

Festival of Faith

A CELEBRATION OF VATICAN II'S
50TH ANNIVERSARY

Tour Itinerary (4 nights/6 days)

Day 1 Friday, December 4, 2015

Depart via scheduled air service to Rome, Italy

Day 2 Saturday, December 5 Rome (D)

Our prayer is that in the midst of this world, there may radiate the light of our great hope in Jesus Christ, our only Savior. (Opening Message to Humanity, Second Vatican Council)

Arrive in Rome

Meet your MCI Tour Manager, who will assist the group to the awaiting chartered motorcoach for a transfer into Rome

Enjoy a panoramic tour of Rome's highlights, stopping at sites such as the Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain, and Piazza Navona

Late afternoon hotel check-in

Welcome Dinner and overnight

Rome is nicknamed Caput Mundi (Capital of the World) and The Eternal City, not only because Rome has always been the hub of art, education, high culture and politics in the western world, but because it is also a spiritual capital and a powerful center of pilgrimage

Day 3 Sunday, December 6 Rome (B,D)

In this assembly, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we wish to inquire how we ought to renew ourselves, so that we may be found increasingly faithful to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. (Opening Message to Humanity #2, Second Vatican Council)

Breakfast at the hotel

Participate in Mass

Visit St. Peter's Square for the Papal Blessing

Lunch on own

Afternoon guided tour of the Catacombs, the underground burial site of many early Christians. The Catacombs are south of Rome beside the Via Appia Antica (Old Appian Way). Owing to laws forbidding burials within the city of Rome, the Appian Way became lined with many tombs. Until the middle of the second century, there were no cemeteries for Christians, so pro-Christian families would make land available for burial of fellow Christians and their relatives. Due to lack of space and the need for secrecy, when there was no more room on one level, excavation began on a lower level. The popes strongly urged the faithful to pray at the martyr's tombs, so they also became meeting places for the faithful

Evening rehearsal

Dinner at a local restaurant

Return to the hotel for overnight



Day 4 Monday, December 7 Rome (B,D)

Thus it is evident to everyone that all the faithful of Christ, of whatever rank or status, are called to the fullness of the Christian life and to the perfection of charity. (Lumen Gentium #40)

Breakfast at the hotel

11:00am Participate/sing in Mass at St. Peter's Basilica

Lunch on own

Half-day Pilgrim's Tour of the Holy Sites of Rome. Tour the Vatican Museums which house what can be described as the most important collections of art in the world. Highlights include The Tapestry Gallery, The Raphael Rooms, and The Sistine Chapel where we will gaze on Michelangelo's incredible masterpiece. We will also enter St. Peter's Basilica which has the largest interior of any Christian church in the world and has been described as the reason Rome is still the center of the civilized world. Tradition and historical evidence hold that St. Peter's tomb is directly below the altar of this basilica, which American Ralph Waldo Emerson described as an ornament of the earth... the sublime of the beautiful. Next we will have the chance to marvel at Bernini's beautiful bronze canopy and Michelangelo's Blessed Mother holding her crucified son, known as the Pieta

Late afternoon rehearsal

Evening dinner and overnight



Day 5 Tuesday, December 8 Rome (B,D)

The Church acts as if it has learned nothing from history, which is none the less, the great teacher of life. (John XXIII)

Breakfast at the hotel

Enjoy a morning underground Rome walking tour

Lunch on own

Afternoon tour of a few sites of Ancient Rome, including the Forum and Coliseum. Its real name was the Flavian Amphitheatre, after the emperor who built it in the first century after Christ. Coliseum refers to the 'colossal' statue of Nero that at one time stood at the entrance. Originally on this spot was a pool, around which was built Emperor Nero's famous 'Golden House.' The construction was completed with the help of Jewish slaves bought here in 70 AD. The Coliseum served as the center for violent sports, and traditionally, as the site of the martyrdom of many Christians. Also view the Pantheon, Baths of Caracalla and Palatine Hill

Dinner in a local restaurant

Gala Concert commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Vatican II in Santa Maria sopra Minerva

Return to your hotel for overnight



Day 6 Wednesday, December 9 Depart for home (B)

Breakfast at the hotel

Transfer to Rome's airport for return flight

This is a very flexible itinerary. Except for confirmed appointments and performances, the places of interest and the sequence of sightseeing might be changed if necessary or desirable. In the event of an unavoidable conflict in the performance and the sightseeing schedule, the concert schedule will prevail, and it may be necessary to exclude some sightseeing activities.

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INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION

Name of Participant _____

Home Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Cell Phone _____ Email _____

Voice Type _____

Reference - Please list one reference who can endorse the quality of your ensemble:

Name	Title/Position	E-mail Address
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The Festival of Faith Individual Participants Package includes the following:

- **Four (4) nights hotel accommodation.**
- **Four (4) breakfasts.**
- **Four (4) dinners**
- **Sightseeing activities.**
- **Festival t-shirt.**
- **Travel bag and luggage tag.**
- **Local transport (airport transfers are not included).**
- **Participation in all rehearsals and the festival performances.**
- **Access to online payment system**

Transportation to and from Rome is the responsibility of the individual participant. Airfare may be arranged upon request.

The cost of this package is \$2,000 per participant (single occupancy hotel accommodations) or \$1,750 per participant (double occupancy hotel accommodations). Individual participants will not be housed with other festival participants. All prices are in U.S. Dollars. Tips to Tour Managers, guides, and motorcoach drivers are not included.

How did you learn about the festival? _____

A complete repertoire list will be provided to you.

You are responsible for purchasing, being familiar with, and bringing your own music.

Please complete this registration form and mail it with a non-refundable deposit of \$250* to:

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Signature _____ Date _____