

Diaconate Ordination of Brandon Wolf
Pilgrimage to Italy
Led by
Fr. Jady Nelson and Fr. Justin Waltz
September 23 – October 4, 2018

Sunday, September 23 (Day 1) – USA/ROME - Depart Minot for Rome via Minneapolis and Amsterdam.

Monday, September 24 (Day 2) – ROME – Arrive at Leonardo da Vinci Airport at Fiumicino. After going through passport control, go to the luggage carousel and pick up your luggage (baggage carts are available). Proceed to the exit where you see “nothing to declare”. Transfer to Hotel Atlante Star via private motor coach and check-in if rooms are ready. Lunch on own and afternoon familiarization walk through the city. Dinner at Ristorante Mamma Venerina. (B,D)



Tuesday, September 25 (Day 3) – ROME – Breakfast at hotel. Departure for Mass at the Altar of St. John Paul II at St. Peter's Basilica. Scavi tour (excavations beneath St. Peter's Basilica) follows. Lunch on own. Afternoon free to shop for religious items to have blessed at the papal audience. Dinner at Ristorante Benito. (B,D)

Wednesday, September 26 (Day 4) – ROME – Breakfast at hotel. Departure for St. Peter's Square to attend the general papal audience with Pope Francis. Lunch on own. Afternoon tour of the Holy Stairs and the Basilicas of St. Mary Major and St. John Lateran, where you will have Mass. Dinner at Ristorante Da Orazio. (B,D)



Thursday, September 27 (Day 5) – ROME – Breakfast at hotel. Departure for St. Peter's Basilica to attend the diaconate ordination of Brandon Wolf and his class. Reception at the North American College follows. Afternoon tour of the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls. Diaconate Dinner at Ristorante Cecilia Metella. (B,L,D)

Friday, September 28 (Day 6) – ROME/ORVIETO/ASSISI – Breakfast at hotel and check-out. Departure for the lovely medieval city of Orvieto. Mass at the splendid Duomo, followed by a tour inside, to include the Chapel of S. Brizio where you can admire some of Fra Angelico's masterpieces. Lunch at Ristorante Maurizio. Afternoon departure for Assisi. Stop along the way to visit the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels and see the *Porziuncola*. Check-in at Hotel dei Priori. Dinner at hotel. (B,L,D)



Saturday, September 29 (Day 7) – ASSISI/SAN GIMIGNANO/SIENA – Breakfast at hotel and check-out. Mass at the Basilica of St. Francis and tour of the city before departing for San Gimignano. Lunch and wine-tasting at local Tuscan winery. Continue on to Siena and check-in at Hotel Alma Domus. Free time and dinner on own. (B,L)

Sunday, September 30 (Day 8) – SIENA/FLORENCE/SIENA – Breakfast at hotel. Departure for a day trip to Florence. Mass at the Church of St. Lorenzo followed by a guided tour of the city to include the Cathedral, Baptistery, the Basilica of the Holy Cross and the Fine Arts Gallery where you can admire Michelangelo's magnificent statue of David. Lunch on own and afternoon free to shop or visit the Uffizi Gallery (tickets must be purchased in advance). Dinner at Ristorante Le Botteghe di Donatello before returning to Siena. (B,D)



Monday, October 1 (Day 9) – SIENA/FORTE DEI MARMI – Breakfast at hotel and check-out. Departure for Mass at the Shrine of St. Catherine, followed by a tour of the city to include the Cathedral, Piazza del Campo and the Basilica of St. Francis which is the home of a Eucharistic Miracle (one of the longest on-going miracles in the world). Lunch on own and some free time. Continue on to Forte dei Marmi and check-in at Hotel Negresco. Dinner at hotel. (B,D)

Tuesday, October 2 (Day 10) – FORTE DEI MARMI/CINQUE TERRE/MILAN – Breakfast at hotel and check-out. Departure for a guided tour of Cinque Terre where you will visit Manarola, Vernazza and Monterosso. Lunch on own and free time in the afternoon before departing for Milan. Check-in at Hotel Tocq. Dinner at Ristorante La Griglia di Varrone. (B,D)





Wednesday, October 3 (Day 11) – MILAN – Breakfast at hotel. Departure for the Duomo for Mass and a tour to include the Victor Emmanuel Gallery, the Basilica of St. Ambrose, the Sforzesco Castle and il Cenacolo to see Leonardo's famous painting of the Last Supper (tba). Lunch on own and afternoon free. Farewell dinner at Ristorante Gambero Rosso. (B,D)

Thursday, October 4 (Day 12) – MILAN/USA – Breakfast at hotel and check-out. Departure for Malpensa International Airport for flights back to the U.S. (B)

Your trip cost includes:

- Round-trip airfare from Minot to Rome and Milan to Minot
- Airline taxes, security, and fuel surcharge
- Hotel accommodations: 4 nights – Rome; 1 night – Assisi; 2 nights – Siena; 1 night – Forte dei Marmi; 2 nights – Milan
- Hotel city taxes
- All breakfasts
- All dinners and lunches where indicated (wine included)
- Licensed local English-speaking guides in Florence, Cinque Terre and Milan
- Entrance fees to sights where indicated
- Deluxe private motor coach throughout your trip
- Private earphones/headsets during tours

Not included:

- Tipping & gratuities to guides, driver and restaurants
- Items of personal nature
- Travel insurance

TOTAL PACKAGE PRICE: \$4,399.00 per person in double occupancy
For a single room, add **\$800.00**

**Prices are based on exchange rates in effect in January 2018
and may have to be adjusted before final payment to reflect any increase in tariffs,
fuel surcharges, taxes or fluctuation in Euro rates.**

Itinerary subject to change in the best interest of the group

Terms & Conditions

Reservations : Deposit required at the time of booking is \$500.00 per person. Balance is due 60 days prior to departure.

Air schedule & Transfers: Your transfers are included only if you purchase the Air & Land as a package; otherwise you are responsible for your own transfers. Air allowance will be made for those choosing not to use our air arrangements. The agency has complete control over the choice of airlines used and will do their best to book you the most convenient flight schedule.

Rates: Brochure rates are based on applicable exchange rates as of January 2018 and if the rates fluctuate we will invoice participants accordingly. Also, the tour price is based on a minimum of 40 participants.

Insurance: The agency *strongly recommends* purchasing insurance against cancellations, trip interruption, luggage loss or damage, personal injury or hospitalization. By accepting to join the tour without insurance, clients hold the agency completely harmless of any conditions that will result in cancellation, interruption, or injury.

Travel Documents: Valid passport is required.

Unused Services: There will be NO REFUND for any unused portions of the program and it is understood that refunds will not be made to passengers who miss on any part of the tour for any cause whatsoever.

Itinerary: Although the agency and its agents and representatives will make every effort to adhere to the printed program and itinerary, on rare occasions it may be necessary to adjust arrangements due to unforeseen circumstances beyond our control (weather, airline schedule change, hotel requisitions, political disturbances, or transportation mechanical problems). Should such adjustment be necessary, substitution will be made to the best of our abilities and no refund will be made. Any additional costs necessitated by such changes are the full responsibility of the passenger.

Final Documents: Final documents, including airline tickets, local contact information, and final reminders will be sent to Fathers Justin Waltz and Jared Nelson between 2 to 3 weeks prior to date of departure.

Cancellation and Refunds: Cancellations must be received in writing and will be processed according to the date the written notice is received. Although a verbal cancellation is appreciated, it will not be accepted as final notice. Money will be refunded minus the cancellation fees as follows:

Up to 100 days prior to departure: \$250.00
99-75 days prior to departure: \$500.00
74-60 days prior to departure: \$750.00
59-30 days prior to departure: 50% of total land cost
29-0 days prior to departure: NO REFUND

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USEFUL TRAVEL TIPS

Tickets, passports, visas and health requirements

You must have your airline ticket and a valid passport in order to travel. Passports expiring within 3 months of the travel period must be renewed. Visas are not required by U.S. citizens unless they expect to stay in Italy over 90 days and/or to study or seek employment. Non-citizens of the U.S. should check their requirements with the Italian Consulate. Vaccinations are not required.

Insurance

Passengers are strongly advised to purchase insurance to cover trip cancellation/interruption, baggage and accident coverage. It is advisable to leave your valuables at home.

Baggage

Checked baggage is limited to **one** bag per person. There can be no exceptions. Your one checked bag is limited to 50 pounds and 62 inches (length + width + height) or excess charges will be collected by the airline at the airport. You may also bring a *small* carry-on bag that will fit under an airline seat and on the small parcel racks of the motor coach, which average about 8 inches high by 18 inches deep. It is best if your carry-on bag is soft sided as the parcel racks on the motor coaches are small. Do *not* lock baggage you intend to check in at the airport. (Note to deviating passengers: Baggage regulations are different for local flights within Europe and there are expensive fees for excess baggage. It is very important to check directly with your carrier for specifics.)

Restrictions for Carry on Bags:

- Travelers are allowed to transport only small amounts of liquids, gels, lotions, aerosols or similar items on their person or in their carry-on luggage. This includes items such as hairspray, toothpaste and shampoo.
- Bottles are to be travel sizes of 3 ounces or less. These bottles must be carried in a one quart zip-lock bag.
- Beverages may be purchased once inside the secured area of the airport and carried on the aircraft.
- Prescription medicine with a name that matches the name on the passenger's ticket and essential non-prescription medicines, NOT TO EXCEED 4 ounces per container, are allowed. Additionally, liquids or gels (including juice) for diabetic passengers to address their medical condition, NOT TO EXCEED 5 ounces per container, will be allowed. These items must be presented for inspection at the security checkpoint.
- Essential non-prescription medicines allowed now include contact eye saline solutions and eye care products such as eye drops and contact lens solution.

Duty Free items may be transported in the cabin of the aircraft if they are delivered to the passenger immediately before boarding or onboard the aircraft.

Customs Regulations

Luggage is examined upon entering and leaving Italy. Free entry is allowed for personal effects such as clothing. Returning to the U.S., residents are granted a tax exemption on articles totalling \$400 in retail value provided they accompany you, are for your own use, and are declared. Customs regulations permit U.S. citizens to mail home one gift each day (excluding liquor, tobacco, and perfume) not exceeding \$50 in value. Keep receipts. There are not customs forms when entering Italy; there are customs forms when entering the U.S. and these forms are for everyone, including U.S. citizens.

Currency

Italy has no restrictions on the amount of foreign currency imported. However, everyone entering Italy with more than \$2,500 or the same amount in Euro currency should declare the amount being carried. It is

advisable to change \$100 into Euro prior to leaving the U.S. This enables you to have cash on hand upon arrival in Italy. Tourists reaching Italy without Italian currency (Euro) can obtain Euro through any bank or exchange office (*Ufficio Cambi*) at airports. Most major credit cards are accepted, but not always. Visa and MasterCard are good almost everywhere.

Protect your money and valuables

It would be a good idea to use a money belt or something under your clothing. Although you are generally safe, pickpockets are around and they are faster than you can imagine. This is especially true when you are out on your own. Please be very careful.

Clothing

Casual, comfortable clothing is suggested. You may wish to bring something “dressy” for the Farewell Dinner. No shorts or mini skirts, and shoulders must be covered (men and women) when entering the basilicas. Be comfortable. Ladies do not need formal evening dresses and men do not need suits. Remember to bring comfortable walking shoes. High heels do not work well on cobblestone roads.

Electrical current

The rooms have hair dryers. If for some reason some may not, they will be available at the front desk of the hotel. All your U.S. appliances will need an adapter. The electrical current in Italy is AC and the cycle is 50. The voltage is 220.

Alarm clocks

You need not bring a travel alarm since you can ask the hotel for a “wake up call.”

Stay together

This is VERY important. Please remain with the group when you travel together and do not wander off on your own.

Religious goods

You will have time to purchase religious items during the trip. We will be able to recommend reputable dealers to you. There are many different stores and variety is great. You may also have things shipped back to the U.S.

Restrooms

Your hotel rooms have private bathroom facilities in each room. While you are travelling by motorcoach, the driver will stop periodically at an “*Autogrill*” so that you can use the restroom if necessary.

Refrigerator

If your hotel room has a refrigerator, please know that you will be charged if you take anything from it. It is not free. Feel free to take what you want, but please check the prices first and be aware of how much you are spending. It can be costly.

Water

The Roman water is of excellent quality and has been coming over the aqueducts built by the Romans for centuries. Some may taste a little different as is true even when going from one area of the U.S. to another. Mineral water is available in stores, restaurants, and bars at reasonable prices. There are two types of mineral water: without gas (*senza gas*) and with gas (*con gas*).

Food

Different restaurants serve different foods and at very different costs. All the dinners are included in the tour package, but if you want to stop at a restaurant for lunch, most menus are available before you enter, so check the prices first. Mineral water and wine are included in all the dinners.

Hours

Many shops open at about 9:00 am and some close between 1:00 – 4:00 pm. They stay open till 7:30 pm, Monday – Saturday.

Money

Banks are open Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 1:30 pm and from 2:45 pm to 4:15 pm. They are closed all day Saturday and Sunday. You will need your passport to change money. Money can be changed at the bank for a small fee and at the *Ufficio Cambi* for a percentage fee (usually much more expensive). Whenever possible, it would be advisable to use a bank.

Weather

The weather at the end of September is fairly warm during the daytime, but it may get cooler in the evenings. Therefore, it would be advisable to bring a light jacket.

Telephone

Calling from Europe is expensive. You may wish to purchase a calling card for either 5 Euro or 10 Euro (depending on how much you think you'll be calling) at either a News-stand or at a *Tabacchi* (T) store. To call the U.S., dial 001 followed by the area code and number.

Flight Schedules

DL 4564	23SEP	MINOT/MINNEAPOLIS	1046A	1216P
DL 160	23SEP	MINNEAPOLIS/AMSTERDAM	502P	815A
KL 1601	24SEP	AMSTERDAM/ROME	935A	1150A
AF 1631	04OCT	MILAN/PARIS	605A	735A
DL 141	04OCT	PARIS/MINNEAPOLIS	1015A	1226P
DL 4958	04OCT	MINNEAPOLIS/MINOT	730P	908P

DL 4976	23SEP	MINOT/MINNEAPOLIS	120P	253P
DL 160	23SEP	MINNEAPOLIS/AMSTERDAM	502P	815A
KL 1601	24SEP	AMSTERDAM/ROME	935A	1150A
AF 1631	04OCT	MILAN/PARIS	605A	735A
DL 141	04OCT	PARIS/MINNEAPOLIS	1015A	1226P
DL 4594	04OCT	MINNEAPOLIS/MINOT	230P	410P

DL = DELTA AIRLINES

KL = KLM

AF = AIR FRANCE

REGISTRATION FORM

First Name _____ Middle Name _____ Last Name _____
(**exactly** as it appears on passport. Please indicate last name in CAPS.)

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email or Fax _____ Phone () _____

*Date of birth (**m/d/year**) _____ *Place of birth _____

Hotel Information -- Circle Room Choice: Single / Twin / Matrimonial / Triple

Roommate Name(s): _____

Enclosed is a \$500 deposit for _____ person(s) = \$ _____

Make check payable to St. Leo the Great Catholic Church: and mail to:

Rev. Justin Waltz
St. Leo the Great Parish Catholic Church
218 1st St SE
Minot, ND 58701

I have read all the terms and conditions and with this enclosed deposit, accept and agree to them.

Signature _____

Date (**m/d/year**) _____

*Passport # _____ *Date issued (**m/d/year**) _____

Dietary restrictions _____

Delta Airlines Skymiles # _____

*Information required by Italian hotels