

# ROME, ITALY:

## WALKS AND MEDITATIONS

**JUNE 16 - 28, 2008**

With Professor Matt Kubik



Explore the paths of the saints Peter and Paul in Rome. This exciting adventure focuses on the common Judeo/Christian heritage found in excavations, churches and even the streets of the Eternal City. Learn how the pagan society and culture of the ancient world gave birth to our modern age. Deepen your Christian faith through readings, discussions and guided meditations. Enjoy visits to some of the most significant architecture and art of the Western world.

During your trip you will walk in the footsteps of the Apostles, explore the palaces of Emperors, and wander the vast spaces of Saint Peter's Basilica. In the Vatican City you will visit the masterpieces of Michelangelo and the Italian Renaissance. In the evenings you will relax to the sound of Baroque fountains as you sip wine in a piazza. The city of Rome, Italy will be an experience you will never forget!

### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Saint Peters Basilica
- Excavations of Ancient Roman tombs and houses
- Golden House of Nero
- Coliseum
- Vatican Museum and Sistine Chapel

### **WHAT'S INCLUDED**

- Round-trip flights between Chicago and Rome
- Accommodations (double occupancy)
- Daily continental breakfast, six lunches, nine dinners
- Ground transportation in Italy
- Excursion to Ostia Antica
- Entrance fees to museums and historical sites

### **ACCOMMODATIONS**

Our hosts are the Benedictine nuns of the Camaldolese Convent on the Aventine Hill. Rooms are in the beautiful Saint Scolastica Center. Each participant has a front door key and there is no curfew. Rooms are double occupancy with private toilets and shower. The Center grounds include patios, terraces and gardens. Authentic Italian meals are prepared in the Centers' kitchen featuring fruits and vegetables from the convent garden.

### **Tour Leaders:**

**Matthew Kubik**, is an architect and a professor at Indiana University Purdue University Fort Wayne. He is leading his 20th foreign travel course.

**Father Charles Hensel** is an Episcopal priest. Now retired, he is known for his insightful preaching on architecture, ritual, culture and faith.

### **Package price based of double occupancy:**

- \$3,395 Air and Ground Package per person
- \$2,395 Ground-Only (no international air) per person
- \$325 Single Supplement
- \$400 deposit due by March 1, 2008

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**Trip is limited to 16 participants**  
**Deposit NOW to guarantee**  
**your space(s)!!**

### **Itinerary**

DAY 1 Today your journey starts at the Chicago O'Hare Airport for your flight to Rome.

DAY 2 Arrive in Rome. Your introduction to Rome is the Romanesque churches and gardens of the Aventine Hill. An evening stroll ends with a moonlit visit to the Roman Forum.

DAY 3 Today we tour Rome by private bus with stops at the Capitoline hill, Piazza del Popolo and Castel San Angelo. After siesta visit the Roman temples in the Forum Boarum.

DAY 4 Travel to the excavated port city of Ostia Antica for a unique view of Ancient Roman city life. Picnic lunch in the Roman Theater where plays are still presented.

DAY 5 Visit the churches that mark the path of Peter as he left Rome and encountered the risen Christ. After siesta explore the palaces of the Emperors on the Palatine Hill.

DAY 6 After a visit to the Coliseum, tour the remains of the Golden House of Nero, after siesta we stroll the Coelian Hill and explore the Roman excavations under the church of San Clemente

DAY 7 This afternoon wander the medieval neighborhood of Trastevere with its winding streets, and ancient churches. A short walk up the Janiculum Hill brings you to the site of St Peter's crucifixion.

DAY 8 Visit churches and catacombs marking the sites of some of the earliest Christians: Prudens, Pudenziana and Priscilla. After siesta travel outside the walls of Rome to the church over the tomb of St. Paul.

DAY 9 Faithful believe that St Peter's basilica is built over the tomb of St. Peter. If permission is granted visit the Roman cemetery under the church.

DAY 10 A private guide will lead you to the treasures of the Vatican Museum and the Sistine Chapel. This afternoon is free for personal touring and shopping.

DAY 11 This day is free for your personal touring or shopping.

DAY 12 Join your leaders for a good bye walk in the Campo Marzio district of Rome. Enjoy a special lunch under the subterranean vaults of the Theater of Pompey built in 55 B.C.

DAY 13 Morning departure for the United States.