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To: Pastors, Deacons, Young Adult Ministers & Youth Ministers
From: Alex Barraza – Coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministry
Date: August 5, 2024
RE: Jubilee Year 2025 Young Adult Pilgrimage



On May 9, 2024, Pope Francis announced the Jubilee Year 2025 with a papal bull called *Spes non confundit*, which translates to "hope does not disappoint". The Jubilee Year will begin on Christmas Eve, 2024, when the Holy Door of St. Peter's Basilica opens, and end on December 28, 2025, when the Holy Doors of St. John Lateran, St. Mary Major, and St. Paul's Outside the Walls close. The Jubilee Year will conclude in Rome on January 6, 2026.

Young Adults 18 and older are invited to participate in a pilgrimage that seeks to renew their faith, grow in holiness and recharge their Hope. It will include visiting the Basilicas in Rome, Assisi as well as visiting the tomb of St. Peter, St. Paul, Blessed Carlo, St. Francis and St. Claire of Assisi and St. Pier Frassati. Young Adults will have the opportunity to venerate the First Eucharistic Miracle in Lanciano and the Shroud of Turin. Spots are limited. Pilgrimage will be on July 12 - 21, 2025. Flyer with full details attached. If you have any questions, please reach out to Alex: abarraza@scd.org

If you are planning on taking a group to participate of the Jubilee Year in Rome, would you kindly let us know.

If you need anything or have questions anytime, please reach out to our team. We are here to serve with you and support you.

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“Pilgrims of Hope”: A Young Adult Pilgrimage

Italy

SCHEDULED DEPARTURE

July 12 - 21, 2025



Hosted by:
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Lucca



Shroud of Turin



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The forthcoming Jubilee can contribute greatly to restoring a climate of hope and trust as a prelude to the renewal and rebirth that we so greatly desire; that is why I have chosen as the motto of the Jubilee, Pilgrims of Hope. —Pope Francis

Young adults (older than 18) are invited to participate in this pilgrimage. Renew your faith as we visit these special places and grow in friendship. Tour leaves from SFO.

Day 1: Saturday, July 12, 2025 • Departure

Our journey begins as we board our trans-Atlantic flight for Rome, Italy.

Day 2: Sunday, July 13, 2025 • Rome

Upon arrival at the airport, we meet our guide and driver and transfer to our hotel. We have the day to relax after our flight, explore on our own or attend Mass. Later we enjoy a welcome dinner at a Roman restaurant. L, D

Day 3: Monday, July 14, 2025 • Rome

After breakfast, we begin our sightseeing in the Eternal City of Rome and see the glories of the Caesars. We become acquainted with the city that was the birthplace for much of our civilization as we visit the Capitoline Hill area, from which we view the Roman Forum and see Mamertine Prison where Paul wrote many of his New Testament letters. We also see the Colosseum, Constantine's Arch, and more. This afternoon we visit the oldest of the four major Basilicas in Rome, and the home to the relics of Peter and Paul, the Basilica of St. John the Lateran. This Basilica is where Pope Francis was installed as Bishop of Rome, and where he officiates as the



Trevi Fountain



Assisi

Bishop of Rome. Next, we cross the street to visit the Holy Staircase. Tradition states that this staircase is from Pontius Pilate's palace of Jerusalem during the time of Jesus. To conclude your day, we proceed to the Basilica of St. Mary Major. This Basilica contains a relic from the Manger of the infant Jesus. B, L

Day 4: Tuesday, July 15, 2025 • Rome

This morning, we visit Vatican City and St. Peter's Cathedral, home of the Roman Catholic Church and the largest building in Christianity. Included is a visit to the Vatican Museums and the Sistine Chapel. This afternoon, we see the catacombs along the Appian Way, the traditional pilgrims' route followed by Peter and Paul. We visit one of the four major basilicas of Rome, St. Paul's Outside the Walls, where the Apostle was martyred and is buried. B, L

Day 5: Wednesday, July 16, 2025 • Lanciano

After an early breakfast we walk to the Vatican where we have a Papal Audience with the Holy Father. Then we depart for Lanciano for a short tour and then Mass at the Convent/Church of Saint Francis built on top of the antique Church of St. Longinus – the site of a Eucharistic Miracle that occurred in the eighth century. B, L

Day 6: Thursday, July 17, 2025 • Assisi

After an early breakfast, we depart for Assisi. Upon arrival, a local guide joins us as we explore the basilica with its wonderful frescoes by Cimabue and Giotto. We visit the Basilica of St. Clare, Francis' friend and foundress of the Poor Clare nuns, and see the crucifix that spoke to St. Francis in San Damiano. B, L



Lanciano Cathedral



Day 7: Friday, July 18, 2025 • Assisi

We visit the Basilica of Santa Maria degli Angeli built to enclose the tiny Church of the Porziuncola. The church is St. Francis' first retreat and place of prayer, where he consecrated Clare as the Bride of Christ. Later we go to San Damiano to pray in the place where Francis wrote the "Canticle of the Sun." We also visit the tomb Blessed Carlo Acutis in the Church of St Mary Major in Assisi. B, L

Day 8: Saturday, July 19, 2025 • Milan

Today we depart for Milan where a local guide gives us a tour. We pray for the intercession of St. Ambrose and St. Charles Borromeo as we visit the sites of their tombs (the Basilica of St. Ambrogio and the spectacular Milan Cathedral, respectively)! En Route we stop for a short break in Bologna. B, L

Day 9: Sunday, July 20, 2025 • Milan

We take a day trip to Turin, the capital of the Piedmont region and home of the famous Shroud of Turin. This relic appears to bear the image of our crucified Lord. Years and years of research attest to its authenticity, and millions believe it to be the linen burial cloth on which Christ's face was miraculously permanently imprinted. We visit the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist where Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati, Patron Saint of World Youth Day is buried. We also see the Sanctuary of Maria Ausiliatrice, (the Basilica of Our Lady Help of Christians) and the Corpus Domini Basilica, the site of the 15th century Eucharistic miracle. We return to Milan for overnight and a farewell dinner. B, L,D

Day 10: Monday, July 21, 2025 • Return

Today we transfer to the airport for our return flight home. B



Milan Peace Arch

Tour Prices: \$4,800*

Single supplement: \$625*

Prices are *per person, land and estimated air, double occupancy* with a minimum of 20 participants

*3% will be added if paying by credit card

Your Tour Includes:

- **Estimated Roundtrip Airfare** from San Francisco and related taxes, fees and fuel charges (*estimated at \$1700*)
- **Land Transportation** via private deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- **Accommodations** (double occupancy) in 3 and 4 star hotels
- **Meals** per the itinerary
- **Admission** to all activities indicated in the itinerary except those listed as optional
- **Services of professional tour manager**
- **Local step-on guides** for city tours and major attractions
- **Luggage handling** of one piece per person at hotels where available
- **All taxes and tips** for provided services on land tour (including tour manager and coach driver)

Your Tour Does Not Include:

- **Meals** other than indicated in itinerary
- **Beverages**, except with breakfast
- **Items of a personal nature** such as passport fees. (*Passport must be valid for 6 months beyond return date.*)
- **Optional insurance** for health, baggage and cancellation. (*This insurance is available and recommended.*) Group insurance rates will be quoted upon booking, based on cost, state of residence, travel dates, and age.

Payment Schedule:

A \$250 land deposit plus a nonrefundable air deposit of \$250 per person is due with reservation.

\$400 payment due February 1, 2025 payable to Bursch Travel

Final payment due before April 1, 2025 payable to Bursch Travel

Invoice will be sent out prior to final payment. Passengers may add after this date subject to air and land availability. Generally airlines do not increase the price of a ticket after it has been contracted. However, prior to the issuance of a ticket, airlines may (and regularly do) impose fuel, tax, or security surcharges. In the event a surcharge is imposed after Bursch Travel has received a final payment, Bursch Travel will send an additional invoice for the surcharge amount. Early registration is encouraged.

Currency:

Currency exchange rates fluctuate constantly. In the event of a significant drop in the value of the dollar, we reserve the right to add a currency surcharge to the price of the tour.

Refund/Cancellation Policy:

All cancellations must be in writing. Date of postmark will determine the amount of refund due. From time of booking until Final payment due date (April 1, 2025), the penalty will be \$100 per seat held. From the final payment due date (April 1) until 31 days before departure, there will be a \$500 per person cancellation penalty plus any additional unrecoverable deposits to suppliers as well as any penalties imposed by airlines or ground suppliers. Airline tickets once printed are not refundable. An individual canceling less than 30 days before departure will receive NO REFUND.