

“The journey is essential to the dream.”
Francis of Assisi

Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi, Italy September 29 - October 10, 2024

Join fellow pilgrims on a journey to Assisi, the birthplace of SS. Francis and Clare, and immerse yourself again, or for the first time, in the transformative power of the Franciscan charism and spirituality. For over 25 years, this pilgrimage has inspired, renewed and deepened the profound message of “God’s fool” on individuals’ spiritual journeys as well as its essential challenge to contemporary society.

This pilgrimage is both a time of rest and renewal ... and of exploration and discovery. Daily experiences include guided walking tours to major historical sites, free time for prompted journaling and personal reflection, small group presentations, communal meals and Eucharist.

The group is limited to 20 pilgrims.

Group Leader: Fr. John Quigley, OFM. Fr. John has over 50 years’ experience giving retreats, parish renewals, and providing spiritual direction plus 25 years’ experience living in Europe and leading Franciscan pilgrimages.

Staff:

Tina Neyer. Tina has been on the pilgrimage team for 10+years. She is a writing coach who also brings expertise in counseling to the journey.

Diane Laake. Diane has over 40 years’ experience in teaching/leadership in Catholic secondary schools and organizing international travel experiences.

COST: \$3750 plus international airfare
(Group coach price from Cincinnati to be determined in February, 2024 or you may make your own air arrangements)

Includes all lodging (single or double rooms with ensuite bathrooms), ground transportation (busses and taxis), meals (except for three), tours, entry fees, gratuities, airport transfers and taxes.

PROPOSED 12 DAY ITINERARY:

Sept 29 Depart Cincinnati (CVG)

Sept 30 Arrival in Rome (FCO);
orientation to pilgrimage and Rome

Oct 1 & 2 Tours to St. Peter's/possible
Papal audience, St. John Lateran, San
Clementi, the Forum, Trastevere,
Campo de' Fiori. Time for further
exploration on your own.

Oct 3 Depart for Assisi; visit Greccio
enroute, place of the first Christmas
creche.

Oct 4 – 9 Assisi. Visits to Basilicas of
SS Francis and Clare, San Damiano, the
Carceri, La Verna, the Portiuncula, and
many other sites.

Oct 10 Early morning departure for
travel to Rome for return flight to
Cincinnati.



FURTHER INFORMATION:

Contact Diane Laake
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*“Go forth in peace, for you have followed the
good road. Go forth without fear, for he who
created you has made you holy, has always
protected you, and loves you as a mother.”*

St. Clare



San Damiano

REGISTRATION:

\$500 deposit due by January 15, 2024
or until capacity is reached.

Return the registration form and
check payable to Franciscan
Friars to:

Fr. John Quigley
Franciscan Pilgrimage 2024
1723 Pleasant Street
Cincinnati, OH. 45202

NOTE: *This pilgrimage requires significant
walking daily over uneven and sometimes steep
surfaces.*

*Please be aware of the limited accommodations
available for those who require special
assistance or have reduced mobility.*