

Tour 50421

Join Fr. Peter Towsley

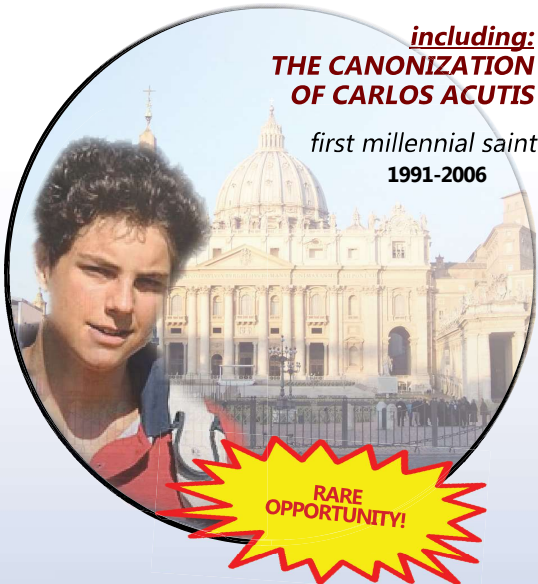
on a 12-day pilgrimage for the Carlos Acutis Canonization and the 2025 Jubilee Year

APRIL 21 - MAY 2, 2025

ITALY

**including:
THE CANONIZATION
OF CARLOS ACUTIS**

first millennium saint
1991-2006



**RARE
OPPORTUNITY!**

Pilgrimage also includes:

- Two Eucharistic Miracles (Orvieto/Laniano)
- Six Jubilee Holy Doors (4 in Rome/2 Assisi)
- Numerous UNESCO-listed sites

\$4,849 + \$559* from JFK

Early price per person if deposit is paid by 1-11-25

Base price \$4,949 + \$559* after 1-11-25

**Estimated Airline Taxes & Fuel Surcharges subject to increase/decrease at ticketing*

TERMS AND CONDITIONS / TOUR CONTRACT

TOUR PRICE: Based on tariffs and currency exchange rates in effect on 6/26/2024 and subject to change without notice should there be a revision in rates prior to departure of tour. The tour price is based on a minimum of 26 passengers. Should there be fewer, there could be a surcharge.

ACCOMMODATIONS: In first class hotels or better, based on double or triple occupancy with private facilities. Single-room supplement is \$119 per night and based on availability. Requests for a roommate are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis and are not guaranteed. The single-room supplement will be assessed if a roommate is not available when the group is finalized.

MEALS: Ten full hot breakfasts and nine dinners throughout the basic tour (continental breakfasts in hotels where full breakfasts are not available). Extra charge for beverage not included in the menu of the day.

TIPS AND TAXES: Those normally appearing on hotel and restaurant bills as "service" are included. **Airport fees, departure taxes, and fuel surcharges are estimated on the original invoice and adjusted at the time of ticketing.**

SIGHTSEEING: By modern motorcoach, including services of English-speaking guides and entrance fees to places included in the itinerary. Masses at churches indicated are subject to availability.

NOT INCLUDED: ①: Airport fees, departure taxes and fuel surcharges (est. - \$559); ②: tips to guides, drivers and meal servers (est. - \$181); and ③: optional travel protection. Travel protection information will be provided. Also not included: airline baggage fees, luggage handlers, passport and visa fees, laundry, wines, liquors, meals not included in the itinerary, sightseeing or services other than those specifically mentioned and items of a personal nature. **NOTE:** Due to limited storage space on motor coaches, Pentecost Tours entitles each passenger to one checked bag and one carry-on bag that meets airline "size/weight" allowances. Baggage fees, overweight baggage charges, and fees for additional bags fall under the responsibility of the passenger. Be aware, while you may agree to pay fees for additional luggage, there may not be room on the motor coach.

ASSISTANCE: Pilgrims who require personal assistance must be accompanied by a paying passenger who will provide that assistance.

DEPOSIT AND CANCELLATION: A \$500 deposit per person is required to secure reservations (deposit is applied to the price of the tour), with the **balance to be paid in full no later than 1/17/2025**. Payment of remaining balance received after 1/17/2025 will incur a \$50 penalty and/or a delay in your final travel documents. Reservations made within 94 days of departure may be subject to a late charge.

▶ **[PENALTY PHASE ONE]** In the event of cancellation, refund will be made up to 12/22/2024 with a \$100 administrative fee plus any airline cancellation penalties.

▶ **[PENALTY PHASE TWO]** From 12/22/2024 to 1/17/2025 the cancellation penalty is \$500 plus any airline cancellation penalties.

▶ **[PENALTY PHASE THREE]** If cancellation is received after 1/17/2025 refund will be subject to a minimum 40% cancellation fee plus any airline cancellation penalties, or an amount equal to expenses to the tour operator, whichever is greater.

▶ There will be no refund for cancellations within 65 days of departure.

Credit card processing fees are non-refundable and always the responsibility of the passenger. Cancellation must be in writing and the effective date will be the date that Pentecost Tours, Inc. receives it. In the event 15 passengers do not book the tour within 120 days of departure, the agent reserves the right to cancel the tour. If the entire tour is cancelled by Pentecost Tours, Inc., you are entitled to a full refund.

AIR TRANSPORTATION: Round trip JFK/Rome and Rome/JFK on economy class jet via American or any other IATA member. Based on 6-day minimum/21-day maximum advanced purchase fare, subject to participation of ten persons on entire flight itinerary. If air/tour cancellation is effected by passenger after 1/17/2025, or after air tickets are written, whichever comes first, 100% of airfare will be forfeited by passenger in addition to the penalties mentioned above. All airfares are subject to government approval and change without

notice. **NOTE:** Any change request/alterations to the group flight itinerary, requests for airline deviations and/or added domestic flights, automatically advances into the next penalty level or the current level, whichever is greater. Once the change request/alteration is made, those arrangements are final and can NOT be changed back to the group arrangement.

AIR SEATS: Pentecost Tours works with the Airlines' group departments to secure a block of ECONOMY seats. The airlines don't allow us to be involved in seat assignments. Seat assignments are handled at check-in by the airline and each passenger.

- If you want specific seating on the flight, you can purchase the Land Only package on any PTI pilgrimage. It is the responsibility of Land Only passengers to purchase your own flights/seat(s) and connect with the group.
- **BUSINESS CLASS SEATS** are the only exception as PTI may be able to help you acquire them but the typical airline cost of for a Business Class seat is an additional \$4,000-\$8,000 per seat. Written requests must be submitted at least 90-days in advance. Once the airline accepts your request, payment is due immediately and the ticket is non-refundable.

TRAVEL PROTECTION: Travel Protection is NOT included in the tour price. We suggest that all participants purchase a plan to help protect you and your trip investment. Plans can provide benefits such as Trip Cancellation, Trip Interruption, Emergency Medical and Emergency Evacuation/Repatriation, Trip Delay, Baggage Delay and more. You will be mailed a travel protection flyer along with an enrollment and waiver form. Full terms and details of a travel insurance plan, including limitations and exclusions can be found in the travel insurance plan policy or description for coverage. Please note that Medicare does not provide coverage outside of the United States. Check with your own insurance provider to determine whether or not you are covered outside of the U.S.

RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY: Land arrangements including surface transportation: Pentecost Tours, Inc., and the participating Tour Operators operate the land tours offered under this program only as agents of the railroads, car rental contractors, steamship lines, hotels, bus operators, sightseeing contractors and others that provide the actual land arrangements and are not liable for any act, omission, delay, injury, loss, damage or nonperformance occurring in connection with these land arrangements. American and other IATA carriers, steamship lines and other transportation companies whose services are featured in these tours are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their conveyance. The passage contract in use by these companies when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the companies and the purchaser of these tours and/or passage.

TRAVEL REQUIREMENTS: Some countries/airlines may have travel requirements that can include, but are not limited to: masks, testing, vaccines, specific documentations, etc. These requirements are the responsibility of each passenger. Passengers must have a valid, working email.

MISCELLANEOUS FEES: All changes must be in writing and may incur a per-person charge for each revision. Deposits received within 94 days of departure may incur a late registration fee.

LAND ARRANGEMENTS: The tour operator reserves the right to change the itinerary because of emergencies or extenuating circumstances beyond our control.

ERRORS: The Pentecost Tours staff makes every effort to provide you with accurate billing, brochures, etc. In the event of computer error, verbal or written human errors, we reserve the right to invoice, re-invoice, or forward corrected materials.

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JUBILEE YEAR 2025 "PILGRIMS OF HOPE"

The Catholic Church is celebrating a Jubilee year of grace in 2025, themed "Pilgrims of Hope" which begins before Christmas (2024) and ends on the Epiphany just over a year later (Jan. 2026). Typically, a Jubilee year occurs once every 25 years during which time the faithful are given the opportunity to ask for a plenary indulgence for themselves and on behalf of their deceased loved ones.

How is a (Jubilee) plenary indulgence granted? There are four parts for spiritual purification and it is accomplished by:

1. Walking through the Holy Doors, which the Pope only opens every 25 years. We will be blessed with the opportunity to walk through four (major) Holy Doors in Rome and two (minor) Holy Doors in Assisi.
2. Reconciling your sins through confession.
3. Receiving communion.
4. Offering a prayer for our Holy Father, Pope Francis.

There are so many blessings and graces to gather... come follow... **(Mass will be celebrated daily).**

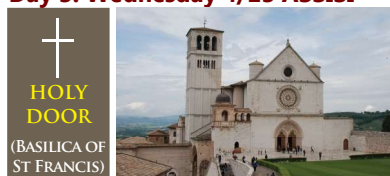
Day 1: Monday, April 21, 2025, USA / ROME

Today we **depart the USA** for our overnight flight to Rome via jumbo jet, arriving the next day. Meals are served on board.

Day 2: Tuesday 4/22 ROME / ORVIETO / ASSISI

Upon arrival in Rome, we board our motor coach and proceed to **Orvieto**. In 1263 a pious German priest, Peter of Prague, stopped in Bolsena to celebrate Mass on his pilgrimage route to Rome. While a devout practicing-Catholic servant, Peter couldn't erase the skepticism he felt about Christ being present in the consecrated Host. As he uttered the words of Consecration at the altar above St. Christina's tomb, blood began seeping from the consecrated Host. Blood dribbled across his hands onto the altar and corporal leaving Fr. Peter quite stunned and confused. He interrupted Mass requesting to be taken immediately to the tiny neighboring city of Orvieto (just 10 miles away), where the Holy Father, Pope Urban IV, was residing. An investigation was launched and orders were given to retrieve and transport the Host and blood-stained linen to the Orvieto Cathedral where they were, and still are today, reverently enshrined and exhibited. It was this miracle that prompted Pope Urban IV to commission St. Thomas Aquinas to write a special Mass for what was to become our annual Feast of Corpus Christi. We **visit the Cathedral of Orvieto** (location of the shrine) where the Eucharistic Miracle is exhibited. Then, we proceed to **Assisi** to check in at our hotel for a **welcome dinner** and overnight. [D]

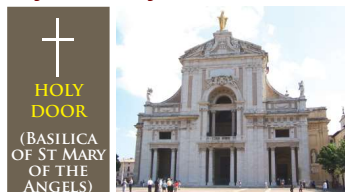
Day 3: Wednesday 4/23 ASSISI



Exploring Assisi today will include a visit to one of Christianity's most revered shrines, the **Basilica of St**

Francis (UNESCO listed). We have the opportunity to pass through the (minor) **HOLY DOOR** and then see the frescoes depicting events in the life of this gentle saint. Then, we stop at the **Basilica of St. Clare**, which houses her incorrupt body in a crystal casket in the crypt. Off the main nave of the Basilica is the crucifix from which Christ spoke to St. Francis in San Damiano. St. Francis heard a voice say, "Go Francis, repair my church, which is in ruin." Thinking that God was telling him to rebuild San Damiano, Francis renounced worldly goods and began immediately to repair the building. Only later did the saint realize that God had been speaking of His living Church. This afternoon, we will be escorted by minivans to the **church of San Damiano**. Our day concludes as we gather at the hotel this evening for dinner and overnight. [B,D]

Day 4: Thursday 4/24 ASSISI / MANOPPELLO / LANCIANO



Francis and his brothers were given after Pope Innocent III approved their rule. We have the opportunity to pass through the (minor) **HOLY DOOR** to see the statue of St. Francis with live white doves, the thorn-less rose bushes and the cave where St. Francis prayed in solitude. From there, we proceed south along the coast of the Adriatic to **Manoppello** to visit the **Church of the Volto Santo di Manoppello**, which is believed to house an image of the veil of Veronica upon which Jesus' face was wiped on his way to Calvary. Then we continue to **Lanciano** to check in at our hotel for dinner and overnight. [B,D]

Day 5: Friday 4/25 LANCIANO / SAN GIOVANNI ROTONDO / MONT ST ANGELO



In the coastal town of Lanciano on the Adriatic, we visit the little **Church of Lagontial**. It was here that the 8th-century "Miracle of the Eucharist Living Flesh of Jesus" took place. During Mass, a Basilian monk doubted that Christ was truly present in the consecrated bread and wine. As he looked on, the host and wine visibly changed to flesh and blood. Scientific tests done in the latter half of the 20th century have concluded that the flesh and blood are human in origin, the flesh consisting of muscular tissue of the heart. We visit the **Sanctuary of the Eucharistic Miracle**. You have the opportunity to spend time in **Eucharistic adoration** before we board our motor coach and proceed to **San Giovanni Rotondo**, the former home of Padre Pio, a Capuchin monk and stigmatist with a reputation for holiness. We **visit the tomb and sanctuary of Padre Pio**, tour the old **Church of Santa Maria delle Grazie** (Our Lady of Grace), and see the crucifix from which Padre Pio received the stigmata in 1918. We are also able to view the confessional where he spent innumerable hours with a multitude of pilgrims, directing them on their journey toward God. From there, we proceed to **Monte Sant'Angelo**, where we have a breathtaking view of the Gargano Peninsula. We check in at our hotel for dinner and overnight. [B,D]

Day 6: Saturday 4/26 MONT ST ANGELO / POMPEII / SORRENTO

Today we begin at the **Grotto of St. Michael the Archangel**. Six different popes, St. Francis, and at least four other saints have knelt in prayer at this grotto where St. Michael appeared in the 4th century. This is the only building of worship in the Roman Catholic Church not consecrated by humans; it was consecrated by St. Michael himself. Next, we board our coach for the trek to **Pompeii** at the foot of Mt Vesuvius. In 79 AD Mt Vesuvius catastrophically erupted and covered the Roman town in ash, killing thousands of people and animals in a single day. We will take a guided tour of the excavation [UNESCO listed] before continuing to the **Basilica of Our Lady of Pompeii**; also known as Our Lady of the Rosary. Then, we proceed to our hotel in Sorrento to check in for dinner and overnight. [B,D]

Day 7: Sunday 4/27 SORRENTO / ROME / SORRENTO



Today we have a rare privilege to witness, in person, the elevation of **Blessed Carlos Acutis to sainthood!**

We will have to rise early, proceed to Naples (32 miles) to board a direct train into Rome to celebrate the first millennial to achieve sainthood. Carlos was born in 1991 and died of Leukemia at the young age of 15 (year 2006). During his brief life, young Carlos spent innumerable hours documenting Eucharistic Miracles and building a computerized system to register his data. After his passing, the first miracle credited to him was the healing of a Brazilian boy's birth defect. In 2022, the second miracle credited to Carlos was the healing of a Costa Rican woman's severe head trauma. All transportation for the Canonization is included.

Those who wish to stay in Sorrento and explore independently may do so. It is very important to notify the tour escort if you stay in Sorrento.

The entire group will meet at the hotel for dinner. [B,D]

Day 8: Monday 4/28 SORRENTO / CAPRI / SORRENTO

We take a **day trip to Capri** today. We board a minibus from Sorrento's Main Square (Piazza Tasso) to the pier. We travel by hydrofoil/jetfoil (weather permitting) to Capri, the island of dreams. We take a **mini cruise see the white grotto and iconic faraglioni**. This evening, enjoy local cuisine at the restaurant of your choice as **dinner is on your own**. Overnight in Sorrento [B]

Day 9: Tuesday 4/29 SORRENTO / MONTECASSINO / ROME

Heading north, we bid farewell to Sorrento and drive to **Cassino** to visit the **Abbey of Montecassino**, which was founded by St. Benedict around 529AD. It was here that St. Benedict wrote his famous Rule. Based on prayer, study, and manual labor, this became the fundamental monastic code of Western Europe. The present day Abbey is a replica of the previous 17th-century structure; Allied bombs destroyed the complex during WWII attacks on the Germans. From there, we head farther north to **Rome**. We pass through the **HOLY DOOR**



(ST MARY MAJOR)

at the **Basilica of St. Mary Major**, where inside we view relics of Jesus' manger from Bethlehem. Our day concludes as we check in at our hotel for dinner and overnight. **[B,D]**

Day 10: Wednesday 4/30 ROME



BASILICA OF ST PETER

Our day begins as we explore the **Vatican Museum and Sistine Chapel**. Then, we proceed **St. Peter's Basilica to pass through the HOLY DOOR**.

Next, we proceed through the **HOLY DOOR of St Paul Outside the Walls**, a beautiful basilica [UNESCO listed] which houses the remains of St. Paul under the main altar. After our visit, we proceed to a **cat-acomb** before returning to our hotel for dinner and overnight. **[B,D]**



ST PAUL OUTSIDE THE WALLS

Day 11: Thursday 5/1 ROME



ST JOHN LATERAN

This morning we proceed to **St. John Lateran**, the Cathedral church of the Pope. This church was originally built by Constantine when he ended the Christian persecutions. We have the opportunity

to pass through the **HOLY**

DOOR and see the Altar that holds the relics of Sts. Peter and Paul. Next to the Basilica is the Baptistry and across the street is the **Sancta Scala - Holy Stairs**, which were transported from Pilate's palace in Jerusalem and on which the Savior climbed before His crucifixion. Those who wish to pray each step on their knees may do so. The option to take the side stairs on foot is also available. Then, we enjoy a stop at the **Colosseum for (exterior) photo opportunities** of an imposing monument that has marked its place in history and in ancient Rome. Time permitting, there may be free time to explore on your own or shop for souvenirs, etc. This evening we proceed to a local restaurant for a **group farewell dinner and wine**. Overnight in Rome. **[B,D]**

Day 12: Friday, May 2, 2025, ROME / USA

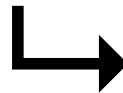
Today we bid farewell to Italy as we transfer to the **airport** for our return flight to the U.S. Our pilgrimage offered the mind and soul a treasure trove of memories inspired by the holiness of the saints and a world we explore one pilgrimage at a time. **[B]**

Please Note:

Many thousands of pilgrims will be visiting Italy for the Jubilee year. Confirmations of services are strictly subject to availability. The itinerary may be modified, and some visits could potentially be omitted as a result.

To Register:

Complete the Registration Form and mail your deposit to Pentecost Tours



Or, call (800) 713-9800 or (812) 933-0730 to pay your deposit over the phone with a credit card.

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Average high and low temperatures to expect: 49-66°F



REGISTRATION FORM

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Enclosed is my/our deposit of \$ _____ (\$500 per person) to reserve _____ seat(s).

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Passport Expires: _____ MONTH _____ DAY _____ YEAR

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- Single room only
- I will need a roommate
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Fr Towsley/ Italy April 21, 2025 Tour



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