



Archdiocese of Newark

Most Reverend Elias R. Lorenzo, O.S.B.

Regional Bishop for Union County

June 29, 2024

St. Peter & St. Paul

My dear Friends in Christ,

Pope Francis announced a Holy Year in 2025 to commemorate the 1700 anniversary of the Council of Nicea (325 AD), which gave us the Creed recited at the Sunday Eucharist. The theme of this jubilee is “pilgrims of hope” as the Holy Father is calling all Catholics to renewal in the hope that only Christ can give and naming St. Paul as the guide for this special year. This is a moment of grace and blessing for the Church, inviting Catholics to repentance, reconciliation and renewal in order to “grow to the full stature of Christ” (Eph. 3:14b).

Join me on a pilgrimage to Italy for this special Jubilee Year from **September 30-October 10, 2025**, beginning in Tuscany at Montecatini and ending in the Eternal City of Rome, with visits to Florence, Siena, Assisi, Subiaco and Monte Cassino. In Rome, we will visit the papal basilicas to walk through the Holy Doors to pray for the grace of a plenary indulgence. There is something uniquely spiritual about this Jubilee Pilgrimage, which focuses on those sacred places that deepen our faith as we walk in the footsteps of the apostles Peter and Paul.

This pilgrimage is organized by Unitours who have provided a complete itinerary (attached). Join me in what promises to be a uniquely spiritual experience “filled with every grace and blessing from above” (2 Cor. 9:8). This exclusive opportunity to make a pilgrimage for the Jubilee Year is based on the **first 45 people who sign up**. Registrations are taken on a **first come basis**. If you are interested, please make your deposit on the dedicated website by **September 23, 2024** to reserve your place on this pilgrimage, as airline seats and the hotels rooms during the Holy Year are at a premium. When the pilgrimage is full (45 pilgrims), we will create a waiting list in case there are any that need to cancel, thereby opening up a spot.

Be assured of my prayers for you and my continued pastoral concern and solicitude for each and every member of your family.



Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Most Rev. Elias R. Lorenzo, O.S.B., D.D.

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UNITOURS Holy Year Pilgrimage:

September 30 - October 10, 2025

INCLUDED:

- Transatlantic airfare included in the price is from Newark to Rome on United Airlines 40 and from Rome back to Newark on United Airlines 41, which includes international taxes of \$115 plus current fuel surcharges of \$340. These taxes and fuel surcharges are those currently published and are subject to change.
- Double occupancy room; single supplement also available for those who wish.
- Transfers on arrival and departure, auxiliary costs, including hotel portage of one suitcase per person throughout, entrance fees to sites visited per itinerary with sightseeing in a private, air conditioned, modern motorcoach equipped with WIFI when available.
- Buffet breakfasts where available and continental breakfasts elsewhere and table d'hôte dinner daily except as noted in itinerary.
- The services of an experienced Unitour manager are included throughout the pilgrimage as the Unitour Tour Manager meets the group at the airport, rides the buses, sleeps in the same hotels and is available to handle any requests, issues or challenges that may arise.
- Wireless headsets for each pilgrim to assure they can clearly hear the guides lectures at the various sites.
- A \$50 early booking discount to anyone who books during the first 30 days of this promotion.

NOT INCLUDED:

- Daily lunches as we will be out and about so pilgrims can shop and/or visit other sites.
- Beverages at dinner.
- Optional Travel Insurance will be offered to the pilgrims; for details go to www.Unitours.comTravelInsurance
- Tips to tour guides, driver and dining room staff of \$112 are not included. The charges for tips are typically added to the pilgrim's final invoice.

REGISTRATION:

- Make your **deposit of \$500 by September 23, 2024** to reserve your place on this Jubilee Pilgrimage; balance of payment due by June 25, 2025 (95 days prior to departure). Payment plans are available through Unitours.
- Visit the dedicated website for this unique Jubilee Pilgrimage for both registration and further details: <https://bit.ly/LorenzoItaly>
- For questions, contact David O'Brien at Unitours: 888-289-7815, david@unitours.com
- Upgrades to Business Class or Land-only options available. Call Unitours at: 800-777-7432
- All pilgrims must have a valid government issued passport with an expiration date at least 6-months from the date of departure. Online renewal available at: <https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/passports/have-passport/renew-online.html>