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**Lenten Pilgrimage to Italy**  
 March 6-14, 2022 – 9 Days  
 Rome, Orvieto, Assisi, Siena, Loreto &  
 Lanciano  
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<b>Sunday, March 6</b>	<b>Day 1 - DEPART USA</b> – Today, we depart Boston’s Logan Airport to connect with our overnight flight to Rome aboard a wide-bodied jet. We enjoy in-flight movies, dinner and breakfast while aloft.
<b>Monday, March 7</b>	<b>DAY 2 - ROME</b> – This morning, we arrive in Rome and are greeted by our Tour Manager as we transfer to our deluxe coach bus and enjoy a driving tour of her many sites, Along the way, we are offered a viewing tour of some of the popular landmarks including; the Basilica of St. Paul, the ancient Pyramid of Cestius, The baths at Terme di Caracalla, the Colosseum, Basilica of St. Mary Major, the Piazza della Repubblica and down Via Veneto to Villa Borghese. Following a stop for lunch on our own, we conclude our day at one of the Catacombs, the burial places of early Christians. We celebrate Mass while here and view the 2nd and 3rd century fresco paintings. We then continue to our hotel for our “welcome” dinner and overnight at our hotel.
<b>Tuesday, March 8</b>	<b>DAY 3 - VATICAN CITY/ROME</b> - Following morning Mass at St. Peter's, we spend this morning viewing the treasures of the Vatican Museum. We marvel at Michelangelo's restored frescoes in the Sistine Chapel. Continue to St. Peter's Basilica to view the famous “Pieta”. This afternoon, following lunch on our own, we visit two of Rome’s major basilicas, St. John Lateran and St. Mary Major. We conclude our day with a visit to St. Peter in Chains to view Michelangelo's possibly most celebrated sculpture, the "Moses". Dinner and overnight at our hotel.
<b>Wednesday, March 9</b>	<b>DAY 4 - VATICAN CITY/ROME</b> - Today, we make our way to St. Peter's for an audience with Pope Francis (pending if he is in residence). After lunch on our own, we visit St. Paul’s Beyond the Walls. This huge, imposing Basilica, second only to St. Peter’s and one of the largest churches in the Christian world, contains an unusual gallery of papal portraits: 265 tablets portraying the popes of the past. We celebrate Mass here and return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

<p><b>Thursday, March 10</b></p>	<p><b>DAY 5 - ROME/ORVIETO/ASSISI</b> – Today, we have an early morning departure from Rome, as we travel north through the Umbrian countryside. We stop at Orvieto for a visit and Mass at the breathtaking Cathedral, which is known as the jewel of Italian architecture. Inside the Cathedral is the Chapel of the Corporal, which houses the chalice cloth involved in the Eucharistic Miracle, which occurred in nearby Bolsena. In the 1264AD, a pilgrim priest named Peter of Prague was celebrating Mass at the crypt of St. Christina. He was having a faith crisis concerning the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist and while speaking the words of the consecration, blood started to drip from the consecrated Host. Subsequently Pope Urban IV instituted the Feast of Corpus Christi. Following a stop for lunch on our own, we continue to Assisi. Our first stop is in the lower town for a visit to the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels, and the Portiuncula, Francis' Church of the Little Portion. We then proceed to the hilltop village of Assisi to begin our walking tour of the village with a visit to the Church of St. Clare “the little plant of Blessed Francis” as she loved to call herself, where we view the San Damiano crucifix that spoke to St. Francis. Kneeling before it, Francis composed the following prayer, which is considered to be among the oldest of his writings: <i>“All Highest, Glorious God, cast your light into the darkness of my heart. Give me right faith, firm hope, perfect charity, and profound humility, with wisdom and perception, O Lord, so that I may do what is truly your most holy will. Amen.”</i> We conclude our day with dinner and overnight at our hotel.</p>
<p><b>Friday, March 11</b></p>	<p><b>DAY 6 – ASSISI/SIENA/ASSISI</b> - This morning, we begin with a short walk to the Basilica of St. Francesco for Mass. After our visit of the Basilica and the tomb of St. Francis, we journey through the picturesque Italian countryside, arriving in the magnificent city of Siena, which invites us to stroll through its Gothic streets. We visit the Dominican Church commemorating St. Catherine and walk down to the famous Piazza del Campo. This shell shaped square is the dramatic setting for the annual Palio bareback horserace. The piazza's focal point is the Palazzo Pubblico, the public palace, which dates back to 1250. We continue uphill to visit the monumental Cathedral dedicated to the Virgin Mary. We have free time for lunch on our own before we return to our hotel for dinner and overnight in Assisi.</p>
<p><b>Saturday, March 12</b></p>	<p><b>DAY 7 – ASSISI/LORETO/MONTESILVANO</b> – Today, we drive east towards Ancona to visit and celebrate Mass at Loreto, the site of the “Santa Casa” or Holy House. Ancient tradition tells us that to avoid destruction by Muslim invaders to the Holy Land, on May 10, 1291, seven angels carried the house of the Holy Family from Nazareth to Dalmatia (modern Trsat, Croatia) and then Italy, where it eventually rested in Loreto. After our visit and a break for lunch on our own, we continue southwards via the coastal highway to the Montesilvano Pescara area for dinner and overnight at our hotel on the shores of the enchanting Adriatic Sea.</p>
<p><b>Sunday, March 13</b></p>	<p><b>DAY 8 – MONTESILVANO/LANCIANO/ROME</b> - This morning, we visit and pray at Lanciano, the site of the oldest Eucharistic Miracle certified by the Church. After almost eight centuries, the Body and the Blood still maintain all the characteristics of fresh human material! Following a stop for lunch on our own, we continue west and back to beautiful Rome. We have time to relax before ending our day at our hotel for our “farewell” dinner and overnight.</p>
<p><b>Monday, March 14</b></p>	<p><b>DAY 9 - ROME/USA</b> - This morning, we transfer to the airport for our flight to the U.S. arriving the same day with memories of a lifetime.</p>