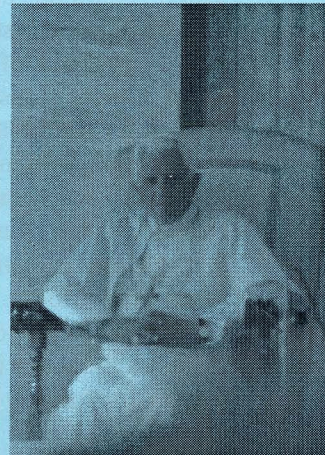


ROME, Italy

Canonization of Kateri Tekakwitha

*In collaboration with St. Francis-Xavier Church in Kahnawake, Qc. Canada
The Shrine of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha*

Oct 19 – Oct 25 2012
7 days / 5 nights



Day 1

Fri. Oct 19

MONTREAL - ROME

Flight from **Montreal** to **Rome**

Day 2

Sat. Oct 20

ROME

In the morning, check-in at your accommodation. Then, first exploration of the **Eternal City** by walking through the **Renaissance and Baroque Rome** : from the **Fountain of Trevi** to **Navona Square**, this walking tour will take you to famous sights, churches and fountains of **Rome** Mass followed by the dinner and overnight.

Day 3

Sun. Oct 21

ROME

Early departure to **Saint Peter's Square** for the *Canonization of Kateri Tekakwitha* celebrated by Pope Benedict XVI. Free afternoon to explore the **Vatican** area. At 05.00 pm, possibility to attend the afternoon vespers in **St. Peter's Basilica**. Dinner and overnight.

Day 4

Mon. Oct 22

ROME

This morning, guided tour of the **Antique Rome**, symbolic centre of the Roman world : through imposing ruins spreading over the Palatine to the Colosseum. From the Capitol Hill to the Forum of Caesar, passing the Arch of Constantine, the greatness of Rome is admired anywhere. Free afternoon to explore the center of **Rome**. Dinner and overnight.



Optional (\$) : guided tour of **the Christian Rome** including the visit of the **Basilica St John Lateran** one of the 4 major basilicas in Rome. It is considered as the « mother » of all the churches in Rome and in the world. From there, the visit will continue to the **Basilica Saint Paul outside the walls, dedicated to St Paul**. The visit ends with **St. Mary Major Basilica**, famous for its superb mosaics : it is the eldest monument dedicated to Our Lady. Mass celebrated in one of the basilicas. Dinner and overnight.

Day 5

Tue. Oct 23

ROME or OPTIONAL DAY IN NAPLES / POMPEII

Optional (\$) : on this full-day trip from **Rome**, you will travel along the Highway of the Sun, crossing the area known as Castelli Romani dotted with enchanting medieval villages. During the journey, you will pass the ruined **Abbey of Monte Cassino**, destroyed during the Second World War. You'll continue across **Naples'** historic center passing **Naples'** historic sights, including the Royal Palace, Basilica of San Francesco di Paola, San Carlo Opera House, Gallery of Umberto I and imposing Castel Nuovo. After lunch, you will take a two-hour walking tour of the ancient city of **Pompeii** with a local guide. A thrilling archaeological journey unfolds as you walk through the ancient ruins which were buried in ashes after Mount Vesuvius erupted almost 2000 years ago. You'll discover the everyday life of Rome's Imperial age at this UNESCO World Heritage Site, and imagine the panic felt by the people in those last few minutes before The city was so disastrously buried. Return to **Rome** : dinner and overnight.



Day 6

Wed. Oct 24

ROME

Early departure to **Saint Peter's Square** for the *Pope Audience* celebrated by Pope Benedict XVI. Afternoon at leisure in the centre of **Rome**. Dinner and overnight.

Day 7

Thu. Oct 25

ROME - MONTREAL

After breakfast, transfer to the airport of **Rome** and flight to **Montreal**.

F.Y.I : this itinerary is subject to changes.

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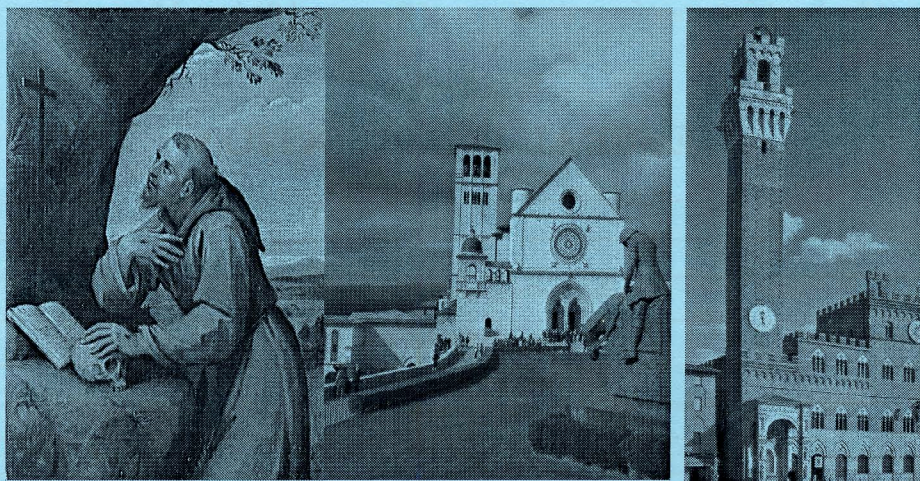
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ROME, Assisi – Siena - Florence *Extension in Tuscany*

Oct 25 – Oct 28 2012
4 days / 3 nights



Day 7

Thu. Oct 25

ROME - ASSISI

Early departure to **Assisi**, beautiful medieval village of Umbria well-known as the birthplace and burial place of St Francis. Our guided tour will take us to the **Basilica of St Francis** which houses St Francis's tomb, the **Basilica of St Claire** (Francis's companion and the founder of the Poor Clares), the birthplace of St. Francis and the great Basilica of Santa Maria degli Angeli (Holy Mary of the Angels) which contains the chapel of the Porziuncola. Free time for lunch. Check-in at your accommodation in the village and afternoon at leisure. Dinner and overnight.

Day 8

Fri. Oct 26

ASSISI – SIENA – SAN GIMIGNANO - FLORENCE

This day trip takes you through the picturesque countryside of the **Chianti** region, a magical landscape of cypress trees, vineyards and olive groves you will recognize from Renaissance paintings. On your guided tour of the medieval walled city of **Siena**, you will visit the cathedral and admire Piazza del Campo, one of the most beautiful squares in Europe. Free time to enjoy lunch in **Siena** (not included).

Our trip continues to **San Gimignano**, a tiny city that has survived the centuries. Hilltop San Gimignano is famous for its numerous skyscraper-like towers, frescoes and other art treasures. Free time to explore this fascinating city before ending our journey in Florence: dinner and overnight.

Day 9*Sat. Oct 27***FLORENCE - ROME**

Your morning tour begins with panoramic views of **Florence**, Fiesole and the Arno Valley. Next, you'll visit the old city center to see the Franciscan Church of Santa Croce (exterior). A short walk through the heart of Florence brings you to the famous Piazza Signoria, where you can see the imposing Palazzo Vecchio (exterior) and the beautiful Loggia del Lanzi starts, the cathedral (exterior) in the old city center, including Giotto's bell tower, the Baptistry with its bronze doors and the famous cupola by Brunelleschi. A short walk brings you to the Accademia Gallery (\$) which houses the statue of David by Michelangelo. Free time for the lunch at a restaurant in the town center (optional). Afternoon at leisure : free time to explore the centre of to visit the Uffizi Gallery (\$) to admire superb paintings by Botticelli, Michelangelo, Leonardo da Vinci, Raphael and Giotto. Return to Rome : dinner and overnight.

**Day 10***Sun. Oct 28***ROME - MONTREAL**

After breakfast, transfer to the airport of **Rome** and flight to **Montreal**.

GENERAL INFORMATION

		Rate per person
Main Package	(booked before June 19 th)	\$ 1 999
Main Package + extension	(booked before June 19 th)	\$ 2 489
Main Package	(booked after June 19 th)	\$ 2 049
Main Package + extension	(booked after June 19 th)	\$ 2 539
Package without flights (only on request)		- \$ 1 000 \$

*Rates are in Canadian dollars.

A/ The main package includes : flights Montreal / Rome, transportation in deluxe motorcoach as per program, 5 night accommodation in a 4-star hotel (15 km from the Vatican) in double occupancy, 2 meals per day during the stay in Rome, half day Christian Rome tour and half day Barocco Rome tour, listening device for tour of Basilicas in Rome, English speaking professional tour escort during the stay in Rome and all taxes (including the OPC indemnification tax and airport taxes)

The package does not include : travel insurance, meals that are not mentioned in the program, beverages with meals, tips, personal expenses, the single supplement : \$ 210 (limited number, priority will be given in the order registrations have been received)

Optional Tours : rates based on a minimum of 25 participants

- Half day tour : Christian Rome : \$ 51 / pers.
- Full day tour : Naples and Pompeii : \$ 94 / pers.

B/ The extension includes : transportation in deluxe motorcoach as per program, 3 night accommodation (1 night in Assisi, 1 night in Florence and 1 night in Rome) in double occupancy, 2 meals per day, local guide for half day in Assisi, for half day in Siena and for half day in Florence, listening device for tour of Basilicas, english speaking professional tour escort during the extension and all taxes (including the OPC indemnification tax)

The package does not include : travel insurance, meals that are not mentioned in the program, beverages with meals, tips, personal expenses, the single supplement : \$ 135 (limited number, priority will be given in the order registrations have been received)