

NAWAS INTERNATIONAL

# PILGRIMAGE TO ROME & ASSISI

*...A Journey of Faith...*

*hosted by*

Fr. John Vakulskas

10 Days: December 10 - 19, 2010

\$1999 from Chicago



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Dear Friends,

Come with me to the city of the ages, Rome. Writers have called this **The Eternal City** and **All Roads lead to Rome**. Come with me and see why.

We are going at a perfect time, just before Christmas when the weather is great and the Eternal

City will be sparkling with beautiful Christmas lights and decorations. The grounds staff at Saint Peter's will be putting together the giant nativity set at Saint Peter's. Join me on Sunday morning for the International High Mass at Saint Peter's where five different languages are used. Get ready to hear the Mass choir singing like angels praising God. The Pope at noon will give a short meditation and then his blessing. On Wednesday we enjoy an audience with His Holiness.

Read over this brochure and see that this is set up to make the most of your visit to the Eternal City. Then we spend a day in the peaceful village of Assisi where the world was changed by Saint Francis and Saint Clare centuries ago.

Not only will we enjoy our days but also our free time. I have been to Rome 20+ times and this is my favorite trip. Join me for a pre Christmas vacation that not only will be uplifting in your spirits but also have a great time doing it.

This is on a first come first served basis. A \$400 down payment will guarantee your seat.

Then get ready for the time of your life.

Blessings always.

Father John

### TOUR FEATURES

- Round trip airfare from Chicago.
- Accommodations at a select hotel.
- Most meals.
- Transfers by private motorcoach including portorage.
- Comprehensive sightseeing by private motorcoach including our finest English-speaking local guides and entrance fees.
- All hotel service charges and local hotel taxes.
- \$100,000 Automatic Flight insurance.\*

\*Subject to policy terms and limitations.

## YOUR DAY-TO-DAY ITINERARY

### FRI, DEC 10 – CHICAGO/ACROSS THE ATLANTIC

Depart Chicago today on board your overnight transatlantic jet flight to Rome, arriving the following day. En route enjoy dinner followed by a full length movie.

### SAT, DEC 11 – ARRIVE ROME

Arrive Rome today where you will be met and escorted to your waiting motor coach for the transfer to your hotel.

Located in the center of the Region of Lazio, Rome, the Eternal City, reflects every era and is definitely a feast for the eyes. The wonders of Rome surround you...a world of art, history and culture that has been attracting visitors since the beginning of Western civilization. (D)

### SUN, DEC 12 – ROME

Join Father Vakulskas and clergy and faithful from all over the world for the International Mass at Saint Peter's Basilica followed by the Pope's blessing at noon in Saint Peter's Square. The remainder of the day is free for leisurely activities. (B)

### MON, DEC 13 – ROME

Your sightseeing tour this morning takes you to Vatican City. See the wonderful art treasures in the Vatican Museum and Gallery, and Raphael's Rooms. View Michelangelo's original frescoes in the Sistine Chapel including the famous Last Judgment and the Creation of Man. End your tour at the Basilica of St. Peter. This afternoon visit the patriarchal basilicas of St. Paul's outside the walls, St. Mary Major and St. John in Lateran. (B,D)

### TUE, DEC 14 – ROME

Today is entirely at leisure to explore this magnificent city on your own. You may wish to return to Vatican City, stroll along Via Veneto, Via Condotti or Via Nazionale and browse the many boutiques. (B)

### WED, DEC 15 – ROME ~ PAPAL AUDIENCE

This morning, attend an Audience with Our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI. In the afternoon tour the remnants of 'Ancient Rome'. View the Colosseum where Christians were once thrown to the lions. See romantic Trevi Fountain where legend has it whoever throws a coin in the fountain will one day return to Rome. Visit the Catacombs, an early Christian burial place before returning to your hotel. (B,D)



**THU, DEC 16 – ROME/ASSISI/ROME**

Today's excursion takes you through the mystical province of Umbria to Assisi, birthplace of St. Francis. Highlights will include Santa Maria degli Angeli, the Basilica of St. Francis renowned for its frescoes, and the Church of St. Clair. Return to Rome for the night. (B,D)

**FRI, DEC 17 – ROME**

Opportunity today for an optional tour that may take you to historic Pompeii, Sorrento or perhaps Florence. Or you can enjoy another free day to explore the wonders of Rome. You may choose to relax at a sidewalk café or people-watch around the famed Spanish Steps. (B)

**SAT, DEC 18 – ROME**

Time to do some last minute shopping and exploring as you enjoy your last day in Rome. Perhaps you would like to discover the charming Trastevere area across the Tiber River where you can find hidden medieval churches. (B)

**SUN, DEC 19 – ROME/CHICAGO**

All too soon your pilgrimage is over as you transfer to the airport for your return flight back to Chicago, arriving the same day. (B)

*B=Continental Breakfast    D=Table d'hote dinner*

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**RESERVATION FORM**

Please read the all-inclusive tour features and conditions. Then complete this handy form. Book early!

MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO:

**NAWAS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL**

MAIL TO: Rev. John Vakulskas, Jr.  
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**Accommodation Desired:**

- double room sharing with.....
- single room (\$695 extra per person)

Enclosed is my check for \$.....as deposit (\$400 per person) for.....person(s)

**Passenger #1:**

Clearly print your full name(last/first/middle) as it appears on your passport

Name: Last.....  
 First.....  
 Middle.....  
 Gender: Please check  Male  Female

Address.....

City.....State.....Zip.....

Email.....

Home Phone.....Work Phone.....

Passport #.....

Date of Issue.....Date Expires.....  
(dd/mm/yyyy) (dd/mm/yyyy)

Date of Birth.....Country of  
(dd/mm/yyyy) Citizenship.....

Place of Birth.....  
(city/state)

**Passenger #2:**

Clearly print your full name(last/first/middle) as it appears on your passport

Name: Last.....  
 First.....  
 Middle.....  
 Gender: Please check  Male  Female

Address.....

City.....State.....Zip.....

Email.....

Home Phone.....Work Phone.....

Passport #.....

Date of Issue.....Date Expires.....  
(dd/mm/yyyy) (dd/mm/yyyy)

Date of Birth.....Country of  
(dd/mm/yyyy) Citizenship.....

Place of Birth.....  
(city/state)

**\*\*Please include a clear photocopy of your passport\*\***

## A word about NAWAS . . .

**NAWAS INTERNATIONAL** has pioneered Christian Tours to the far corners of the world for over 61 years. We offer you the essential ingredients for a successful tour.

**EXPERIENCE:** There is no substitute for 61 years of planning tours. Our contacts, guides, knowledge of the area, and background guarantee you the highest quality service at affordable prices.

**RELIABILITY:** For more than 61 years, we have won an international reputation for reliability. We deliver what we promise. And that is essential for a successful trip.

### GENERAL CONDITIONS

#### RESERVATIONS, DEPOSITS AND FINAL PAYMENT:

Reservations may be secured upon payment of a deposit of \$400 per person. No reservation is considered firm until deposit has been received. Your initial deposit payment shall be deemed to be an acceptance of all the terms of our General Conditions. Final payment is due at Nawas Travel 100 days prior to departure date.

Nawas accepts Visa, Mastercard and American Express for balance/final payments only. Credit cards are not accepted for deposits. The price of the tour already includes a built-in discount of 3% for payments made by cash or check. There is no discount on credit card sales. Credit cards will only be accepted prior to the final payment due date. Credit card charges cannot be accepted over the telephone. Tour members who want to use a credit card for final payment should contact Nawas at the time final payment is due for further information.

**TRAVEL DOCUMENTS:** A U.S.A. passport valid for at least 6 months after the return date of the trip is required to travel. It is the sole responsibility of the traveler to check their passport's expiration date. Non-U.S.A. citizens may require visas in addition to a valid passport. It is the sole responsibility of non-U.S.A. citizens (including green card holders) to ensure they have the required visas/travel documents for each country to be visited on their tour and for re-entry into the U.S.A.

#### THE TOUR PRICE INCLUDES:

**AIR TRANSPORTATION:** By any IATAN/ARC or other scheduled jet carrier, in economy class, with flights and air routings at the discretion of the air carriers and Nawas and based on non-refundable bulk group fares. Cancellations made after air tickets have been issued are subject to full cancellation penalties as imposed by the airlines. We strongly recommend all tour members retain both their ticket receipts and boarding passes as copies of same cannot be provided. Airline tickets must bear your first, middle and last name as it appears on your passport.

**SURFACE TRANSPORTATION:** By deluxe motorcoach.

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:** Accommodations are at a select hotel based on two persons sharing a twin or double bedded room with private bath. Nawas cannot guarantee roommates. A person taking a single room (subject to availability) must pay a supplement of \$695.

**MEALS:** Continental breakfast daily plus 4 dinners.

**SIGHTSEEING:** As specified in the itinerary using motorcoach transportation or other conveyances as required. Entrance fees and the services of local English-speaking guides are included.

**TRANSFERS:** Assistance and transfers from airports to hotels and vice versa in private motorcoach.

**SERVICE CHARGES, TAXES AND PORTERAGE:** Service charges and taxes normally included in bills, government taxes on hotel bills in effect on March 18, 2010, taxes on sightseeing and excursion trips and portage at hotels of one normal size suitcase (maximum weight 50 lbs.) are included in the tour price.

**FLIGHT INSURANCE:** Automatic one hundred thousand dollars flight insurance policy for each Nawas-ticketed passenger, subject to policy terms and limitations.

**DEVIATIONS:** All deviation requests from the group itinerary must be received at Nawas in writing no later than 100 days prior to departure. A \$100 non refundable fee per person will be charged on all deviations in addition to any extra airfare that may be incurred. Air deviations are subject to availability and restrictions as imposed by the airlines.

**BAGGAGE:** Airlines may now charge baggage fees for checked luggage on international/domestic flights based on the policy of each carrier. The maximum number of pieces of luggage, the weight allowance and baggage dimensions may also vary by airline from the USA to overseas destinations and beyond. Many carriers require that checked luggage in economy class not exceed 50 lbs with a combined length, width and height of 62 inches. Regulations vary for business/first class passengers. Airline policies regarding baggage are subject to change at any time without prior notice. It is the responsibility of each passenger to check with their airline prior to departure for baggage information, regulations and compliance. Nawas is not responsible for additional fees imposed by air carriers regarding baggage. Due to space limitations on Nawas motorcoaches, Nawas can only allow one piece of luggage per person plus a carry-on bag with total dimensions of 45 inches which fits in the overhead bin or underneath the seat in front of you. Wheeled carry-on bags are not permitted due to limited motorcoach capacity. Nawas Travel accepts

no responsibility for loss or damage to the tour members' baggage or personal belongings at any time. Baggage insurance is recommended and is available upon written request.

**TRAVELERS REQUIRING SPECIAL ASSISTANCE:** Disabled travelers requiring special attention or care must advise NAWAS in writing at the time of reservation. A physically able companion must accompany any person who needs special assistance. Tour directors, guides, drivers or other tour, hotel or ship personnel are not able to provide such assistance. NAWAS is not responsible for any denial of services to the disabled participant by air carriers, cruise ships, hotels, restaurants or other independent suppliers. Certain countries/destinations involve extensive walking. Be aware that outside the U.S. the Americans with Disabilities Act is not applicable and facilities for disabled individuals are limited. NAWAS is not responsible for any passenger requiring special medical equipment.

#### THE TOUR PRICE DOES NOT INCLUDE:

U.S. departure taxes, overseas airport taxes, overseas local government taxes, airline security fees/surcharges and fuel surcharges (total taxes/surcharges currently estimated at \$375 to \$475 per person), passport fees, visa fees (if any), phone calls, valet/laundry service, wines, liquors, mineral water, after dinner coffee or tea, tips to guides, drivers and waiters, sightseeing and other services not specifically mentioned, tour escort, excess baggage and all other items of a purely personal nature.

**CANCELLATIONS:** Written cancellations received by Nawas Travel up to 100 days prior to departure, refunds will be made less a \$100 per person cancellation fee. From 99 to 70 days prior to departure, written cancellations received by Nawas Travel are subject to a \$400 per person cancellation fee. From 69 to 31 days prior to departure, written cancellations received by Nawas Travel are subject to a cancellation fee of 50% of the total tour price per person. From 30 days prior to departure, written cancellations received by Nawas Travel are subject to a 100% cancellation fee of the total tour price per person. Failure to receive final payment by the due date may result in the cancellation of your tour reservation and the forfeiture of your deposit. Airline tickets are not refundable once issued. No refunds will be given for any unused services while on tour.

**We strongly recommend the purchase of trip cancellation insurance to allow for unexpected medical emergencies. Trip cancellation insurance is available upon written request.**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE:** The airfare used is based on non-refundable bulk group fares in effect on March 18, 2010. Airlines reserve the right to increase fares without prior notice. Tour members will be required to pay any airfare increases and fuel surcharges as imposed by the airlines prior to departure. Airlines require a minimum of 10 persons departing from the same gateway city.

Land costs are based on 2010 tariffs, overseas government taxes and rates of exchange in effect on March 18, 2010 and a minimum of 42 or more participants. While we have made the best possible estimates of what we expect costs to be in 2010, we cannot guarantee actual prices, exchange rates and airfares. Any increases in land costs or airfare that may occur will be collected from each passenger prior to departure. We reserve the right to increase the cost of the tour consistent with normal increases should the group fall below 42 persons, or in the event of fluctuations in exchange rates.

Please note that healthcare/medical costs outside the U.S.A. are not covered by Medicare and many private medical insurance plans. Please consult with your health insurance supplier to obtain the necessary health/medical coverage for overseas travel.

**California Residents: Please read the enclosed disclosure required by the Sellers of Travel Act before booking.**

**RESPONSIBILITY: NAWAS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL SERVICE, INC. (NAWAS),** and their agents act only in the capacity of agents in all matters pertaining to hotel accommodations, sightseeing tours and transportation, whether by railroad, motorcoach, car, steamship, boat, air or any other means. Except for the willful negligence of its direct employees, NAWAS is not liable for any damage, loss (including but not limited to personal injury, loss of enjoyment, distress, death and property loss), expense or inconvenience caused by any act or omission of any supplier providing tour services or by any other person or reason whatsoever or by any delays or changes in the itinerary, or the acts and omissions of the tour leader. NAWAS reserves the right to cancel the tour at any time, to operate the tour with a substitute tour host/leader at any time, to decline or retain any person as a member of the tour for any cause at any time, or to make changes in the published itinerary whenever in their sole judgment conditions warrant, or if they deem it necessary for the comfort, convenience or safety of the tour. All prices are based on rates of exchange listed above and while every effort will be made to hold them firm, they are subject to change. The airlines concerned are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their plane or conveyance. The passage contract in use by the airlines concerned, when issued, shall constitute the sole contract between the airlines and the purchasers of this tour and/or passengers. The services of any IATAN/ARC or other scheduled air carrier may be used in connection with the tour.

**Payment of deposits by tour participants indicates acceptance of the above terms and General Conditions. The venue for any dispute is Fairfield County, Connecticut. The laws of the state of Connecticut will apply.**

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