visit the Church of St. Clare which to this day houses her incorrupt body. We have time for leisure activities on our own. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

**DAY 7 SAT, NOV. 07: ASSISI / SIENA / PISA/ FLORENCE.** This morning we drive to Siena where you will be lead to the Piazza del Campo, through narrow streets, past medieval towers and walls. Celebrate **Mass** at the Basilica of Cateriniana of Domenico which contains the Reliquary of the Sacred Head of St. Catherine. You will feel immersed in a unique atmosphere. We continue our drive through the heart of Italian wine country, over rolling hills of Chianti, in a beautiful land-scape of a Renaissance painting. Then we drive to Pisa to see the Leaning Tower. Time to stop for photographs and then on to Florence.

**DAY 8 SUN, NOV. 08: FLORENCE.** This morning we visit the city considered to be the cultural heart of Italy and former stronghold of the Medici family. We tour the Accademia Gallery which houses Michelangelo's original statue of David.

We will also see the Basilica of Santa Croce, the famous church where Dante, Michelangelo, Leonardo da Vinci and many others are buried. Enjoy shopping in the famous leather markets. Dinner and overnight at our hotel. *(Note: we will celebrate Mass today. Time/location is TBD)*

**DAY 9 MON, NOV. 09: FLORENCE / PADUA / VENICE.** After a good breakfast we will drive to Padua. During our walking tour we will visit the Basilica of St. Anthony and his tomb. After **Mass**, we continue onto Mestre to check into our hotel for dinner and overnight



**DAY 10 TUE, NOV. 10: VENICE.** After a hearty breakfast, we will have a full day tour of Venice, including St. Mark's Cathedral (celebrate **Mass**), The Doge's Palace and the Academy of Fine Arts. Optional Gondola ride is available. Dinner and overnight at our hotel in Mestre (Venice).

**DAY 11 WED, NOV. 11: VENICE / RIJEKA / RAVNA GORA / ZADAR.** Early morning departure for Rijeka to visit **The Shrine of the Mother of God of Trsat.** Rijeka is a place where many sailors and pilgrims come every day to pray before a miraculous painting of the Mother of God with the name "the Merciful Mother". The painting was sent to Trsat, which is sited on a cliff top overlooking the port city of Rijeka, by Pope Urban 5 in 1367. Then on to Ravna Gora to visit St. Terezija Avilska for **Mass.** Continue to port city of Zadar for dinner and overnight.

**DAY 12 THU, NOV. 12: ZADAR / SINJ / MAKARSKA/ MEDJUGORJE.** Early morning departure for the town of Sinj. **The Shrine of Our Lady of Sinj**, a miraculous painting of Our Lady, is venerated and known as "The Mother of Mercy". It was brought here from the inland region around the Cetina river when the inhabitants fled in the face of Turkish incursion. Celebrate **Mass.** Then onto **The Shrine of the Mother of God of Lourdes** at Veprić; it was founded in 1908 by Bishop Juraj Carić on the 50th anniversary of the apparition of the Virgin Mary at Lourdes. Continue on to Medjugorje where we will meet with our local guide to hear the story of the apparitions. In the evening we will join the villagers and pilgrims from all over the world for the evening Rosary and Croatian Mass. Then to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

**DAY 13 FRI, NOV. 13: MEDJUGORJE / DUBROVNIK.** After breakfast we will visit the town cathedral and then attend **Mass** at the St. James Church (held in English). (Our guide will introduce us to the visionaries for a talk and question time.) We will climb the Apparition Hill 'Podbro' and the Cross Mountain 'Krizevac'. We will spend time in prayer and meditation at the most peaceful place in the world. Dinner and overnight at our hotel near Dubrovnik.



**DAY 14 SAT, NOV. 14: DUBROVNIK / NORTH AMERICA.** This morning we transfer to the Dubrovnik airport for our flight home - the end of a most unforgettable journey.