



The Duomo, Florence

Join Fr. Joseph Keough in

# ITALY

October 9-18, 2012



Rialto Bridge, Venice



St. Peter's Basilica, Rome

**Limited to first 40 deposits.**

**Cost Per Person Sharing Twin from Connecticut:**

**\$3,695 per person in twin**

*(That's \$3,180 + \$515 air taxes & fuel charges as of 12/2011—subject to fuel increase or decrease)*

**Cost Includes:**

Round trip private coach from CT; air transportation from JFK; 8 Nights centrally located superior first class hotels indicated in itinerary on page 2 or similar in private room with two beds & private bath; Breakfasts daily, 6 deluxe dinners including local wine and soft drinks; Comprehensive sightseeing by private deluxe coach with English speaking tour manager; local guides; entrance fees; Hotel taxes & services; Porterage of one bag per person; Air taxes & fuel surcharges of \$515 in 12/11, subject to change).

Single Room Supplement: \$725

**NOT INCLUDED:** Items not specified above, e.g. most lunches & 2 dinners; optional sightseeing; optional cancellation insurance (\$195 offered at final payment to cover cancellation fees due to medical conditions); items of a personal nature, passport & visa (if applicable) fees; increases in pre-paid air taxes & fuel surcharges if imposed by airline prior to ticketing (\$515 in 12/11); group gratuities (\$95 per person).



Please note, there is extensive slow-paced walking each day during this pilgrimage.

## Fr. Joseph Keough

Pastor of St. Mary Parish, Newington, CT

invites you to join him in:

### BELLA ITALIA!

**Venice-Florence-Rome**

**Verona-Pisa-Padua-Assisi**

**PLUS... see Pope Benedict XVI**

**in St. Peter's Square**

**during the Year of Faith**

**beginning in October 2012!**

### Marisa Seghezzi

**is our Tour Manager!**

(Marisa took care of us at the 2010 Oberammergau Passion Play.)



**DEPOSIT: \$450 per person is due by Sunday March 11, 2012.**

Final payment and \$195 optional cancellation insurance is due Monday, July 9, 2012.

### Any Questions?

**Email: frjfk@aol.com**

**Tel: 860-666-1591 (Fr. Keough)**

## BOOKING FORM

Grp #1229 Italy with Fr. Joseph Keough October 9-18, 2012. Enclosed is deposit of \$\_\_\_\_\_ (\$450 per person ) for \_\_\_ # of persons due as soon as possible and no later than March 11, 2012 to reserve your place, first come-first served. Final payment on Monday, July 9, 2012

**Checks payable to: GTA TOURS**

**Mail To:  
Fr. Joseph Keough  
St. Mary Church  
626 Willard Ave  
Newington, CT 06111**

Name: (Mr./Mrs./Ms) \_\_\_\_\_

Enter your legal name as it appears on passport—no nicknames, please!

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ Twin Room \_\_\_ Single Room @ \$725 Supplement \_\_\_ Triple Room

Sharing room with \_\_\_\_\_

Home Tel: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

**U.S. Passport Valid to Apr 2013 Required Date of Birth: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_**  
(Month/ Day /Year)

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## ITALY DAY-BY-DAY ITINERARY: October 9-18, 2012

**OCT 9/TUE—DEPART CONNECTICUT/JFK.**

**OCT 10/WED—ARRIVE VENICE.** Meet Marisa, our English-speaking tour manager in the morning. Visit nearby Padua to see the lovely main square and Basilica of St. Anthony. In the afternoon check in at a lovely first class hotel located in Marcon, a small town noted for its shopping. where you stay for two nights. It is very close to colorful and romantic Venice, the city of canals and gondolas. (D) **HOTEL ANTONY PALACE or similar**  
[www.antonypalace.it](http://www.antonypalace.it)

**OCT 11/THU - VENICE.** Enjoy a full day in Venice. Transfer by coach to board a vaporetto (public transportation boat) to St. Mark's Square. A guided morning walking tour includes beautiful St Mark Basilica and gondola ride. Afternoon is free to shop and explore the beautiful, historic city. Return to hotel for dinner and overnight. (B,D)

**OCT 12/FRI—VENICE/PISA/FLORENCE** Today visit Verona, of Romeo and Juliet fame, and tour Tuscany. stopping at Pisa to view the famous Leaning Tower and some of Marisa's other choice sites. A great dinner is planned at a local farm near Lucca. In the evening, arrive in Florence, the fabulous Renaissance city on the Arno River, staying for 2 nights in the city center. (B,D)  
**HOTEL ADRIATICO or similar**  
[www.hoteladriatico.it](http://www.hoteladriatico.it)

**OCT 13/SAT—FLORENCE.** In the morning, take a walking tour to include the Academy, viewing Michelangelo's famous David and Holy Cross Church. See the main square, Giotto's Bell Tower, the Duomo and Baptistery. In the afternoon enjoy free time or perhaps join an optional tour of the world famous Uffizi Art Gallery. Dinner is on your own tonight. (B)

**OCT 14/SUN—FLORENCE/ASSISI.** "Arrividerci" Tuscany and "Buongiorno" charming Umbria! Arrive in the picturesque hill town of Assisi. See the beautiful main square, the Basilicas of St. Francis and St. Clare and Our Lady of the Angels. Enjoy exploring the medieval streets. (B,D)  
**HOTEL ROSEO** [www.roseohotelassisi.com](http://www.roseohotelassisi.com)

*Our Tour Manager,  
**Marisa  
Seghezzi,**  
enjoying coffee with  
us during our trip in  
Cologne, Germany  
September 2010*



**OCT 15/MON-ASSISI/ROME.** Depart in the morning, arriving in the Eternal City of Rome mid-day, where you stay for 3 nights at a great first class hotel located walking distance from the Vatican and St. Peter's Square. In the afternoon the focus is on picturesque medieval Rome. See the beautiful Piazza Navona, the mysterious Pantheon, throw some coins in Trevi Fountain. (B,D)  
**HOTEL CICERONE or similar**  
[www.hotelciceronerome.com](http://www.hotelciceronerome.com)

**OCT 15/TUE-ROME.** In the morning, have a guided tour of the Vatican Museum, housing art works of the great masters and the Sistine Chapel, where popes are elected and St Peter Basilica. In the afternoon, discover ancient Rome visiting the Roman Forum and Coliseum. Visit the Papal Basilica of St. John Lateran and the Holy Stairs. **Festive farewell dinner tonight.** (B,D)

**OCT 16/WED - ROME.** Today, join the Faithful from across the world in St. Peter's Square for first **Year of Faith audience with Our Father, Pope Benedict XVI, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the start of Vatican II Council.** The afternoon is at leisure to explore, shop, sightsee at your own pace. Dinner is not included. (B)

**OCT 18/THU— RETURN HOME.** (B)

B-Breakfast; D-Dinner.

Itinerary & Hotels Subject to Modification.  
Catholic Mass will be celebrated at selected sites.

### GENERAL CONDITIONS

TOUR PRICING reflects a cash discount, there is a 3.5 % surcharge for payment by credit card—Mastercard or Visa.

AIR TRANSPORTATION: Regularly scheduled economy class service on any IATA or ARC carrier. Air transportation based on fares in effect DEC '11, subject to change.

TARIFF & EXCHANGE FLUCTUATIONS: All tour prices herein are quoted in U.S. dollars and are based on tariffs and exchange levels in effect DEC '11. Rates are subject to adjustment in the event of any changes in these tariffs and exchange levels.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS: Rooms with two beds and private facilities throughout. DOCUMENTS: Carry valid U.S. passport and another photo ID.

CANCELLATIONS: Refunds will be handled promptly and will be made for cancellations received in writing up to 120 days prior to departure less a \$125 non-refundable fee. In addition, airline tickets are nonrefundable from the day they are issued, which is sometimes several months before departure. Cancellation fees: 119-60 days prior: \$1300; 59-46 days prior: \$2000; 45-0 day prior: up to total cost.

BAGGAGE: One (1) standard size checked suitcase and carry-on that will fit under aircraft seat.

GROUP SIZE: Rates herein are based on a minimum of 30 passengers.

RESPONSIBILITY: The travel agent and the tour operator, GTA TOURS d/b/a/ GTA TOURS, POB 1008, Madison, CT 06443, Tel: 203-245-8980, or their agents act(s) only as

agent(s) in all matters connected with the making and securing of reservations for transportation, accommodations, tours and/or other arrangements and assumes no responsibility for liability in connection with the service of any train, vessel carriage, aircraft or other conveyance which is used, either wholly or in part, in the performance of its duty to the passengers; neither this travel agency nor any of its representatives shall be, or become liable for any act, error or omission, or for any injury, loss accident, delay or irregularity which may be occasioned by reason of any defect in any vehicle or through neglect or default of any company or person engaged in carrying out the purpose for which ticket or coupons have been issued. In the event that it becomes necessary or advisable, for any reason whatsoever, to alter the itinerary or arrangements, such alterations may be made. Additional expenses if any, shall be borne by the passengers; conversely, refund will be made to the passengers if any saving is effected thereby. Also, in the event that sufficient persons are not secured for a particular tour, we reserve the right to cancel said tour, and a refund of monies paid will release the company of any further obligation. All arrangements for accommodations, transportation and sightseeing are made by the tour operator and/or their agents. The passage contract in use by companies, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the companies and the purchase of these tours and/or passage by the airlines concerned and other transportation companies whose services are featured in these tours are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their conveyance.