# A PILGRIMAGE TO SAINT PHILOMENA OF MUGNANO DEL CARDINALE THE HOLY SHRINES OF SOUTHERN ITALY & ROME

September 5-13, 2014



Dear Friends;

Once again the hand of St. Philomena is at work. We are making another pilgrimage to Mugnano this year. We have created a nine day trip departing from the USA again to visit this miraculous saint in her Shrine in Mugnano del Cardinale in Italy.

This time we will be staying for several days at the Pilgrim Center of the shrine itself. The center has a number of lovely rooms for such retreats. All the rooms are outfitted with en-suite lavatories. The food served in the Retreat House dining room is prepared by Monsignor Braschi's family. It is very delicious and of local products. Visit the web page to see the retreat center http://philomenafamily.org/?page\_id=74

We certainly hope you can join us!

# Day 1 – USA to Rome, Italy

You may depart any US port for your trans-Atlantic flight to Rome, Italy. Meals and entertainment are aloft. Most US flights direct to Rome (FCO) arrive in the early morning between 7:00 AM to 8:30 AM. For those arranging their own flights, please try to arrange your flight so that you arrive within this range. The motorcoach will depart for Mugnano del Cardinale at approximately 10:00 AM. REMEMBER the trip also ends in Rome; therefore arrange your flight from Rome (FCO) to the USA. We are most happy to arrange your flights for you or provide you with assistance to arrange your own flights. We can also arrange hotel accommodations and private transfers for those wishing to arrive early or stay longer in Italy.

Day 2 – Rome to Mugnano del Cardinale

Early morning arrival in Rome. After passport control and baggage claim we will meet at the airport exit to board our motor-coach for the drive to Mugnano. En-route we will make a stop for lunch and comfort. We will arrive in Mugnano in the afternoon. Supper and overnight at the Retreat House at St. Philomena Shrine. Spiritual activities for the day, to be announced.



Day 3 - Full day Shrine of Saint Philomena, Mugnano del Cardinale, Avellino / excursion to St. Gerard



Today will be a full day of spiritual exercises starting with mass in the morning. There will be time for a lunch break and rest period. The retreat will continue in the afternoon with private time spiritual exercises. You will have time to take a walk and explore this quaint town of Mugnano during your free time. For those who wish to join us, we will have an excursion to the Shrine of Saint Gerard Maiella in the afternoon. Supper will be at the Retreat House refectory. Overnight will be at the Retreat House at St. Philomena Shrine.

## <u>Day 4 – Saint (Padre) Pio / San Giovanni Rotondo &</u> <u>Monte Sant' Angelo</u>

Today we will begin with a very early departure to the Gargano in the region of Puglia. San Giovanni Rotondo is the place where this contemporary miracle worker Francesco Forgione spent most of his life as a monk, building this city from a hamlet. We will begin with a guided visit of the Shrine of Saint Pio, the Gallery of St. Pio . Later we will depart for the ancient village of Monte Sant' Angelo in the same region. This quaint village made holy and famous to Christians by Saint Michael the



Archangel who appeared here in the 5th Century for the conversion of pagans. It was also the site from which the Crusaders came to pay homage before their departures to the east. We will visit the Grotto of Saint Michael the Archangel, a pilgrim site since the 5th Century. Supper and overnight at the Retreat House at St. Philomena Shrine. Mass to be announced.

### <u>Day 5 – Pompeii – the Excavations / Basilica of Our Lady of</u> <u>Pompeii & Panoramic of Naples</u>

Today we embark on an historical as well as a spiritual journey to the remarkable and extraordinary city of Pompeii. Mount Vesuvius, the volcano responsible for the destruction of the city; Pompeii lay 2000 years under ashes and lava. Here we can marvel at the advanced culture of this Roman city and the Pompeian citizens. The baths, the homes, the market place, and the gardens have all been remarkably preserved under the lava for two centuries. Just a short ride from the excavations we continue on to visit the beautiful Basilica of Our Lady of Pompeii with its miraculous painting of Our Lady handing the Most Holy Rosary



to Saints Catherine and Dominic. [*Time allowing, we will go across the bay to the magnificent city of Naples for a short panoramic view of the city, the Bays of Naples, Pompeii and Sorrento and the spectacular view of Mt. Vesuvius in the distance.*] Tonight supper and overnight will be in Sorrento. Mass to be announced.

## Day 6 - The Amalfi Coast Drive visit the Cathedral of St. Andrew, the Apostle

Today, everyone will look forward to a day with a bit of relaxation. We can begin our day a little later! After breakfast we will embark on one of the most scenic days of the trip, "*La Costiera Amalfitana*", the Amalfi Coast Drive. Traveling south from the Bay of Sorrento to the Bay of Salerno along the Mediterranean, its time to experience the most spectacular and scenic coastal drives in all of Europe, if not the world! The 40 mile trek of cliff road consists of over 1000 curves and turns, each one with a new and fantastic view of the mountains which seem to lean down to kiss the crystal clear turquoise sea below. There will be panoramic stops along the way for photos. Our main stop today will be in Amalfi, a beautiful seaport city, once an ancient Empire, with its magnificent Arab/Norman Cathedral of Saint Andrew's (9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> Century). The cathedral houses the relic of the head of Saint Andrew taken in the sack of Constantinople in 1204. There will be some free time, for lunch (on your own), shopping and meandering in this beautiful seaside village. *Dinner (included)* and overnight is in Sorrento. Mass to be announced.



## Day 7 - Sorrento to Rome / Catacomb of Priscilla

Today we depart Sorrento and the region of Campania and head north to the Eternal city of Rome. Upon arrival in Rome we will check into our hotel and have some time to freshen and reorganize before heading out in the afternoon to our first site. How fitting today to visit an ancient Roman catacomb. The cemetery of Priscilla enjoys the fame of being one of the most ancient and primordial of the Roman Church. The little visited catacomb of Priscilla just outside the northern



walls of Rome will be the perfect place to visit as it will tie into the original purpose of our pilgrimage. This is the burial place where the remains of St. Philomena were found in May of 1802 with the inscription *pax tecum Filumena* (i.e. "Peace with you, Philomena". This ancient catacomb also houses almost certainly the oldest art form of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the world dating back to the 2<sup>nd</sup> century AD. This evening supper (included) and overnight will be in Rome. Mass in the Catacomb.

#### Day 8 - Rome / Vatican City & Museum / Other Major Basilicas of Rome & Panoramic city tour

This morning after breakfast we board our motor-coach for transfer to Vatican City. Our first stop will be the amazing Vatican Museum which culminates with the Sistine Chapel. Here you will have a little time to look at the magnificent works of the master "Michelangelo" before moving over to St. Peter's Basilica. Upon entering the Basilica, you will see, what is probably his most famous piece, "The Pieta'". After will continue on for a tour of the remainder of the basilica. There will be some free-time for lunch (on your own) before resuming the day's excursions to the other three main Basilica's of Rome.; St. John Lateran, St. Mary Major & St. Paul outside the Walls, the place where this great saint was martyred. This evening supper (included) and overnight will be in Rome. Mass to be announced.



#### Day 9 - Departure Rome / USA

We bid a fond farewell to Rome as we depart for Fiumecino International Airport for our voyage back to the USA.

We pray to Almighty God and the intercession of His Faithful and Devoted Servant, Philomena, to once again allow us a wonderful, enlightening and spiritual pilgrimage and ask Him, through Her intersession to guide us safely home, once again, to the arms of our loved ones.

#### **INCLUDES:**

All transfers abroad Airport/Hotels with English speaking assistance for those arriving/departing with the group or within 1 hour of the group flight. Buffet Breakfast Daily All other meals as per itinerary Beverages at meals as per itinerary All Luggage Handling abroad. (except in airports due to security purposes) English Speaking local guides throughout English Speaking Tour Manager day of arrival to day of departure First Class Hotels throughout / except in Mugnano (St. Philomena Retreat House)

#### **EXCLUDES:**

Transfers to/from US Airports Passports and/or Visa Fees Gratuities to Drivers, Guides, Tour escort/ Manager Luggage handling in airports Items of personal nature Beverages at meals unless listed in itinerary

CITY HOTEL TAX { This tax was has recently been implemented by various tourism cities in Italy. The tax "cannot" be included in your tour pricing. It must be collected and paid by the tour operator or tour manager at the conclusion of each hotel stay.}

The taxes for this trip are as follows and payable in Italy upon check out of each hotel:

Mugnano - 2 Euro per person per night = 6 Euro Sorrento –2 Euro per person per night = 4 Euro Rome - 3 Euro per person per night = 6 Euro

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**<u>Reservations/Deposits/Payments</u>**: A deposit of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) is required at the time of booking. No reservation is confirmed until the deposit is received by the tour operator. The balance of the tour price is due and payable sixty (60) days prior to departure.

<u>Minors And Infirm</u>: Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied by a parent/guardian or a responsible adult deemed worthy by the parent/guardian. If a minor is traveling with any person other than parent/guardian then the responsible adult will provide the travel agent/tour operator and have in his/her possession a notarized letter from the parent/guardian giving that adult full permission to make decisions on their behalf and permission to room with the minor. No minor will be allowed to room alone without the parent/guardian or named responsible adult. Due to the physical demands of the tour and the inaccessibility of handicap facilities abroad, no physically handicapped person may be a tour passenger.

**Tour Price:** The tour price in this brochure is based upon the U. S. currency vs. the European Euro at the time of printing, **February 15**, **2014.** If changes in these rates occur, it may change the price accordingly. The tour price is based on booking a minimum of 25 paying passengers. A lesser amount could increase the price of the tour. Should the price of the tour change for any of the reasons mentioned above, the passenger will then have the right to cancel the reservation and receive a full refund of payment made to date, provided that written notice be received by Fratelli & Co. within 7 (seven) days of the notification of the price change. Otherwise, the cancellation policy written below prevails. Airport Taxes which are not included in the tour price are subject to change. No refund will be made if the passenger is dissatisfied with any of the accommodations; fails to use any of the accommodations included in the tour price, or must return home prior to completion of the tour.

<u>Cancellations</u>: Land and Air arrangements may be canceled and passenger may receive a full refund less one hundred (\$100.) dollars cancellation fee if the cancellation is made no less than ninety (90) days prior to the scheduled departure date. If cancellation is made less than sixty (60) days prior to scheduled departure, there is no refund unless a suitable replacement passenger books the tour in his/her place. For these reasons we recommend you take Travel Insurance.

<u>**Travel Insurance:**</u> Health, accident, Trip Interruption/Cancellation and baggage insurance are <u>NOT</u> included; brochures can be made available through your travel agent.

<u>Sightseeing & Itinerary</u>: Sightseeing is included as specified in the itinerary with English-speaking guides and customary entrance fees. The tour operator reserves the right to vary the sequence of the itinerary and/or reroute the order of cities, should circumstances arise.

**<u>Passports</u>**: A valid passport is required, and <u>MUST</u> be shown upon request to the travel agent/tour operator, tour leaders and any airline personal and customs officials.

**Responsibility:** Fratelli & Co., your tour operator has arranged a vacation package which may include one or more of the following: air, land transportation, hotel accommodations and food service. Neither the tour operator nor the organizer own, operate, manage, or control any hotel, bus company, railroad, cruise line, service provider, restaurant, airline transportation company, person or persons rendering any of the services, and/or accommodations offered in connection with this tour. The tour operator and/or tour organizer do not guaranty any passenger's safety who participates in the tour. Accordingly, the passenger understands that he or she has no claim against the tour operator or organizer for any delay, or other irregularity caused by a third party service provider, damage to or loss of property, injury to or death of the person due to any action or failure to act by the air carrier, bus carriers, private cars, livery carriers, railroad, ships, hotels, restaurants and any service providers in connection with this tour, strikes, war, or any acts of God. Under these circumstances, no portion of the tour price will be refunded. It is advisable that you cover any potential risks with insurance coverage.

<u>Cancellation of Passenger's Rights</u>. In an effort to make the tour pleasant for all, the tour operator reserves the right to: 1.cancel any reservation and refund the tour price, pursuant to the cancellation clause, of any passenger who acts irrational by words, actions and demeanor prior to the tour departure; 2. refuse further participation in the tour once the tour begins, with no refund given, to passengers who: act unruly, irrational, unduly argumentative, incite trouble among passengers, endanger the health and/or safety of the other passengers, tour operator, tour organizer, and/or tour escort, or if they become physically or emotionally disabled and create a burden that the remaining passengers are unwilling to accept. No tour passenger, tour operator, tour organizer, will be obligated to assist any infirm, handicapped or injured passenger.

**Inclusions:** All hotel taxes, service charges, First Class Three & ,Pilgrim Retreat House in Mungano del Cardinale. Comprehensive sightseeing as per itinerary, English-speaking guides, all baggage handling and assistance abroad (except in airports for security reasons), Breakfasts, lunches and dinners (including in flight meals) as per itinerary.

**Exclusions:** Passport and visa fees, tips for tour escorts, drivers, guides, food service personal, hotel maids, phone calls, laundry services, and other items of a personal nature. Rates do NOT include beverages at meals unless specified in the itinerary. Rates do not include transportation to and from US airports or baggage handling in the United States.

**Physical and Emotional Limitations:** The tour operator cannot be held responsible for any part of the tour missed due to physical or emotional limitations. Anyone who cannot participate in an event will not receive a refund for any unused portion. Further, if anyone must stop or return to a hotel or motor-coach during a tour, and uses public transportation or taxis, it will be their responsibility to pay for the transportation.

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