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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5 – We depart from our home city for an evening connecting overnight flight to Rome and then to Palermo. Dinner and breakfast served aboard. D (dinner) & B (breakfast)

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6 – Palermo is Sicily’s main port, nestled in the middle of a wide bay, a fascinating capital of the Provence of Sicily. After check-in at our hotel our English-speaking Tour Manager takes us on a visit to Mount Pellegrino (Pilgrim’s Mountain), which offers a panoramic view of Palermo and the Sea. It is most famous for the Sanctuary of Saint Rosalie, patron saint of Palermo. This medieval Saint sought a hermit’s life on Mount Pellegrino and many miracles were attributed to her intercession. The saint’s bones were discovered in 1624. They were carried in procession throughout the city, and Palermo was liberated from the plague. Here at 2:00 PM we celebrate HOLY MASS AT THE SHRINE OF SAINT ROSALIE. We return to our hotel for dinner and overnight. D Palermo

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7 – This morning we tour the beautiful city of Palermo, including the Old Center, the lovely Capo market, the Massimo Theater Square, the Cathedral and the Royal Palace (Palazzo dei Normanni) with its Palatine Chapel, considered one of the best monuments of Norman art in this part of the world. After a break for lunch and a little time on our own, we travel the short distance to Monreale, slightly south of Palermo on a panoramic upland overlooking the Conca d’Oro and the Oretto River valley. We visit the Cathedral of Monreale (Santa Maria la Nuova) begun in 1174. The cathedral was built at the order of William II. The gorgeous interior walls of the cathedral are completely decorated with mosaics. At 4:30 PM we celebrate HOLY MASS IN THE CATHEDRAL OF MONREALE. We return to our hotel and enjoy dinner together. B & D Palermo

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8 – This morning we drive to the southern coast of Sicily to reach the city of Agrigento, one of the most popular tourist resorts in Sicily. It is celebrated internationally because it is an archeological, architectural and artistic center. We will visit the stunning Valley of the Temples, including the largest Doric temple in the world, the Temple of Jupiter. All that we see merits the title of a UNESCO World Heritage site. From ancient times to the present day, the Valley of the Temples’ ruins, landscape and colors have inspired poets, writers and painters. This afternoon we visit the great Cathedral of Agrigento built in the 11th century. A very fine feature is its magnificent wooden ceiling added in 1508. We conclude our day at the Shrine of Santa Maria dei Greci (St. Mary of the Greeks), where at 5:00 PM we celebrate HOLY MASS. Then we check in at our hotel for dinner and overnight. B & D Agrigento

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9 – Traveling east in Sicily we stop in a village called Piazza Amerina, known for the famous Roman Villa del Casale. The villa is one of the finest examples of Roman country dwellings on the island. The splendor of the mosaic decorations in the floors has made this ancient Roman villa world famous. As we continue driving to the East we will visit the highest volcano of Europe. At
Mount Etna a local expert will help us take in some spectacular landscapes sculpted by nature. We will approach within a reasonable but safe distance of its crater. Then on the east coast we arrive at a lovely city called Taormina. After check-in to our hotel near city center, we enter the church of Santa Caterina to celebrate at 6:00 PM our HOLY MASS. Then we have dinner together.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10 -- This morning we drive to the south to enjoy many important sights in and around Siracuse. Upon arrival there we visit and at 10:30 AM celebrate HOLY MASS at the SHRINE OF MADONNA DELLE LACRIME (the Weeping Madonna). The old town of Siracuse has fascinating streets to explore. Then there will be time for lunch on our own. This afternoon we tour the Archeological Park with its ancient wonders of a Roman Amphitheater, a Greek theater and the marvelous Orecchio di Dioniso (Ear of Dioneseus). Back in Taormina we have dinner overnight.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11 – After an early breakfast we drive south to Catania. The patron saint of Catania is Saint Agatha, in whose veneration Catanians and devout pilgrims coming from afar join in celebration for 3 intense days of festivities each year on February 3rd, 4th and 5th (her Feast Day). Some years the crowd has numbered almost a million. St Agatha lived 231 to 251 AD (born in Catania or Palermo) and martyred under the Roman Emperor Decius for her steadfast faith and adherence to her virginity. The heroic virtue of this saint of those early days of Christianity is depicted in the Cathedral of Catania and several other Shrines. At 9:30 AM in a church of Catania we will celebrate our HOLY MASS. By late morning we go to Catania’s airport to board a flight at 1:05 PM which takes us to Naples Airport. Arriving at 2:25 PM, we will be guided into the center of Naples for a visit to the Cathedral of San Gennaro and other landmarks which display beautiful art and architecture of this historic and important city of Italy. We check in and have dinner together at our hotel.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12 – We drive a short distance to the east to reach a world-famous place called Pompeii. First, at 8:30 AM, we will celebrate HOLY MASS at the SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY. After Mass we have a guided tour through the excavations of Pompeii, a Roman city, which was completely destroyed by the volcanic eruption of Mt. Vesuvius in 79 AD. A delicious lunch will be provided for us today. We have some leisure time this afternoon to explore Naples on our own. We return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13 – This morning we journey north to Rome driving on the main highway called Autostrada del Sole (Highway of the Sun). We stop at the Benedictine Abbey of Montecassino, completely rebuilt after World War II. There in the Abbey Church at 10:00 AM we celebrate HOLY MASS at the TOMBS OF ST. BENEDICT and his sister ST. SCHOLASTICA. Reaching Rome, the Eternal City, we check in at our hotel and have dinner together.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14 – This morning we enter the Basilica of St. Peter, where at 8:00 AM at an altar on the right, just past the Altar of the Pieta, we celebrate HOLY MASS AT THE TOMB OF POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II. As we walk through this magnificent Basilica and we pray, our thoughts are flooded with the events that have taken place here and the people who have worshiped in this great center of the Church. After Mass we meet a guide for a tour through the treasures of the Vatican Museum, seeing especially the Sistine Chapel with its awesome frescoes by Michelangelo. The tour concludes with an inside visit of the Basilica. This afternoon we have time to explore on our own. Some may be tempted to ascend to the top of the dome of St. Peter’s. The effort will be rewarded with a marvelous view of Vatican City as well as a vast panorama of the city of Rome. This evening we gather for dinner near our hotel.
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15 – This morning is the Highlight of our Pilgrimage in Rome – a PAPAL AUDIENCE in St. Peter’s Square with His Holiness Pope Francis. After the Audience and a break for lunch, we drive into the heart of Rome to the Basilica of St. Mary Major, the world’s most illustrious church dedicated to Our Blessed Mother. In the Confessio beneath the high altar we can venerate the relics of the Crib that held the Infant Jesus. We see an ornate ceiling comprised of gold from the new world as well as a striking mosaic apse. This afternoon at 3:15 PM we celebrate HOLY MASS in the BORGHESE CHAPEL, a beautiful side chapel of the Basilica. After Mass our bus takes us within walking distance of a favorite Roman gathering place, the Trevi Fountain. A few blocks further we reach the Spanish Square, where we see the beautiful Spanish Stairs leading up to Holy Trinity Church. Our bus carries us back to the hotel, and then we go out to a nearby restaurant for dinner together.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16 – This is a free day for our own activities. Much can be seen by walking through Old Rome: the Piazza Navona, the Pantheon, and countless church where tombs of saints and great masterpieces can be discovered. Rome, the Center of the Roman Empire and Center of the Church! The evening we go out, celebrating together at a Farewell Dinner with wine and music.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17 – We check out of our hotel and transfer to the Rome airport for our return flights to the U.S., arriving this same day in our home city.

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PRICE: $4155 per person, based on double occupancy For a single room, add $625.
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AIR TRANSPORTATION: Air transportation is in economy class on scheduled carriers.
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U.S.citizen(s)? ___ Yes ___ No ___ Smoking ___ Non-Smoking ___ Handicap Information

Please be aware that strenuous walking may be involved in this pilgrimage.

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