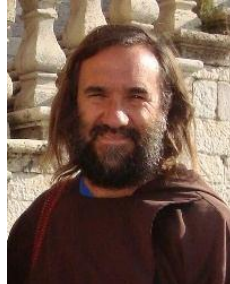


## The Padre Pio Foundation of America



### presents an 11 Day Pilgrimage to Italy



**Spiritual Director  
Rev. David Beaumont**

**September 17<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

#### **YOUR TRIP INCLUDES:**

- Round trip air from JFK or Newark Airport -Taxes included
- First Class 3 & 4 Star Hotels
- Breakfast & Dinner Daily & 1 Umbrian Lunch
- Air-conditioned motor coach
- English speaking guide
- Sightseeing as per itinerary
- Porterage of one piece of luggage at hotels
- All taxes and service charges
- Daily Mass and Rosary

#### **HIGHLIGHTS:**

- Mass at the Basilica of St. Francis of Assisi
- Visit the Tombs of St. Francis & St. Clare
- Visit San Gimignano
- Food & Wine Tasting in Tuscany
- Cathedral of Orvieto
- Basilica of St. Cristina in Bolsena
- Pietrelcina home town of Padre Pio
- Monastery of Morcone
- Visit the Basilica of Santa Maria delle Grazie
- Visit of the Tomb of Padre Pio in the Church of St. Pio of Pietrelcina
- Mass at Casa Sollievo della Sofferenza
- Basilica of St. Nicholas of Bari
- Tour of the Sassi in Matera
- Panorama of Rome including a visit of the four major Basilicas of Rome – St. Mary Major, St. John Lateran, St. Paul Outside the Walls and St. Peter's

**Pilgrimage Price: Double/Triple per person \$ 3,599.00**

## Itinerary:

### Wed, Sept 17<sup>th</sup>: New York/Rome

Depart JFK or Newark Airport on your overnight flight to Rome. Dinner served in flight.

### Thu, Sept 18<sup>th</sup>: Rome/Assisi

Upon arrival we are transferred to **Assisi**. We visit the *Basilica of Santa Maria degli Angeli* where we find the *Porziuncola*. Next we visit to *Basilicas of St. Francis and St. Clare*, where we see the *Tombs of the two Saints*.

### Fri, Sept 19<sup>th</sup>: Assisi/San Gimignano/Assisi

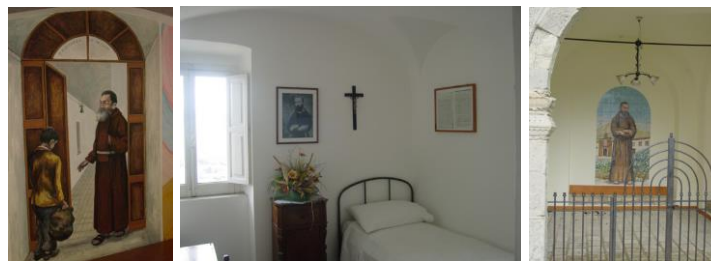
Today we travel to Tuscany to visit **San Gimignano**. San Gimignano rises on a hill dominating the Elsa Valley with its towers. The construction of the towers dates back to the 11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> centuries. Once the seat of a small Etruscan village, it began its life as a town in the 10<sup>th</sup> century taking its name from the Holy Bishop of Modena, St. Gimignano, who is said to have saved the village from the barbarian hordes. The town increased in wealth and developed greatly during the middle ages thanks to the "Via Francigena" the trading and pilgrim's route that crossed it. After our visit, we go to a *Winery for a Wine & Food tasting*.

### Sat, Sept 20<sup>th</sup>: Bolsena/Orvieto

Morning departure to **Orvieto**. En route we stop at **Bolsena** to visit the *Church of St. Christina* where the miracle of Orvieto occurred. After our visit we continue to Orvieto. The miracle of Orvieto occurred, in 1263, when a priest was on a pilgrimage to Rome to ask for strength in his vocation and to remove his doubts about the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist. On his way he stopped at Bolsena. During Mass when the priest said, "This is My Body," the Host began to bleed profusely. The priest took the corporal and wrapped up the bleeding Host, although blood fell on the marble floor in front of the altar. He immediately took it to Pope Urban IV who was in Orvieto at the time. The Holy Father declared that a Eucharistic miracle had occurred. The Holy Father created a new feast, the Feast of Corpus Christi, to commemorate the *Miracle of Bolsena*. The bloodstained corporal is in the Cathedral of Orvieto.

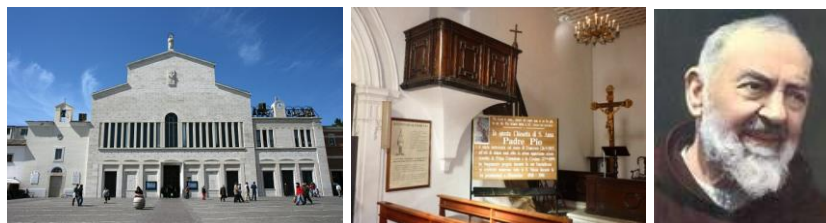
### Sun, Sept 21<sup>st</sup>: Orvieto/Pietrelcina

Morning departure to **Pietrelcina**, *birthplace of Padre Pio*. We visit Padre Pio's home, the *Church of Santa Ana*, where he was baptized and we have Mass at *Santa Maria degli Angeli*. Next we stop at **Piana Romana** to visit the place where Padre Pio received the invisible stigmata.



### Mon, Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>: Morcone/San Giovanni Rotondo

This morning we travel west leaving the Campania region and arriving at the region of Apulia. En route we stop at **Morcone**. When Francesco Forgione (Padre Pio) was fifteen years old, he was admitted to the novitiate of the Capuchin Order of the Friars Minor in the Monastery at Morcone. After our visit, we continue to **San Giovanni Rotondo** where we visit the *Basilica of Our Lady of Grace*. This evening we go to the Basilica of Santa Maria delle Grazie for the, outdoor, *midnight Mass, on the plaza*, honoring Padre Pio.



**Tue, Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>: Feast Day of Padre Pio Visit the English Office & St Michael's Cave**

Today we go to the English Office for a talk on Padre Pio. Next we visit the new *Church of St. Pio of Pietrelcina to see Padre Pio's Tomb*. After the procession and free time for lunch we visit **St. Michael's Cave** where St. Michael the Archangel appeared.

**Wed, Sept 24<sup>th</sup>: San Giovanni Rotondo/Bari/Matera in Sassi**

Today our route continues south through Apulia, to **Bari** where we have Mass and visit the *Basilica of St. Nicholas of Bari to see the relics of St. Nicholas*. The remains of St. Nicholas were taken from southern Turkey in 1087. They lie in the crypt and are the source of pilgrimage for Catholic and Orthodox Christians. After Mass, we continue to **Matera** to see the world famous *cave dwellings of the Sassi*.



We begin our visit at Piazzetta Pascoli with a breathtaking view over the Sasso Caveoso and highland plateau of the Murgia and Palazzo Lanfranchi with the nearby Church of the Carmine. The tour continues through the heart of the ancient dwellings in the Sassi towards the Church of Saint Peter Caveoso. We visit a typical cave-dwelling, partly carved out of the rock and partly built, and furnished as it used to be during the peasant civilization. Next to the Church of Saint Lucy of the Malve where we find some of the most important frescoes. We return to the center of town and walk around the baroque area including the most important churches in this style: Saint Clare and Saint Francis of Assisi. Also the Romanesque Cathedral and Piazza Duomo.



**Thu, Sept 25<sup>th</sup>: Matera/Rome**

Morning departure to Rome. Sit back and enjoy the view as we head north passing through the regions of Basilicata and Campania arriving at Lazio and the "Eternal City" of **Rome**. Upon arrival we check into our hotel.

**Fri, Sept 26<sup>th</sup>: Rome**

Today we have a full day *Tour of Rome*. We see the *Coliseum, the Roman Forum and the monument to Victor Emmanuel*. We leave our bus for a walk through Rome. We start at *Piazza Navona* where we see the artist square and the cafes that line it. Minstrels pass from cafe to café entertaining the tourist. We continue through the side streets of Rome to the *Parthenon*. We end our stroll at the *Trevi Fountain* where we stop to toss our coins in the Fountain. During our tour, we visit the *four major Basilicas of Rome- St. Mary Major, St. John Lateran, St. Paul Outside the Walls and St. Peter's*.

**Sat, Sept 27<sup>th</sup>: Rome/USA**

Morning departure to Rome airport for our return flight to the USA.

## Reservation Form

<b>Tour No. PIO0917</b>		
Name (as it appears on your passport):		
Address:		
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Will your room be a: ( ) single (limited) ( ) double ( ) triple		
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Are you a US citizen? ( ) Yes ( ) No		
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<p>Please return this form with your check to:</p> <p><b>LITTLE FLOWER TOURS &amp; TRAVEL, LTD.</b></p> <p><b>145 Fieldstone Road,</b></p> <p><b>Staten Island, New York 10314</b></p> <p><b>☎ 718-761-1251 or outside NY call 888-843-7373</b></p> <p><b>A \$700.00 DEPOSIT IS DUE AT TIME OF BOOKING</b></p> <p><b>FINAL PAYMENT IS DUE July 1, 2014</b></p>		
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