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Footsteps of St Lucy Filippini

November 10—18, 2019

Join Us as We Celebrate
the Life of Saint Lucy

Highlights: Rome / Papal Audience / St Peter's Basilica / Sistine Chapel /
Montefiascone / Tarquinia / Bolsena / Viterbo and more.....

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Dear Associates of Saint Lucy;

The following pages contain the itinerary that we have assembled for our Pilgrimage to Italy. We invite you all to join us on this spiritual and pleasurable journey. We celebrate the life of Saint Lucy visiting places like Rome; Vatican City, Vatican Museum and Sistine Chapel, Tarquinia, Montefiascone, Bolsena, Viterbo and more. Some of the special highlights will be joining Pilgrims for the world over for a Papal Audience with Our Holy Father Pope Francis and the possibility of a visit with the Generalate of the Maestre.

We certainly hope you can join us.

May Our Lord Bless you.

Day 1— Sunday, November 10, 2019 Departure Day

Today we will meet at (place TBA) at (time TBA) to transfer to Newark Liberty International airport for our trans-Atlantic flight to Rome. Overnight flight with meals and entertainment aloft.

Day 2—Monday, November 11—Arrival in Rome

Upon arrival at Fiumecino, Leonardo daVinci Airport, we will clear customs, baggage claim, and meet our motor-coach and driver. Today we will have mass at Santa Susana (called the American church). After mass, we will proceed to our hotel “the Ponteficio Istituto Maestre Pie Filippini” in the



heart of Rome, very close to the Vatican walls. There will be time to freshen up and unpack before taking a walk down the street towards Vatican City. This evening after supper, for those interested and still energized, we will have a nice leisurely walk over to the Vatican City and the immediate neighborhood to view Illuminated Vatican City by night. This area of Rome is a perfect location for pilgrimages. **Supper (included)** and overnight in Rome.

Day 3— Tuesday, November 12—Rome—Vatican City & Sistine Chapel

Today after breakfast we will visit Vatican Hill; one of the Seven Hills of Rome where the seat of Christianity; St. Peter’s Basilica is located atop it. At 22,067 square meters, (approx. 210,000 square feet) St. Peter’s is the world’s largest church; regarded as one of the holiest Catholic shrines, it is a popular place of pilgrimage, even though it is neither the Mother Church nor a cathedral (San Giovanni in Laterano is both). It is hard to grasp its proportions until you have seen it. Particularly impressive is its height, 136 meters from the ground to the top of the magnificent dome, the tallest in the world. According to Catholic tradition, the Basilica is the burial site of the apostle St. Peter, the first Pope and Bishop of Rome. St. Peter's tomb is said to be below the high altar. Many popes have been buried here since the Early Christian period. A church has been on this site since Roman Emperor Constantine the Great.



Construction of the present basilica, which replaced the basilica of the 4th century, began on 18 April 1506 and was completed in 1626. St. Peter’s Basilica is also famous as a magnificent work of art, to which major Renaissance artists, including Michelangelo, Bramante, Raffaello, Sangallo and Giacomo della Porta contributed.

Gian Lorenzo Bernini designed the ample staircase and elliptical square surrounded by columns, which “introduces” the basilica, with the façade by Carlo Maderno. Inside the Basilica you will visit Michelangelo's famous “Pieta”, the Baldacchino Altar and crypt where the many of the popes are buried and much more. Later we will continue through the Vatican Museum & the Sistine Chapel to see one of the world’s most famous masterpieces by Michelangelo—”The Ceiling”. The Sistine Chapel is a chapel in the Apostolic Palace, the official residence of the Pope, in Vatican City. Originally known as the Cappella Magna, the chapel takes its name from Pope Sixtus IV, who restored it between 1477 and 1480. **Lunch today will be included** after the tour. **Overnight in Rome. Mass to be announced.**



Day 4—Wednesday, November 13—Papal Audience

Papal Audience are held on Wednesdays if the Pope is in Rome, giving pilgrims and visitors the chance to "see the Pope" and receive the Papal Blessing or Apostolic Blessing from the successor of the Apostle Peter during their visit. The Audience with the Pope consists of small teachings and readings mainly in Italian but also in English, French, German, Spanish, Polish, Portuguese and sometimes other languages depending on groups visiting. The Pope will do a greeting in each language and special visiting groups, Choirs etc from various countries will get a mention. At the end of the Audience the Pope will pray together with those attending the Audience, the Our Father prayer in Latin. This Prayer is normally printed on the back of the Papal Audience Ticket. At the end of the Prayer as Head of the Catholic Church he will impart his Apostolic Blessing upon the crowd which also extends to loved ones that are sick and suffering and blesses any religious articles such as rosary beads that people have brought with them for the purpose of the blessing.



The Papal Audience is usually scheduled to start at 10:00am. However, you will find that most people will arrive early (up to 3 hours before) to get a good seat. Security opens generally at 8:00am. After the audience there will be some free time for **lunch (on your own)** before meeting again for a tour of the Vatican Gardens. The Gardens of Vatican City, also informally known as the Vatican Gardens in Vatican City, are private urban gardens and parks which cover more than half of the country, located in the west of the territory and owned by the Pope. The gardens date back to medieval times when orchards and vineyards extended to the north of the Papal Apostolic Palace. In 1279, Pope Nicholas III (Giovanni Gaetano Orsini, 1277–1280) moved his residence back to the Vatican from the Lateran Palace and enclosed this area with walls. He planted an orchard (pomerium), a lawn (pratellum) and a garden. Supper tonight is on your own and overnight in Rome.

Day 5—Thursday, November 14 —Rome to Tarquinia & Viterbo

Lucy Filippini was born on January 13, 1672, in Corneto-Tarquinia. She had not yet reached her first birthday when her mother died and was buried in the Church of San Marco. Her father, whom she loved dearly, also died six years later and was buried in the Church of Santa Margherita in Corneto. Now orphaned, Lucy went to live with her aunt and uncle. As a child Lucy would prepare small altars and pray devoutly. It was soon clear that she possessed a precocious intelligence, an inclination toward the spiritual life, and a modesty that was truly angelic. Her vision was set on God. Notwithstanding her aristocratic upbringing, she always conducted herself with modesty and its practice. Here in Tarquinia we can visit the home where St. Lucy was born , the central part of the old medieval village and the Etruscan Museum. Today we



will have mass at the Convent of St. Francis. The church was built between the late thirteenth and early fourteenth century apparently on a site following a miracle of St. Francis. On the site was erected an oratory dedicated to the Trinity where it has been a place of worship for the Franciscan Friars Minor ever since. Afterwards, we continue our journey onto the Provincial Capital of Viterbo where at one time St. Lucy would lead pilgrimages on foot from Tarquinia. We will visit the Basilica of Santa Maria della Quercia (*Saint Mary of the Oak*). In 1417, a local artist painted an icon of the Virgin following the design of a local painter Maestro Martello. The image was placed on an oak tree in the countryside, and became a source of veneration, which only increased in 1467 during a scourge of the plague. Miracles were attributed to the icon, and the image was ensconced in a chapel. The convent of Santa Maria della Quercia has two cloisters: one built in 1550-1663; the other choir, known as il Grande o della Fontana, has a Renaissance layout with 17th-century frescoed lunettes depicting the Miracles of the Madonna. We head back to Rome later in the day. **Lunch will be included** today in Tarquinia. Overnight in Rome

Day 6—Friday, November 15— Montefiascone & Bolsena

Today, once again, we embark on an all day excursion outside of Rome to the City of Montefiascone, the Mother House of the Filippini Sisters and the burial place of St. Lucy in the Cathedral of Santa Margherita. The Renaissance **Cathedral of Santa Margherita**, dated 1519 and ascribed to architect Michele Sanmicheli, with a majestic 8-sided dome completed in the 16th century by Carlo Fontana, the third largest in Italy after St Peter's in Rome and Santa Maria del Fiore in Florence preserving inside a fine marble representing St. Margaret, the work of Arnolfo di Cambio (1240 - 1302). Cardinal Barbarigo came to hear of the success of a free school opened by St. Rose Venerini in



the nearby city of Viterbo, the first in Italy. He invited Venerini to come to his diocese to establish similar schools. She accepted the invitation and arrived in Montefiascone in 1692, where she spent the next two years establishing schools throughout the diocese. Having established 10 schools, she was called back to her own diocese, and left the school building project to St. Lucy Filippini, who built the Religious Teachers Filippini into an international order. Today the Sisters of the Motherhouse will give us a tour and explanation. Mass today will be in the Cathedral on the altar of the tomb of St. Lucy. **Lunch (included)** will be in a local restaurant in Montefiascone.

Late we depart for the city of Bolsena along the Lake Bolsena. In 1263, a Bohemian priest, Peter of Prague, was tormented by the doubt as to whether Christ was actually present in the consecrated Host and went on a pilgrimage to Rome to strengthen his faith. On his way back, he stopped in the church of Saint Christina in Bolsena, and while celebrating Holy Mass above the tomb of St. Christina, he had barely spoken the words of Consecration when blood started to seep from the consecrated Host and trickle over his hands onto the marble altar and the corporal. The priest interrupted the Mass and asked to be taken to Orvieto, the city where Pope Urban IV was then residing. The Pope listened to the priest's account and absolved him. When, after an investigation, all the facts were ascertained, he ordered the Bishop of the diocese to bring the Host and the linen cloth bearing the stains of blood to Orvieto. In Bolsena, we will visit the beautiful Church of Santa Cristina, there is a reliquary containing the marble, stained with blood, where the blood stained linen. Overnight in Rome.

Day 7— Saturday, November 16—Major Basilicas of St. John Lateran / Santa Maria Maggiore and St. Paul Outside the Walls



Mater et caput of all Rome's and the world's Catholic churches, San Giovanni in Laterano is the oldest church of the Western World, founded in the 4th century by Constantine the Great. Dedicated to John the Baptist and John the Evangelist, it stands on the piazza by the same name, within Rome's city center. San Giovanni in Laterano is also the city's cathedral, seat of the Bishop of Rome. The basilica was reconstructed a few times until the 18th century, when the monumental façade, a two-storied portico supported by giant columns, crowned by 15 seven-meter-high

Saint Mary Major (Santa Maria Maggiore) The largest church in Rome dedicated to the Virgin Mary, hence the name, and one of the first to be built in her honor, Santa Maria Maggiore is located on Piazza Esquilino, not far from the Termini train station. It is the only basilica among these four to have preserved the Paleo-Christian structure of the 5th century, even though it underwent several makeovers and additions externally. It closely resembles a 2nd-century imperial basilica, imposing in its aspect, perhaps to signify Rome's Christian future. Under the high altar is the Crypt of the Nativity, with a crystal reliquary said to contain wood from Jesus' crib.



San Paolo Fuori Le Mura is the second largest basilica of the four. It was founded by the Roman emperor Constantine over the burial place of St. Paul (now under the papal altar), making it a popular pilgrimage site. The huge basilica has maintained the original structure with one nave and four aisles, but it was almost entirely reconstructed in 1823 following a fire. The covered portico that precedes the façade is a Neo-classicist addition from the reconstruction. What remains of the ancient basilica is the interior



Day 7— Saturday, November 16—continued

“Go to my beloved daughters, the Teachers Filippini, and tell them that their mission is to be one of intense prayer for the conversion of nonbelievers and sinners.”

Our final visit today will be to the Shrine of Our Lady of Revelation in the Tre Fontane quarter of Rome. Tre Fontane is the place where St. Paul was be-headed. Our Lady has appeared there on many occasions to different people giving them instructions and revealing many things. Here there will be some time for private prayer. Mass will be at St. Paul’s. **Lunch will be on your own** at the Basilica of St. Paul. Overnight in Rome.

Day 8—Sunday, November 17— Fountain of Trevi/The Spanish Steps/Piazza Navona/Church of the Gesu`

Fountain of Trevi: It is the largest Baroque fountain in the city and the most beautiful in the world. A traditional legend holds that if visitors throw a coin into the fountain, they are ensured a return to Rome. The *Trevi Fountain* is situated at the end of the Aqua Virgo, an aqueduct constructed in 19 BC by Agrippa, the son-in-law of



Emperor Augustus. Enroute from Trevi to Piazza Navona we will pass the



Pantheon; is the best preserved building from ancient Rome and was completed in 125 AD in the reign of Hadrian. Its magnificent dome is a lasting testimony to the genius

of Roman architects and as the building stands virtually intact it offers a unique opportunity for the modern visitor to step back 2,000 years and experience the glory that was Rome.

Piazza Navona::The main attraction of Piazza Navona is the trio of fountains that adorn the square. The central and largest fountain is the Fontana dei Quattro Fiumi (Fountain of the Four Rivers). It was constructed between 1647 and 1651 on request of pope Innocent X.



While visiting Piazza Navona we will walk over the Chiesa del Gesu` just steps away; first Jesuit church to be built in Rome. The illusionistic and rich decoration in the Nave and dome along with the gilded lapis lazuli columns in the chapel of Saint Ignatius, the founder of the Jesuit order are examples of the use of Counter Reformation Baroque architecture and design that has been imitated throughout the Catholic world. Across the square from the church, time and availability allowing, we will visit the Altieri Palace built by Cardinal Altieri in 1650. There are two courtyards and four entrances. On the most imposing doorway is a big coat-of-arms of Clement X, brother of the Cardinal. The imposing façade of the building with elegant yellow and blue colors, has a huge portal between two columns supporting a balcony and the family coat of arms. You will have the balance of the afternoon free. **This evening we will enjoy a farewell dinner (included) with music, wine, water and coffee included in Rome. Overnight will be in Rome. Mass today to be announced.**

Much of this mornings tour will be on foot, please wear comfortable shoes and clothing.

Day 8— Monday, November 18— Departure

Today, we bid not farewell, but *Arrivederci* (see you again) to Italy as we transfer to **Leonardo DaVinci Airport in Fiumicino**. Upon boarding our flight home-bound, not only will we be carrying many kilos of Italy in our luggage, but many memories of spiritual days, wonderfully interesting meals shared with friends, a bit more culture to add to our already cultured consciousness, but above all, the recollection of an impressive and wonderful journey in the **Footsteps of St. Lucy**. The flight will depart late in the afternoon,

Mass today, to be announced, Lunch included before departure from Rome center.

Dinner aloft and overnight at HOME!!!



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