

JOIN THE MARIANS ON THE HISTORIC PILGRIMAGE TO ROME FOR THE FIRST

World Apostolic Congress On Mercy March 31 - April 9, 2008

Pilgrimage Price: \$2,649 (includes round trip air, hotel, meals, & bus)
Airport Departure Tax: add \$350.00
Mercy Congress Registration: add \$75.00 (we will register you)
Single Supplement: \$560.00

Enroll Now! A deposit of \$600.00 is needed to hold space. Space is Limited.

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Monday, March 31 – Depart from New York (JFK), New Jersey (EWR), and Chicago (ORD) to Rome.

Tuesday, April 1 – Transfer from Rome Fiumicino Airport (FCO) to Villa Aurelia Hotel

Wednesday, April 2 – Congress Theme: Prophetic Intuition of John Paul II Regarding Divine Mercy

In the morning, we will participate in the **General Audience** with the Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI.

Opening Mass at 5 PM will be celebrated at St. Peter's Square. Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI is expected to preside for the 3rd Anniversary of the death of John Paul II. A **conference** by Cardinal Ruini will follow.

Thursday, April 3 – Congress Theme: Mercy in the Mystery of the Church

Morning prayer and talk will be given by Cardinal Schönborn (Austria), at 9:30 AM in Paul VI Aula, Vatican.

Inter-religious Encounter will follow with, among others, Cardinal Philippe Barbarin (France), Kofi Annan (UN), Jewish and Buddhist representatives. **Holy Mass** will conclude the morning session.

Afternoon activities for the English-speaking participants will be held at St. John Lateran Basilica and will include: **The Divine Mercy Chaplet** at 3:00 PM, **conferences** offered by Fr. Benedict Groeschel, CFR, and Bishop Martin Uzoukwu (Nigeria), **Eucharistic Adoration** and **confession**. At 6 PM return to hotel and dinner.

Friday, April 4 – Congress Theme: Communion of the Church Inspired by Mercy

Prayer and talk will be given by Cardinal Arinze (Nigeria) at 9:30 AM in Paul VI Aula, Vatican, followed by an **ecumenical reflection** by Bishop Hilarion (Russian Orthodox Patriarchate) and a **witness** by Sr Elvira (Italy). **Holy Mass** will conclude the morning session.

Afternoon activities will include **The Divine Mercy Chaplet** at 3:00 PM, reflection on the Mission of Mercy and an apostolic outreach to the people of Rome. After dinner at Piazza Navona: Two dramatic presentations

Prodigal Son by 100 artists from the **Cenacolo Movement** who received healing from addictions through Divine Mercy, and a **Divine Mercy Special** by the **Shalom Community** from Brazil.

Saturday, April 5 – Congress Theme: Mercy for the Mission of the Church

Prayer and talk will be given by His Grace Msgr. Ranjith (Sri Lanka) at 9:30 AM in Paul VI Aula, Vatican, followed by a **reflection** by Cardinal Stanislaw Dziwisz (Poland) and a **witness** by Immaculée Ilibagiza (Rwanda, USA). **Holy Mass** will conclude the morning session.

Afternoon and evening activities at St. John Lateran Basilica will include extraordinary intercontinental festival of mercy preceded by a procession of lights with special participation of Cardinals Dziwisz and Ruini.

Sunday, April 6 – Closing ceremonies: Holy Mass at 10 AM, and Regina Coeli address of the Holy Father.

April 7: Personal free day. Visit the Sistine Chapel, tour the Vatican, or shopping as you choose

April 8: Full day excursion to Assisi. This is optional. The cost is an additional \$100.00 lunch included.

April 9: Transfer from the Hotel to FCO Airport. Depart to the USA. (Bus included for scheduled activities.)



St. Peters Square



St. John Lateran Basilica



PILGRIMAGE PROGRAM INFORMATION - OPERATOR-PARTICIPANT CONTRACT

1. A RESERVATION is confirmed ONLY upon receipt of completed application form and \$600.00 deposit per person traveling. TRAVEL INSURANCE information will be sent to each person; check for insurance must be received within 10 days after or with your enrollment. 2. FINAL PAYMENT - Full payment is due by February 11, 2008. If space is available, enrollment may be made up to February 25. PAYMENT is due IN FULL by credit card after February 11, 2008 + \$30.00 to Fedex documents. 3. PASSPORTS & TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: Each person traveling including children must have a valid U.S. Passport that does not expire for 6 months after return. If not a US citizen, call the Italian embassy and check if you need a visa. Please SEND BY February 1st a PHOTOCOPY OF YOUR PASSPORT WITH PHOTO ID as it IS NEEDED FOR AIRLINE TICKET. 4. PROGRAM PRICES - All prices are based on group rates and are in US dollars and based on rates of exchange at time of brochure publication. All prices do NOT include departure tax, security fees that are estimated at as of December 1, 2007 at \$350 per person. 5. AIR and LAND CANCELLATION - All applications include a non-refundable \$175 application fee, all fees are non-refundable after February 1, 2008. All cancellations must be in writing. 6. TRAVEL/CANCELLATION/MEDICAL INSURANCE: We will mail you travel insurance information with your enrollment. This program is utilizing scheduled airline IATA carrier non-refundable airfares, economy class from all US cities. 7. DOUBLE OCCUPANCY: Program prices are based on double occupancy. Indicate your roommate or if a roommate is needed please indicate on application. 8. BAGGAGE Allowance: One checked bag maximum 50 lbs total with one small personal carry-on bag per person-call airline for details. Porterage, if available, at participant's expense. 9. 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3. MAIL TO: Marian Helpers Center Pilgrimage, Eden Hill, Stockbridge, MA 01263

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Street: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____ (P.O. Box address is not acceptable)
Date of birth _____ Male ___ Female ___ Emergency Contact: _____ Phone () _____
Airport of Departure: JFK _____ Chicago _____ Parish Or Group Leader _____ Phone () _____
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Signature* _____ Parent/Guardian Signature, if Minor _____

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