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Join Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez on a Jubilee Pilgrimage to Italy

In Honor of the Canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis

April 23 - 29, 2025

With Optional Assisi Extension, April 29 - May 1, 2025

With the Jubilee of 2025 underway, the Eternal City will be bursting with joy as the Church canonizes Her first millennial saint, Carlo Acutis. Our pilgrims will have the unique opportunity to attend this historic event with the Archbishop of Philadelphia, Nelson J Pérez.

In order to ensure a comfortable experience for all, ProRome has secured the luxury five-star Westen Excelsior, located on the iconic Via Veneto in the heart of Rome. With space for up to 200 pilgrims, the daily program will respect the size of the group and the wide range of ages in attendance. Daily Mass and dinner will be group events, whereas the rest of the day will be optional (yet always included in the price). Highlights include the Canonization of Blessed Carlo Acutis in Saint Peter's Square, the Papal Basilicas and Holy Doors, the Catacombs, the Pantheon and so much more.

For more information or to register please visit www.prorometours.com/adop (password "carlo") or contact ProRome directly at (434) 953 1112 or by email at office@prorome.com

PILGRIMAGE ITINERARY



**** DISCLAIMER.** Due to the Jubilee Year and the events surrounding the Canonization of Blessed Carlo, some of the items in the itinerary are subject to change. Ticketed events are also subject to change according to availability at the time of booking. Entrance tickets to the Canonization are SECURED. ***

Wednesday, April 23 **Departure**

See trip webpage for flight information.

Thursday, April 24 **Arrival In Rome | St Paul Outside The Walls**

Upon arrival, in Rome we will collect our luggage, meet our ProRome tour manager and private coach and depart for Rome. First stop? The Papal Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls, the burial place of Saint Paul the Apostle and the second-largest Catholic church in the world. Upon arrival, we will pass through the Holy Doors, the first of four Holy Doors through which we will pass while in Rome! As pilgrims we are called to leave our old selves behind, and passing through the Holy Doors signifies the renewal of our lives and our commitment to love God with all of our being. Follow-

ing our time in Saint Paul's we will depart for our home base in Rome, the beautiful five-star Westin Excelsior, located in the heart of the Eternal City atop the famed Via Veneto. After taking some time to refresh we will meet at the nearby Catholic Church of St Patrick (the American church in Rome) for our first group event together - Holy Mass. We will then return to the hotel for a welcome dinner.

Holy Mass: St. Patrick's Catholic Church
Meals Included: Dinner

Friday, April 25 **St Peter's | Vatican Museums & Sistine Chapel**

Following breakfast, we will depart for St. Peter's Basilica, the beating heart of the Catholic church built directly over the tomb of the first vicar of Christ on earth, St. Peter. Following Mass the group will be split into smaller groups for a guided tour and an optional climb up Michelangelo's famous Cupola for a breathtaking view of the city. There will then be free time for lunch.

After lunch, the group will be free to choose either a free afternoon in Rome OR a guided tour through the Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel. Please know that this tour is not for the faint of heart. Expect very large crowds, three hours on foot and a few miles walking through narrow corridors - all required to enter the Sistine Chapel.

In the evening the group will rendezvous at the hotel before departing for a local dinner together.

Holy Mass: St. Peter's Basilica
Meals Included: Breakfast and Dinner
Optional Activity: Vatican Museums & Sistine Chapel (3 hrs, 4 miles on foot)

Saturday, April 26: **All-Philly Day** **St Mary Major | Catacombs**

Today we will visit the Basilica of Saint Mary Major for Mass with Archbishop Nelson J. Pérez. We will then depart for the catacombs along the ancient Appian Way, one of more than 50 catacombs found in the Eternal City. Upon arrival, we will enjoy a group lunch at the wonderful Cecilia Metella restaurant, nestled among olive groves and overlooking the Basilica of Saint Sebastian.

After lunch, the group will have the opportunity to visit the Catacombs of St. Sebastian or the Catacombs of Saint Callixtus. If one would prefer to stay above ground, the surrounding gardens or cafe gift shop make for a nice retreat. Following the tour we will return to the hotel for a free evening.

Holy Mass: The Papal Basilica of St. Mary Major
Meals Included: Breakfast and Lunch
Optional Tour: Underground Tour of Catacombs (1 hr, 1 mile on foot underground)

Sunday, April 27 **Canonization Of Bl. Carlo Acutis**

Today is the day that Carlo Acutis will be "raised to the altars" and canonized a Saint! "And whatsoever you will bind on earth, will be bound in heaven." Christ gave this authority to Peter, it is this authority that can forgive sins, and this authority that can recognize and proclaim the greatness of a human soul who so longed for God: Saint Carlo Acutis!

Those eager enough to find a spot within St. Peter's Square will depart in the very



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early morning, and those who are content watching from a bit further away will depart at a more reasonable hour. Millions of visitors are expected for this event, so pilgrims will be asked to prepare for this event accordingly. Water, packed food and snacks and comfortable clothing are required.

Following the Canonization there will be free time to explore Rome. Meet with old friends or make new ones as you enjoy the beauty of the Eternal City. In the evening the group will rendezvous at the hotel before departing for dinner together.

Holy Mass: The Canonization Mass in St. Peter's Square
Meals Included: Breakfast and Dinner
Optional Activity: None

Monday, April 28 **Lateran Cathedral | Historical Center**

Following breakfast, we're off to the Cathedral of Rome, "the Lateran." Built by Constantine in the 4th century, this church is known as the "Mater et Caput" - the mother and head of all the churches in the entire world, as it officially became the seat of the bishop of Rome upon the legalization of Christianity under the emperor Constantine the Great.

After Mass and a tour in the Lateran, everyone will have the opportunity to climb the Holy Stairs - the very stairs that Christ ascended in the Praetorium of Pontius Pilate. The stairs must be climbed on one's knees out of respect for our Lord and the suffering He endured. We will then walk down the street to venerate the

most holy relics of Christ's Passion, including a large relic of the True Cross, kept in the Basilica of Holy Cross in Jerusalem.

After our tour the buses will return to the hotel where everyone will enjoy free time for lunch. Following lunch anyone interested is welcome to join an optional walking tour through the historical center. Sites include the Spanish Steps, the Trevi Fountain, the Pantheon and the Piazza Navona, as well as the churches of Sant'Ignazio, Santa Maria Sopra Minera, San Luigi dei Francesi and Sant'Agostino.

In the evening we will enjoy a group dinner together in the hotel.

Holy Mass: The Lateran Cathedral
Meals Included: Breakfast and Dinner
Optional Tour: Historical Center (3 hrs, 5 miles on foot)

Tuesday, April 29 **Departure For USA Or Assisi**

THOSE RETURNING TO THE USA

Following breakfast, we will board our private coaches and depart for Rome FCO Airport for return flights home. Buon viaggio!

THOSE CONTINUING TO ASSISI

Following breakfast, we will depart for Assisi. Upon arrival, we will visit the very place where Saint Carlo Acutis rests: the church of Santa Maria Maggiore in Assisi. Here we will be able to venerate the young Saint's body. We will then have free time for lunch and shopping in Assisi.

After lunch, we will pay a visit to the

Basilica of Saint Clare, where we will venerate the incorrupt body of Saint Clare, as well as the San Damiano crucifix which long ago spoke to St Francis: "Francis, go and repair my church which, as you see, is all in ruins!" Here we will have Mass before departing by coach for the four-star Perugia Park Hotel, a modern hotel with nice amenities located
Holy Mass: Basilica of St Clare (Assisi)
Meals Included: Breakfast and Dinner

Wednesday, April 30 **Assisi**

Following breakfast, we will depart for the Basilica of Saint Francis where we will celebrate Mass. We will then enjoy a guided tour of the Basilica with a Franciscan friar, beginning in the crypt where Saint Francis is buried and culminating in the upper Basilica where we will explore in detail the life of Saint Francis, vividly displayed in Giotto's great frescoes that adorn the walls of the church. There will then be free time for lunch.

After lunch, there the group will have the option of a comprehensive guided tour of the city, a hike to the hermitage, or a free afternoon. We will then return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Holy Mass: Basilica of Saint Francis (Assisi)
Meals Included: Breakfast and Dinner

Thursday, May 1 **Return To USA**

In the early morning we will depart for Rome FCO airport where we will board our return flight home. Buon viaggio!

Holy Mass: TBD
Meals Included: Breakfast



More Details

► Costs

- \$3171 - Land Cost (April 23 - 29, 2025)
- \$1559 - Airfare from EWR/JFK
- \$731 - Assisi Extension (April 29 - May 1, 2025)

► Payment Schedule

- \$200 Registration Fee - Due @ Registration
- 50% First Installment - Due January 10, 2025
- 50% Second Installment - Due February 10, 2025
- \$990 Rome Single Occupancy Surcharge (If Applicable) - Due February 10, 2025
- \$290 Assisi Single Occupancy Surcharge (If Applicable) - Due February 10, 2025

► Price Inclusions

- Rome, April 23 - 29, 2025
 - Five nights lodging (double occ.) at the five-star Westin Excelsior
 - Catholic ProRome Tour Manager throughout (1 per bus)
 - Professional qualified English-speaking guides for all visits
 - Tours and all entry-tickets as per itinerary
 - Daily buffet breakfast at the Westin Excelsior
 - Daily lunch or dinner (without choice of menus)
 - Water and house wine at included meals
 - Deluxe a/c coach daily max 50 pax (note that we will still walk 4-6 miles per day)
 - Audio guiding system throughout the course of the trip
 - All city taxes, Italian VAT taxes and sales taxes
- Assisi Extension, April 29 - May 1, 2025
 - Two nights lodging (double occ.) at the four-star Perugia Park Hotel
 - Catholic ProRome Tour Manager throughout
 - Professional qualified English-speaking guides for all visits
 - Tours and all entry-tickets as per itinerary
 - Daily buffet breakfast at the Perugia Park Hotel (or similar)
 - Daily lunch or dinner (without choice of menus)
 - Water and house wine at included meals
 - Deluxe a/c coach daily max 50 pax (note that we will still walk 4-6 miles per day)
 - Audio guiding system throughout the course of the trip
 - All city taxes, Italian VAT taxes and sales taxes

► Price Exclusions

- Any personal expenses
- One daily meal (lunch or dinner - see itinerary)
- Beverages other than water and house wine at included meals
- Trip Insurance (available for purchase through ProRome)
- Gratuities for the Tour Manager and Driver
 - Suggested \$10-\$20 per person for both the tour manager and the driver



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