

Pilgrimage to Italy with Fr Joe

June 14-23, 2026

June 14 Sunday Day 1 MSP Airport: Coach bus to MSP Boards in Grey Eagle at 3:00 PM 5:15 PM arrival airport, Delta 298 8:25 PM departure

Most Days will be about 8:30 AM to 8:30 PM with the optional walk after 8:30

June 15 Day 2 Monday Arrival in Rome 12:45 PM Coach Bus Pickup. Go to St Mary Major have Mass. Go to HOTEL VIMINALE (3 nights). Evening meal (Around 7:30 PM each night)-after supper- Optional walk Trevi Fountain at night

June 16 Day 3 Tuesday Rome: Early departure for mass at St Peters followed by Vatican Museum, tour of St Peters, shopping near St Peters for items to be blessed by the Pope. Afternoon Pantheon and Santa Maria Sopra Minerva-Evening meal-Optional walk to Colosseum at night

June 17 Day 4 Wednesday Rome: Papal Audience with Pope Leo XIV. Tour of St John Lateran (Mass), Sacred Steps and Coliseum and Forum Evening Meal- Optional walk to follow

June 18 Day 5 Thursday Pietrelcina and San Giovanni Rotundo: Travel by bus to Pietrelcina Birthplace of Padre Pio otherwise known as St Pio of Pietrelcina. Visit the Church and his place of birth. We continue on San Giovanni Rotundo. Arrive at: hotel corona San Giovanni Rotondo (2 nights) Dinner and optional evening walk

June 19 Day 6 Friday San Giovanni Rotundo: Shrine of St Padre Pio (see his body) and Shrine of St Mary of Grace (Mass), Cave of St Michael the Archangel. Evening meal chance for a walk

June 20 Day 7 Saturday Lanciano, Loretto and Assisi: go to Lanciano, which has a 1250 year old Eucharistic miracle, we go to the house of Mary (Loretto) that was transported from Israel about 750 years ago, Dinner Optional Candlelight Vigil walk at Santa Maria Degli Angeli, we stay overnight in Assisi at Domus Pacis (3 nights)

June 21 Day 8 Sunday Assisi: Santa Maria Degli Angeli for Mass. An optional walk in the afternoon to see San Damiano (Claire's Convent) Evening meal in the Tuscan Countryside

June 22 Day 9 Monday Assisi: Tour of San Francesco Basilica with St Frances and the newly Canonized Saint Carlo Acutis (Body Incorrupt), walking tour of Assisi, tour church of Santa Chiara (Saint Claire).

June 23 Day 10 Tuesday Assisi, Cascia, Airport: Depart hotel- go to Basilica of Santa Rita da Cascia in Cascia. She is known as the "[Saint of the Impossible](#)" and is the patron saint of difficult, or hopeless causes- go to FCO airport Rome Leave DL Flight 299 2:55 PM, arrive at MSP 6:45 PM Coach Bus returns us to Grey Eagle.

This is a pilgrimage. Which means we are traveling not just to see sights but to experience Christ in beauty, in prayers, in other people and in our difficulties. Not every part of the trip will be physically or emotionally easy. We give these difficult moments to our Lord to draw us closer to each other and to him.

You need to plan to be able to walk at least a couple of miles a day. Unfortunately it is not possible in Rome to drive up to many things. Mobility is needed.

This trip is put together by Fr Joe Herzing not a tour company. Some things won't go quickly or smoothly. Relax and enjoy Italy!

Cost for Ground portion double occupancy \$2300 PP Single occupancy \$3000 PP Triple \$2000 PP This Includes Hotels, Bus, Entrances, Guides and Evening meals. What isn't included is lunches and tips for the bus driver and airfare

Airfare is separate (around \$1700 right now) and needs to be booked on your own or with the help of Dawn Richter at 320-732-2635 You will need to purchase your tickets from Delta for Sunday 6/14/2026 Flight 298 8:25 PM and Tuesday 6/23/2026 Delta Flight 299 2:55 PM. If the cost is over \$1600 I would say wait a bit. I think prices will come down in the New Year. Note that the cheapest Delta option does not allow for reserving seats nor free checked bag! You are free to fly on different days to extend your trip.

\$500 deposit per person required upon registration along with registration form. Balance is due April 15. Travel Insurance is an option. It does give you some nice health and trip cancellation coverage. **Your deposit may not be refundable depending upon when you cancel the trip.**

We will take a coach bus to and from the airport (leaving from Grey Eagle) and also there will be coach bus throughout Italy (Pick up and drop off at the FCO airport)

Strict limitation to 1 Checked Bag, 1 Carry on, and 1 personal item It is summer it will be mostly hot with cooler temps toward evening. Less luggage is always better!!

I cannot guarantee lunch times...if you have any kind of blood sugar or hunger problems bring some good snacks to pull you through beef sticks, nuts, bran etc.?

I will get 220V converters for you (one per room). These will work for chargers (phones/ipads as long as you bring the cords and chargers☺) but try to make sure anything else you plug in is rated for 220 Volt (hair dryers, shavers etc)!

Some things on this itinerary will almost certainly be modified.

There will be an information meeting for this trip on Sunday January 18th at 4:00 in Grey Eagle. There will be a zoom link for this meeting.

Further information on the trip email Fr. Joe at frjoeherzing@gmail.com or for sign up questions call Dawn Richter at 320-732-2635

Sign up for Italy June 14-23, 2026 with Fr Joe Herzing

Call Dawn 320-723-2635 to make sure there is room before sending this!

One___ Two___ Three___ Four___ (Persons per Room)

First Person Full name as on Passport _____

DOB_____ Place of Birth_____

Passport #_____ Passport expiration date _____

Telephone #_____ Email _____

Emergency Contact Person_____ Phone # _____

Questions or thoughts_____

Second Person Full name as on Passport _____

DOB_____ Place of Birth_____

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Emergency Contact Person_____ Phone # _____

Questions or Thoughts_____

\$500 sign up per person Make Checks payable to Christ the King Church

Amount Enclosed_____

Send to: Dawn Richter St Mary of Mt Carmel

409 Central Ave, Long Prairie, MN 56347

Attach another page if more than 2 persons in one room