

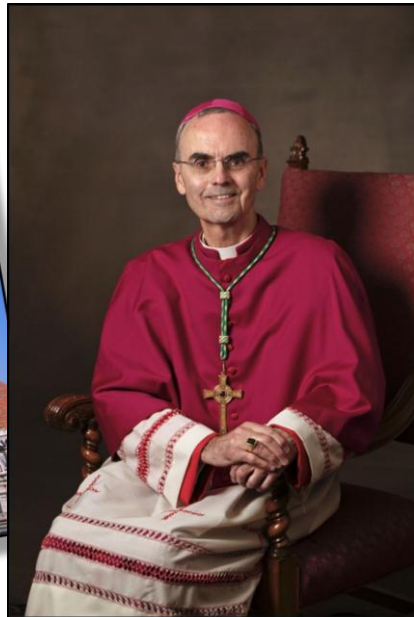
The Diocese of Brooklyn Invites You on a Pilgrimage to

FLORENCE, ASSISI & ROME

in the 'Year of Faith'

April 11 to 19, 2013

**Spiritual Director:
Most Reverend Paul Sanchez**



\$3,499.00* p/per. double room from New York JFK Airport

*Includes Mandatory Airfare Taxes and Fees

PILGRIMAGE INCLUDES:

- Daily Mass
- Round-trip airfare from New York JFK Airport
- 7 nights – Superior Tourist Class Hotels (3 & 4-Star Hotels)
- 7 Breakfasts & 5 Dinners
- Airport-hotel group transfers in Italy
- All Hotel tips & taxes and baggage handling at the hotels
- Touring by Private Air Conditioned Motorcoach
- Services of a Professional Tour Escort
- All Tips to driver / escort / guides



Operated by The Catholic Tour

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Florence – Santa Croce



Florence - Statue of David



Siena



Assisi - Basilica



Portiuncula Chapel

Cover (left to right):
The Duomo, Florence;
Most Reverend Paul Sanchez;
St. Peter's Basilica, Vatican City

Day 1: Depart USA

The group will depart from New York JFK Airport on an overnight flight to Rome. Meals will be served on board.

Day 2: Rome / Florence

Upon arrival at the Rome Airport the group will switch planes for our flight to Florence/Pisa. Upon arrival at the airport in Florence/Pisa the group will be transferred by deluxe motorcoach to the hotel. En route to the hotel, enjoy a panoramic city tour from the motorcoach of Florence, the city considered to be the cultural heart of Italy. There are no planned activities for the first day so please enjoy some time at leisure to explore Florence on your own. Dinner and overnight in Florence. **(D)**

Day 3: Florence

Today, we will visit the Duomo, Santa Croce Church – the famous church where Dante, Michelangelo and Leonardo da Vinci, among others are buried. We will also visit the museum to see the famous statue. **(B,D)**

Day 4: Florence / Siena / Assisi

After breakfast Depart for Assisi, the town of St. Francis and St. Clare En route we stop in the beautiful town of Siena, the home of St. Catherine, one of 3 women doctors of the church. Located in the central Italian region of Tuscany, Siena is a medieval walled city that still retains much of its charm. Visit the Piazza del Campo and the Cathedral. Continue to Assisi and visit the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels and the Portiuncula Chapel, which houses the site of the beginning of the Franciscan order. Dinner and overnight in Assisi. **(B,D)**

Day 5: Assisi

This morning, our tour that will include visits to the Basilica of St. Francis (view the exquisite artwork of Giotto) and the Church of St. Clare. Enjoy the balance of the day at leisure in Assisi. Dinner on your own. Overnight in Assisi. **(B)**

Day 6: Assisi / Rome

After breakfast, depart to Rome. Upon arrival, enjoy a panoramic view of the city which includes Capitoline Hill, the Colosseum,

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the Arch of Constantine, Circus Maximus and the Palazzo Venezia. We will also visit the Vatican Museums and the Sistine Chapel. Dinner and overnight in Rome. **(B,D)**

Day 7: Rome (Papal Blessing)

The group will attend one of the highlights of the trip, the Papal Blessing (if available). After the Blessing enjoy a guided tour of the world famous St. Peter's Basilica. After your tour of the Basilica, have free time to do some last minute shopping, or explore Rome on your own. Dinner on your own and overnight in Rome. **(B)**

Day 8: Rome

After breakfast we depart for our full day guided sightseeing tour of the "Eternal City." The highlights include the Catacombs and the Appian Way & St. Peter in Chains. We also visit three major basilicas in Rome: St. Mary Major, St. John Lateran, the Cathedral of Rome, and St. Paul Outside the Walls, built over the Saint's burial place. Farewell Dinner and overnight in Rome. **(D)**

Day 9: Rome / USA

After breakfast transfer to the airport for return flights. Arrive home same day. **(B)**

Pilgrimage Includes the following: Daily Mass; Roundtrip Airfare from New York JFK Airport; 7 Nights Accommodations in Superior Tourist Class Hotels (3 & 4-Star Hotels); 7 Breakfasts and 5 Dinners; Sightseeing as indicated in the Itinerary; Airport-Hotel group transfers in Italy, all hotel tips & taxes, baggage handling at the hotels (1 pc. per person); Touring by Private Air Conditioned Motorcoach; Services of a Professional Pilgrimage Escort and all tips to driver/escort/guides.

Pilgrimage does NOT Include: Beverages with meals, meals not specified; all items of a personal nature; any items not specified.

* Price is per person, based on double occupancy. **Add** \$239 for optional travel insurance. There are a *limited* number of single rooms available. Single Supplement: \$420.
Land Only Price (No Air or Airport-Hotel transfers):
\$2590 per person based on double occupancy.
Price is based on a minimum of 40 passengers.

**For Reservation Forms or Further Information
Contact:**

The Catholic Tour

TOLL FREE at 888-465-9868

Or Email: info@thecatholictour.com

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St. Peters Basilica – Main Altar



St. John Lateran



St. Paul Outside the Walls



St. Mary Major



Swiss Guard – The Vatican

**PAYMENTS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO:
THE CATHOLIC TOUR COMPANY
21625 Chagrin Blvd., Suite #210
Beachwood, OH 44122**

**FOR INFORMATION OR TO MAKE RESERVATIONS CALL: (216) 751-8301
PAYMENT INFORMATION:**

(Deposits, Second payments, and Final payments)

*A deposit of \$489 or \$539 is required no later than 95 days prior to departure to secure a reservation. There is no guarantee we can obtain airline seats for late bookings. This payment includes the cost (NON-REFUNDABLE) of optional TRIP MATE trip cancellation protection and travel insurance (\$189 for a tour that costs \$3,000 or under, and \$239 for a tour that costs \$3001 and up), and \$300 deposit for the tour. This coverage is highly recommended by The Catholic Tour Company. If you wish to decline this insurance, you must do so in writing and deduct \$189 or the applicable amount from your deposit payment. FULL payment is due no later than 65 days prior to departure. Late payments can be assessed a \$100 late fee. Reservations may be cancelled and we reserve the right to levy full cancellation charges as set forth in these conditions if full payment is not received 65 days prior to the departure date of the tour. In the event of billing error, we reserve the right to reinvoice with correct pricing. Final documents and tickets will be issued after final payment has been processed, and normally will be sent 1 – 2 weeks prior to departure.

General:

*Deposit, including appropriate travel insurance premium, is necessary to secure a reservation.

*For late bookings (within 60 days of departure), full payment is due immediately by bank check or money order. No reservations will be accepted 45 days or less before departure.

*Late bookings (within 60 days of departure) are subject to a \$100.00 late fee plus any increase in quoted airfare.

*All payments, except late bookings, can be made by personal check, bank check or money order. Visa, MasterCard and Discover will be accepted for all payments except late bookings. Credit cards will not be accepted for reservations made by travel agents.

* No personal checks or credit cards will be accepted with payments 45 days or less before departure date. Only money orders or cashier's checks will be accepted.

CANCELLATION INFORMATION:

All Cancellations must be in writing to us and must be signed by the person who made the original reservation. Cancellations are only effective from the day they are actually received by The Catholic Tour Company. US Postmark prevails. No refunds are issued for cancellations received after the departure date of the tour. Penalties will apply. If you cancel your tour, cancellation fees and penalties will be deducted from your refund. Cancellation fees do apply to deposit checks. Cancellation fees apply to each person.

Prior to Departure Cancellation Fees:

61 or more days \$250

31-60 days 50% of tour cost

15-30 days 75% of tour cost

Less than 15 days 100% of tour cost. No refund.

There may be additional airline, cruise line and land operator penalties applicable.

Special events and Custom Groups: Based on contract.

There will be a \$100 administrative rebooking fee and a \$100 late booking fee (for booking within 60 days of departure).

ROOMS: Prices are based on double occupancy. Single rooms are available at a supplementary cost as stated on individual itineraries. A limited number of single rooms are available. On those very rare occasions when we are not able to get a roommate for you, you will be required to pay the single supplement. We will attempt to give sufficient prior notice to any room changes regarding double occupancy versus single supplement. Triple rooms may not be available in all countries.

TAXES: Tour price includes all government taxes and fees associated with the airfare. Please see individual itineraries for prices, which may vary.

TIPPING: The price of the tour includes hotel tips. Tipping is *not* included, but recommended, to the Tour Escort (@€4 / \$5), Motor Coach Driver (@€2 / \$3) and local step-on guide (@1-2 Euros) per person, per day to each, respectively.

SIGHTSEEING & ITINERARIES: Sightseeing is included as per the itinerary and is under the direction of licensed local guides where required. During holidays some sights such as museums may be closed or unavailable for visits. The Catholic Tour Company reserves the right to vary the sequence of sightseeing and / or to re-route the order of cities should circumstances demand it. In either case, the itinerary content will be maintained; however, the order may change. **Considerable amount of walking may be necessary while sightseeing.** Please understand that not all museums and attractions are open every day of the year. The Papal Audience takes place on Wednesdays, and the Papal Blessing is on Sundays. Both are only available in accordance with His Holiness' schedule, and may not take place when He is out of the country. There are no refunds for any unused portion of these excursions. Optional side trips and optional extensions need a minimum number of pilgrims to operate.

MEDICAL CONDITION: We endeavor to provide the highest level of service to all our passengers. Handicapped participants who require special assistance **must** be accompanied by a qualified helper who assumes total responsibility for the handicapped participants' well being. The Catholic Tour Company is not responsible for any medical conditions that occur prior, during or after the tour.

BAGGAGE: The passenger is allowed to bring one (1) checked bag, which may have a maximum weight of 50 lbs., and maximum combined dimensions of 62 inches. Also, one (1) "carry-on" with maximum dimensions of 8"x12"x20" is permitted. Luggage is the passenger's responsibility and that of the airlines. For lost luggage, the passenger is responsible for notifying the airline directly. Check with your carrier regarding carry-on luggage rules and regulations. Any baggage fees are not included in the tour price.

AIRLINE TICKETS AND ITINERARY LENGTH: Air transportation to/from your destination will be economy class aboard carriers utilizing non-refundable, non-amenable tickets for groups flying together for the entire itinerary. Preliminary international flight

schedules are available 60 days prior to departure and may change before they are finalized. Therefore, if you book the domestic flight on your own, you will be responsible for changing your domestic flights and incurring any change fees that would be generated by this adjustment. We are not responsible for changes and delays in airline schedules and do not reimburse passengers for expenses resulting from same. **Travelers making their own flight arrangements should not purchase non-refundable, non-changeable tickets.** We cannot guarantee the most direct routing to your final destination. If flight schedules change, we reserve the right to lengthen or shorten the itinerary accordingly, and if changes or flight schedules necessitate extra overnights, you will be charged at normal hotel rates. **Land Only packages do not include airport-hotel transfers.**

SEAT ASSIGNMENT: There is no advance seat selection for tour departures. Early check-in is necessary to secure seats with travel companion. Three hours advance arrival to departing airport is required.

PASSPORTS AND VISAS: ALL PASSENGERS MUST HAVE A VALID PASSPORT with an expiration date more than six months after the date of your return to the U.S. (Including travel to Mexico and Canada.) Passports should be in your possession before a reservation is made. Some countries require Visas. The Catholic Tour Company assumes no responsibility or liability for Visa procurement. Foreign Nationals must have a valid Passport and their green Alien Registration Card. Foreign nationals must also check with their Embassies and of the destination countries as to all visa requirements to foreign countries, and U.S.A. requirements for returning, and with The Internal Revenue Service for any tax liabilities.

TRIP MATE TRIP CANCELLATION PROTECTION AND TRAVEL INSURANCE

Valuable Insurance Protection

The easy, affordable way to protect your vacation investment is with The Catholic Tour Company Travel Protection Plan. It gives you peace of mind while traveling! This Travel Protection Plan offered and administered by Trip Mate (In CA, dba Trip Mate Insurance Agency) is available with all The Catholic Tour Company travel arrangements. This high-quality Travel Protection Plan covers your vacation investment, your belongings, and most importantly, you. **The Pre-Existing Condition Exclusion is waived if payment for this plan is received by The Catholic Tour within 14 days of your initial deposit/payment for your Trip. This policy may not be purchased after You have made final payment for Your Trip.**

A "Travel Insurance Certificate" which provides complete details of the plan, including conditions, exclusions and limitations will be included with your travel documents and is also available to you, upon request, at any time prior to your purchase of the plan. Emergencies happen. Plans change. For peace of mind, The Catholic Tour Company highly recommends the program administered by Trip Mate. For further information go to www.tripmate.com/wp365T. Plan becomes effective upon receipt of the premium by The Catholic Tour Company. The cost of this travel insurance is \$189 for a tour that costs \$3,000 or under, and \$239 for a tour that costs \$3001 and up, and is nonrefundable. If you do not wish to purchase this insurance, you MUST decline in writing.

CONSUMER DISCLOSURE NOTICE Please read the Terms & Conditions carefully, as your deposit and payment for a trip constitutes consent to all conditions and general information contained in this brochure. Responsibility: These trips are arranged by The Catholic Tour Company ("Operator"). It has made the travel arrangements as agent for the transportation carriers and other suppliers of services connected with the tour ("suppliers"), all of which are independent contractors. Operator in no way owns or operates the vehicles or facilities to be used during the trip, and does not guarantee or assume responsibility for the acts and / or omissions of suppliers, their employees, agents, etc. All bookings are accepted subject to the conditions imposed by suppliers and Operator, including airline, cruise line, rail, coach, hotel, restaurants, insurance and other companies, firms or persons concerned with the trip, and Operator will make no refund in the event of their delay, cancellation, over booking, strike, force majeure or for elements of the package not used by customer.

If there is a difference between Operator's Conditions and those published by the supplier, the conditions of the suppliers shall apply. Price quoted is per person, double occupancy and, unless specifically stated otherwise on the itinerary, does not include port dues or travel insurance. Operator reserves the right to cancel a trip, change the itinerary or adjust rates/prices whenever in its sole judgment conditions warrant, or if Operator deems it necessary for your comfort, convenience or safety. Trips outside the USA require a valid passport or other acceptable forms of citizenship proof. You are responsible for, and release Operator from passport, visa, vaccination requirements, if applicable, and safety conditions in travel destinations. Operator strongly recommends you purchase appropriate cancellation / medical / baggage insurance for the trip, which is available from Operator. For U.S. State Department travel advisories, go to <http://travel.state.gov/travel/>. Operator reserves the right to decline to accept any person as a member of the tour, or to require any participant to withdraw from the trip at any time who presents a significant risk to the health or safety of himself or others which can not be eliminated or reduced to an acceptable level by Operator's reasonable accommodation. Operator reserves the right to correct an error in the brochure presentation or advertised price prior to your departure. All rates/prices are based on tariffs and exchange rates in effect at the time of the initial quotation, and are subject to change.

A contract is made when your reservation and payments are accepted by Operator at its office, and any dispute shall be governed by Ohio law and subject to the jurisdiction of Cuyahoga County, Ohio. In calculating the cost of your trip, Operator has relied on your consent to these terms and in the absence of this release, the trip cost would have been higher. Operator reserves the right to substitute hotels of similar quality at any time or to make changes in itinerary of similar quality. Operator will not be responsible to any person for expense, loss of time, money or other circumstance resulting from a change in itinerary or change of tour arrangements. Operator also reserves the right to cancel a tour prior to departure, and in such cases all payments made to date will be refunded and shall constitute full settlement. If you purchase an airline ticket separately, ensure that your travel agent explains the conditions under which the ticket is issued, as Operator assumes no responsibility for such airline ticket cancellation fees.

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PASSENGER RESERVATION FORM / CONTRACT



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Toll Free: 877-MARIAN TOUR, that's 877-627-4268
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ENCLOSED IS MY (OUR) DEPOSIT CHECK OF \$539.00 PER PERSON. (\$300 deposit on trip; \$239 for OPTIONAL, NON-REFUNDABLE, travel insurance.***) **Payable to: The Catholic Tour**

THE DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN Name of Trip: **FLORENCE, ASSISI, ROME** Date of Trip: **APRIL 11 – 19, 2013**

Select your windbreaker size (all men's sizes): Small Medium Large XLarge XXLarge

PILGRIM INFORMATION: Please print. **Include a copy of the picture page of your Passport(s).**

1 _____ 2 _____

Name(s) as it/they appear on your passport(s)

Address City State Zip: _____ Apt. # _____

U.S. Passport #s: _____ I (we) am (are) buying the Land Only Package
(No Air Included)

Home Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____

Fax: _____ E-mail address: _____

ROOM ASSIGNMENT INFORMATION:

Single Room * (supplement cost as per itinerary): YES _____ NO _____ I need a roommate _____
(Check)

Double Room: YES _____ NO _____ If yes, name of roommate: _____

Smoker: YES _____ NO _____ Date Of Birth: 1. _____ 2. _____

Male or Female: M _____ F _____ Special Diet: _____

Handicap information: _____

TRAVEL INSURANCE:

Travel Insurance (recommended) YES _____ NO _____ (If No, sign below.)

I hereby decline travel insurance and I understand that I am assuming any financial loss associated with my travel arrangements which otherwise may have been covered by travel insurance. *Signatures required.*

1. _____ 2. _____
(Signatures required)

EMERGENCY CONTACT: NAME: _____ Phone: _____

(Not traveling with you)

Relationship: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

CREDIT CARD PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION Amount: \$ _____

Visa / MasterCard / Discover Card # _____

Expiration date (Month): _____ (Year): _____ 3 digit code on back of card: _____

Signature _____ Date: _____

Please review the Terms and Conditions for explanation of cancellation policy, final deposit information, etc.
I have read and agree to the Terms and Conditions. **ALL PASSENGERS MUST SIGN THIS FORM.**

1. _____ 2. _____
(Signatures required) If under age 18, parent or guardian must sign.

* Limited number of single rooms available. **Departure tax and fuel surcharge are both subject to change up until the time the group seats are purchased by The Catholic Tour, typically 60-30 days prior to departure. Passenger Reservations and deposits are due no later than 95 days prior to departure (01/6/2013). Final payment is due no later than 65 days prior to departure (02/5/2013).**

Consumer Disclosure Notice and Consent Agreement

I understand that the airline tickets or air tours I am purchasing is a group tour where airline tickets are purchased as a group and not on an individual basis when I make my reservation and payment for the tour. I understand that these travel products and services being purchased may be subject to additional surcharges, cost increases, and fees imposed by individual travel suppliers or government entities after my purchase date. I understand that I may be charged the post-purchase amounts by The Catholic Tour for reasons varying from currency exchange fluctuations to fuel surcharges and new travel taxes, or any combination thereof.

I hereby consent to these post-purchase price increases for such additional amounts. I authorize The Catholic Tour to send me an invoice and I agree to promptly pay this by personal check, money order or cashier's check before I receive my travel documents.

1 _____ 2 _____
(Signature) (Signature)

1 _____ 2 _____
(Print Name) (Print Name)

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