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Pilgrimage "ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN"

Rome Extension

March 12-15, 2027



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Land only.

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Day 13– Friday, March 12



Palermo (PMO) to Rome (FCO)

Pilgrims joining the Rome Extension will board the scheduled flight from Palermo (PMO) to Rome (FCO).

Flight: ITA - AZ 1782 10:05 AM - 11:15 AM

Upon arrival at Rome International Airport (FCO), pilgrims will begin extended pilgrimage by motor coach.

In these ancient catacombs, the early Christians and martyrs gave witness to a faith stronger than death. As we walk where they once walked, may we unite our fiat with theirs and renew our desire to live completely in God's Will.

May their courageous witness help prepare our hearts for the fulfillment of Jesus' prayer: "Thy Will be done on earth as it is in Heaven."



Catacombs of St. Callixtus

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Church of Santa Maria della Vittoria
(Our Lady of Victory)

This beautiful Carmelite church is dedicated to Our Lady of Victory, recalling the powerful intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and reminding us that every true victory belongs to God.

Within the church is Bernini's magnificent Ecstasy of St. Teresa of Ávila, depicting the saint's heart pierced by the fire of Divine Love. St. Teresa's complete surrender to God invites us to offer our own Fiat, allowing Jesus to possess our hearts and accomplish His Will within us.

As we enter this sacred place, may Our Lady lead us to the greatest victory of all: the triumph of God's Will in our souls – "Thy Will be done on earth as it is in Heaven."



Day 14 – Saturday, March 13



Basilica of Santa Maria in Arcoeli

High upon the Capitoline Hill stands the ancient Basilica of Santa Maria in Aracoeli – "St. Mary of the Altar of Heaven." One of Rome's historic Marian churches, the basilica has been entrusted to the Franciscans for centuries and is reached by its impressive marble staircase rising above the heart of ancient Rome.

Tradition connects this sacred place with a vision announcing the coming of the Savior, and for centuries pilgrims have come here to honor Mary and the Santo Bambino of Aracoeli, the beloved image of the Child Jesus associated with countless prayers for healing and special graces. The basilica also preserves beautiful chapels, ancient tombs, frescoes, and works of art that reflect centuries of Catholic faith and devotion.

The name Altar of Heaven beautifully speaks to the heart of our pilgrimage. Mary, through her perfect Fiat, opened the way for Heaven to come to earth when she welcomed Jesus into her womb. Here we ask Our Lady to teach us that same surrender, so that the life of Jesus may grow within us and His Divine Will may reign in our hearts.

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Basilica of St. Bartholmew on the Island

In the middle of the Tiber River, upon Rome's ancient Tiber Island, stands the Basilica of St. Bartholomew, a sacred place where more than a thousand years of Catholic history surround the pilgrim.

Founded around the year 1000 by Emperor Otto III, the basilica is dedicated to St. Bartholomew the Apostle, one of the Twelve who walked with Jesus and carried the Gospel to the nations. According to ancient tradition, the relics of St. Bartholomew are preserved beneath the high altar, making this basilica an especially precious place to pray close to an Apostle of Christ.

The basilica also preserves relics associated with St. Adalbert of Prague, the great 10th-century bishop and martyr whom Otto III deeply revered. In our own time, St. John Paul II desired that the church also become a place of remembrance for the "New Martyrs" and witnesses of the faith of the 20th century. Its chapels now preserve moving relics and personal objects connected with Christians who suffered and gave their lives for Christ throughout the world.

To pray here is to encounter the remarkable continuity of the Catholic faith–from the Apostles, to the saints and martyrs of the early centuries, to the witnesses of our own time. Their lives remind us that every generation is called to give its own Fiat to God.

As we venerate these holy witnesses, may we ask for the grace to love Jesus with an undivided heart and to allow His Divine Will to reign ever more completely within us.

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Basilica of Santa Maria in Trastevere





One of the most ancient churches dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary in Rome, the Basilica of Santa Maria in Trastevere stands in the heart of one of the city's oldest Christian neighborhoods. Tradition traces Christian worship on this site to the earliest centuries of the Church, when the followers of Christ still lived under the shadow of persecution.

The basilica is especially beautiful for its magnificent mosaics honoring Our Lady and the mystery of Christ's Incarnation.

For pilgrims, Santa Maria in Trastevere is a beautiful reminder of the Church's ancient faith and of Mary's maternal presence in the life of the Church. Here we can contemplate Mary's Fiat in the mystery of Redemption and ask her, as our Mother, to teach us to give our own Fiat.

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Basilica of Santa Cecilia

Built over the traditional site of the home of St. Cecilia, one of the Church's most beloved virgin martyrs, this ancient basilica preserves a powerful witness to the faith of the early Christians. Cecilia, a young Roman noblewoman, consecrated herself completely to Christ and remained faithful to Him even unto martyrdom.

Beneath the high altar rests the celebrated marble statue of St. Cecilia, depicting her as her body was reportedly found when her tomb was opened in 1599–incorrupt and lying in a position of prayerful surrender. Her relics are preserved beneath the altar together with those traditionally associated with her husband, St. Valerian, and other martyrs.

St. Cecilia is honored throughout the Church as the patron saint of sacred music, but her deepest song was the offering of her own life to God. For pilgrims, her basilica is a sacred place to pray for the grace of fidelity–to belong entirely to Jesus and to allow every circumstance of our lives to become an act of love and a continuous Fiat to the Divine Will.

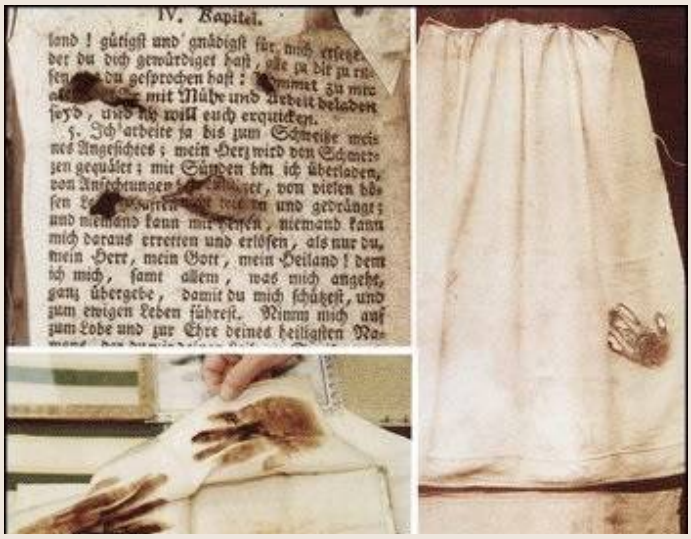
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Church of the Sacred Heart of Suffrage





Museum of the Souls in Purgatory



Within the church is the fascinating Museum of the Souls in Purgatory, containing objects traditionally believed to bear signs left by deceased souls asking the living for prayers, Masses, and sacrifices on their behalf. The collection grew from the work of the church's founder, Fr. Victor Jouët, who devoted himself to encouraging prayer for the faithful departed.

More important than the unusual artifacts is the deeply Catholic message they represent: our communion in Christ does not end with death. Through the Communion of Saints, the Church on earth continues to assist the souls undergoing purification through the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, prayer, indulgences, and works of charity.

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Basilica of the Twelve Hioly Apostles

Dating to the 6th century, this ancient basilica was originally built in honor of St. Philip the Apostle and St. James the Less. According to the basilica's historical tradition, their sacred relics were brought from the East to Rome and placed beneath the sanctuary near the high altar, where they remained for approximately 1,300 years.

During excavations beneath the high altar in 1873, the ancient stone reliquary containing their remains was rediscovered. A new crypt was constructed, and in 1879 the relics were solemnly enshrined in the marble sarcophagus where pilgrims may venerate them today. The crypt also contains the "Well of the Martyrs," where numerous relics of early Christian martyrs were placed after being transferred from Rome's ancient Christian cemeteries.

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Pope Leo XIV

Participation in the Sunday Angelus and Guided tour of St. Peter's Basilica

Day 16 – Monday, March 15



As our pilgrimage comes to an end, we leave Rome with hearts full of gratitude, beautiful memories, new friendships, and countless graces received along the way.

We have prayed together, laughed together, walked many miles together, shared meals, celebrated Holy Mass, visited the places of the saints–and probably eaten more pasta and gelato than we planned! 😊

But the greatest gift has been sharing this journey of faith together and seeking to live more deeply in the Divine Will.

Although today we say arrivederci to Italy and to one another, we hope it is only "until we meet again."

May everything we have received during these days continue to bear fruit in our lives, and may Our Lady accompany each of us home beneath her mantle.

Thank you for being part of this very special pilgrimage. We hope you will travel with us again on another beautiful adventure of faith, friendship, and Fiat!

Until our next pilgrimage... Fiat always! ❤️🙏🇮🇹

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