

## Canonization of Mother Teresa of Calcutta



The Padre Pio Foundation of America



presents a Pilgrimage to Italy  
visiting Rome, Assisi, Loreto, San Giovanni Rotondo,  
St. Michael's Cave & Pietrelcina

**September 1<sup>st</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

Pope Francis has recognized a second miracle attributed to Mother Teresa clearing the way for her canonization as a saint next year, the Vatican announced on Friday.

Francis made the decision on Thursday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, his 79<sup>th</sup> birthday, after meeting with Cardinal Angelo Amato, the prefect of the Congregation for the Causes of Saints.

Mother Teresa died in 1997. Though there is normally a five-year waiting period before the process for sainthood can begin, Pope John Paul II waived it in 1999 and beatified Mother Teresa.

Based on the Holy Fathers schedule we anticipate the Canonization will take place on September 4, 2016. If the date changes, we will adjust the date to conform with the date chosen by the Holy Father for the Canonization.

**Seats will be limited to 45 people on this pilgrimage.**

### ***Your Pilgrimage Includes:***

- Round trip air from JFK or Newark Airport - Taxes included
- First Class Hotels
- Breakfast & Dinner Daily
- Air-conditioned motor coach
- English speaking guide
- Sightseeing as per itinerary
- Portage of one piece of luggage at hotels
- All taxes and service charges
- Daily Mass and Rosary

### **Highlights:**

- Canonization of Mother Teresa
- Passage through all the Holy Doors we visit in Italy including St. Peters', St. Mary Major, St. John Lateran & St. Paul Outside the Walls.
- Panorama of Rome
- Visit the Basilica of Santa Maria degli Angeli
- Mass at the Basilicas of St. Francis
- Visit the Basilica of St. Clare
- Visit the Tombs of St. Francis & St. Clare
- Mass at the Holy House of Loreto
- Pietrelcina home town of Padre Pio
- Basilica of Our Lady of Grace
- Visit the English Office
- Visit the Tomb of Padre Pio
- Mass at Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza

**Pilgrimage Price: \$ 3,699.00 Double/Triple per person \$ 750.00 Single Supplement**

### **Itinerary:**

**Thu, Sept 1<sup>st</sup>: New York/Rome-** Depart JFK or Newark on your overnight flight to Rome. Dinner served in flight.

**Fri, Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>: Rome -** Upon arrival at **Rome** airport, we are met by our driver and guide and transferred to our hotel. En route we stop at *St. Paul Outside the Walls* to pass through the Holy Doors.

### **Sat, Sept 3<sup>rd</sup>: Pass through the Holy Doors**

**After we pass through the Holy Doors at St. Peters', we have a Panorama of Rome.**

We see the Coliseum, the Forum, the Monument to Victor Emmanuel and the Trevi Fountain. We stop at *St. John Lateran* and *St. Mary Major* to Pass through the Holy Doors.

### **Sun, Sept 4<sup>th</sup>: Canonization of Mother Teresa of Calcutta**

This morning we go to **St. Peters Square for the Canonization of Mother Teresa**. After the ceremony we have free time to enjoy Rome on your own.

**Mon, Sept 5<sup>th</sup>: Rome/Assisi** – Morning departure to **Assisi**. Upon arrival our first stop will be the *Basilica of Santa Maria degli Angeli* where we see the *Porziuncola*. It was here that St. Francis died. After our visit, we continue to the upper city of Assisi where we visit to *Basilicas of St. Francis and St. Clare* and see the *Tombs of the two saints*.

**Tue, Sept 6<sup>th</sup>: Assisi** - Today we visit the *Church of San Damiano*. The church and convent of San Damiano is where it all began in Assisi. It originally was a small Benedictine priory, dating back to 1030. In 1205, a young, restless, Francesco was praying before a 12<sup>th</sup> century painted crucifix. Suddenly Christ on the crucifix came to life and spoke to Francis, saying, "Rebuild my church." Francis took the command literally at first, reconstructing the little church with his own hands. The church later became a favorite retreat for Francis and it was here that he wrote the first draft of his celebrated "Canticle of the Creatures." St. Clare, close friend of Francis, founded her Order of the Poor Clare's at San Damiano in 1212. She lived here most of her life as its abbess

and passed away in an upstairs room on August 11, 1253. Her body was transferred a few years later to the Basilica of St. Clare which was built in her honor.

**Wed, Sept 7<sup>th</sup>: Assisi/Loreto/San Giovanni Rotondo** - Morning departure to **San Giovanni Rotondo**. This morning we head to the Adriatic Coast where we make our first stop at the Holy House of Loreto.

The **Holy House of Loreto** is one of the most revered Marian shrines in the world. Since medieval times, the Holy House is believed to be the very home in which the Virgin Mary lived, conceived and raised the young Jesus.

According to the New Testament, Jesus was raised by Mary and Joseph in a small town called Nazareth, near Jerusalem. Joseph was a carpenter, and their house was humble. Three centuries after the life of Jesus, the newly-converted Emperor Constantine built a basilica over the humble brick house believed to have sheltered the Holy Family.

According to Catholic tradition, the Holy House came under threat during the turmoil of the Crusades, so in 1291, angels miraculously translated the house from its original location to a site in modern-day Croatia. An empty space was left in Nazareth and a small house suddenly appeared in a field in Croatia. The bewildered parish priest brought to the scene by shepherds who discovered it, had a vision in which the Virgin Mary revealed it was her former house.

On December 10, 1294, the house was again moved by angels because of the Muslim invasion of Albania. It landed first in Recanti, Italy, but was shortly thereafter moved for a third time to its present location in Loreto.

After our visit we continue to San Giovanni Rotondo where we visit the *Basilica of Our Lady of Grace*.

**Thu, Sept 8<sup>th</sup>: San Giovanni Rotondo/St. Michael's Cave/San Giovanni Rotondo** - This morning we visit the *Tomb of Padre Pio* and the *English Office* where we hear more about the life of Padre Pio. This afternoon we visit **St. Michael's Cave**. In the year 492 a man named Gargan was pasturing his large herds in the countryside. One day a bull fled into the mountain, where at first it could not be found. When its refuge in a cave was discovered, an arrow was shot into the cave, but the arrow returned to wound the one who had sent it. The local bishop of the region was consulted. He ordered three days of fasting and prayers. After three days, the Archangel St. Michael appeared to the bishop and declared that the cavern was under his protection, and that God wanted it to be consecrated under his name and in honor of all the Holy Angels.

**Fri, Sept 9<sup>th</sup>: San Gioannni Rotondo** - Free day for private devotions.

**Sat, Sept 10<sup>th</sup>: San Giovanni Rotondo/Pietrelcina/Rome** - Morning departure to **Rome**. We start our journey to Rome with a visit of **Pietrelcina** birthplace of Padre Pio. We visit his home, the *Church of Santa Ana*, where he was baptized and we have Mass at *Santa Maria degli Angeli*. We stop at **Piana Romana**, where Padre Pio received the invisible stigmata. After our visit, we continue for Rome.

**Sun, Sept 11<sup>th</sup>: Rome/USA** Morning departure to Rome airport for our return flight to the USA.

## Reservation Form

<b>Tour No. PIO0901.16</b>		
<b>Name</b> (as it appears on your passport):		
<b>Address:</b>		
<b>City:</b>	<b>State:</b>	<b>Zip:</b>
<b>Telephone:</b>	<b>Email address:</b>	
<b>Will your room be a:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> single (limited) <input type="checkbox"/> double <input type="checkbox"/> triple		
Name of Roommate:		
<b>Are you a US citizen?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <b>Date of Birth</b>		
<b>Passport No.</b>	<b>Expiration Date</b>	
<b>Contact in the USA</b>	<b>Telephone No.</b>	<b>Relationship</b>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Please return this form with your check to:</b> <b>LITTLE FLOWER TOURS &amp; TRAVEL, LTD.</b> <b>145 Fieldstone Road,</b> <b>Staten Island, New York 10314</b> <b>☎ 718-761-1251 or outside NY call 888-843-7373</b> <b>A \$700.00 DEPOSIT IS DUE AT TIME OF BOOKING</b> <b>FINAL PAYMENT IS DUE June 15, 2016</b></p>		
<p><b>TERMS AND CONDITIONS: Cancellation made by passengers.</b> Of the \$700.00 deposit, \$300.00 is non-refundable in case of cancellation. 70 days to 46 days a \$700.00 penalty is imposed. 45 days to 16 days a \$700.00 penalty PLUS any penalty imposed by the airlines and hotels. 15 days or less may result in loss of entire cost, depending on what we can recover. Once travel has commenced, no refunds for unused portions can be made. <b>TRAVEL INSURANCE IS AVAILABLE AND ADVISABLE</b> <b>If you have a pre-existing condition, it is important that you take Travel Insurance within 10 days of booking.</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>In the event that a group does not travel due to low participation, passenger deposits will be returned 30 days after cancellation.</b></p>		
<b>Signature:</b>	<b>Date:</b>	

Credit card <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard <input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> American Express		
<b>Account #:</b>	<b>Expiration date:</b>	<b>CVC #:</b>
<b>Name</b> (as it appears on your card)		
<b>Billing Address:</b>		
<b>Amount to be charged:</b> \$		
<b>Signature:</b>	<b>Date:</b>	