



EMBRACE YOUR FAITH JOURNEY

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Explore Tuscany 2023

for Women ~ May 20-27



"In times of desolation,
God conceals Himself from
us so that we can discover
for ourselves what we
are without Him"
St. Margaret of Cortona

at Villa Albizi estate and chapel

with visits to

St. Margaret of Cortona

St. Catherine of Sienna

Pilgrimage led by Fr. Pat Click



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Welcome fellow Tuscany 2023 pilgrims on the journey!

Thank you for your “yes” that demonstrates a trust in God to lead the way. The graces of a pilgrimage come in unfamiliar ways when we leave the mundane behind and allow God to speak to us in ways that we can never imagine.

A pilgrimage is not supposed to be easy all the time. It is a challenge to let go of the familiar and move toward the unknown, to be captivated by the beauty of each day and to embrace your faith journey.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church lists three principal fruits of the Holy Eucharist:

- increases our union with Christ
- separates us from sin
- strengthens our charity

My prayer is that through the intercession of the saints and reception of the sacraments, you might return home with the kind of peace and love in your heart that only God can provide.

God Bless,

Kerín O'Rourke Buntin

Peace Love Pilgrimage

Founder





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Explore Tuscany May 20-27, 2023

ITINERARY:

Day 1 - **Welcome to Villa Albizi**

Saturday - May 20, 2023

Arrive Florence airport — various times

4:00pm Transportation from Firenze airport to Villa Albizi (80 min)

5:00pm Arrive at the fully restored 1667 Villa Albizi. Meet the architect, owners, and interior designers, Thomas and Ilaria Pianigiani. Settle in with housekeeping and room assignments, dress casual.

6:00pm Celebration

6:30pm Appetizers

7:00pm Chef prepared dinner and wine served



There will be liturgical ministry opportunities to sign up for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Lectors and Greeters for our daily Masses.

Wine, cocktails, laundry and spa services are available at an extra cost to you.



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Day 2 - San Gimignano

Sunday - May 21, 2023

- 7:15am SoulCore rosary on the pool deck
- 8:00 Villa Albizi Chapel Mass/Reconciliation
- 8:30 -10 Tuscan Breakfast
- 10 - 12 Free time: journal in a quiet space on the grounds, relax, or shower
- Noon Chef prepared lunch at the villa
- 1:00 Depart for San Gimignano (1.5 hr drive)
- 3 - 5:00 Guided walking tour at Porto San Giovanni. Admire the beautiful gardens of the fortress, discover the unique history of noble families that lived here, view the public Palace and the well-preserved frescos in the Cathedral, enjoy the highest tower in the town where you can take pictures of the sprawling landscape.
- 6:30 Choose (not included) dinner at one of the many alfresco restaurants.
- 8:00 Transportation back to villa





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Day 3 - **Arceno Vineyard Tour**

Monday - May 22, 2023

7:15am SoulCore rosary on the pool deck

8:00 Chapel Mass/Reconciliation

8:30-10 Breakfast buffet

10 - 11 Free time

11:00 Transportation to Arceno Estate (25 minutes)

11:30 - 1:30 Two hour tour/private tasting of the complete production of Tenuta di Arceno. Enjoy a Tuscan lunch in the tasting room or in the garden.

1:30 Transportation back to the villa



2 - 7:30 Free time

7:30pm Chef prepared dinner at the villa



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Day 4 - Cortona

Tuesday - May 23, 2023

8:00 - 8:30am Tuscan Breakfast

8:30 Depart for Cortona (2 hour drive). Pray the rosary on the way

10:30 Arrive at the Basilica
(Audio earbuds are
available for purchase to
listen to the history)

11:00 Mass at the Basilica of
St. Margaret of Cortona

12 - 1 Group lunch reservation
at Ristorante La Loggetta
(Individual checks)



1:30-3 Explore Cortona on your own

3:00 DelBrenna Jewelry history of artisan generations tour and
enjoy browsing the one of a kind jewelry while sipping Champagne

5:00 Transportation back to villa

7:30 Chef prepared dinner at the villa



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Day 5 - **Siena**

Wednesday - May 24, 2023

8:00 - 9:00am Tuscan Breakfast

9:00 Depart for Siena (1 hour drive) Pray the rosary on the way

11:00 Private Mass at Basilica of
Dominica

12 - 2 Lunch on your own

2:00 - 4 Meet our tour guide at Piazza
Nadre Teresa di Calcutta in
front of Basilica of San
Domenico. Discover the
culture, sights, stories, and
legends of Siena in the
company of an entertaining
and passionate professional
tour guide on a private
walking tour.

4 - 6:30 Personal exploring time

6:30 Group dinner reservation at
Enoteca Terzi. Piazza
dell'Abbadia.
(Individual checks)

8:30pm Transportation back to villa





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Day 6 - **E-bike Tuscany Tour** Thursday - May 25, 2023

8:00 - 9:15 Breakfast buffet

9:30am - 3:30pm Explore Tuscany on your electric bike excursion with two professional electric bike tour guides. Bikes delivered to Villa Albizi.

Starting at Villa Albizi winding around magnificent paths of the GALLO NERO, a historic symbol of Chianti. We pass through characteristic villages including the magnificent village of Ver-tine, the scenic hamlet of Volpaia and Radda in Chianti. We arrive in the central square of Gaiole in Chianti, home of Eroica, for a typical Tuscan lunch.



Noon Bike trip includes lunch

3:00 Load bikes with tour guides and transport back to villa

3:30 Arrive back to the villa

4:30 SoulCore rosary on the pool deck

5:00 Villa Albizi Chapel Mass/Reconciliation

6-7:30 Free time: walk the grounds, journal, sip wine on the pool deck, etc.

7:30 Chef prepared dinner at the villa



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Day 7 – Rocca di Castagnoli

Friday - May 26, 2023

7:00am SoulCore rosary on the pool deck

8:00 Villa Albizi Chapel Mass/Reconciliation

8:30 -10 Breakfast buffet

10 - 11:30 Free time: journal in a quiet space on the grounds, relax, or shower

11:30 Transportation to the town of Rocca di Castagnoli (20 min)

12:00 Reservation for lunch at Il Celliere a Castagnoli (individual checks)

1:00-3 Stroll the tiny town at your leisure



3-7:30 Free time: pack and organize belongings for early departure, sip wine on the pool deck, etc.

7:30pm Chef prepared dinner at the villa

Day 8 – Villa Albizi departure

Saturday - May 27, 2023

8:00 - 8:30am Tuscan Breakfast

Departure 9:00am sharp!

Once the pilgrimage is complete you will receive an email survey, all comments are much appreciated and well received. Thank you!

St. Margaret of Cortona, pray for us!

St. Catherine of Sienna, pray for us!



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Questions for Personal Reflection/Journaling

When you reach the daily destination of the pilgrimage, consider the following questions that you can pray with or journal your thoughts:

1. What stood out to you at each holy site?
2. What kinds of sacrifices have you made on this pilgrimage?
3. Are there habits or other areas of your life that you can offer to the Lord as you make this pilgrimage?
4. Who inspires you in your faith life?
5. Who introduced you to Christ, the Church, and/or your Catholic faith?

Think of these people as your spiritual companion on the journey today.

6. Where is God calling you to change?
7. What are your God given gifts/talents that you can share on this pilgrimage and in everyday life as you return home?



What to look for, what to notice...

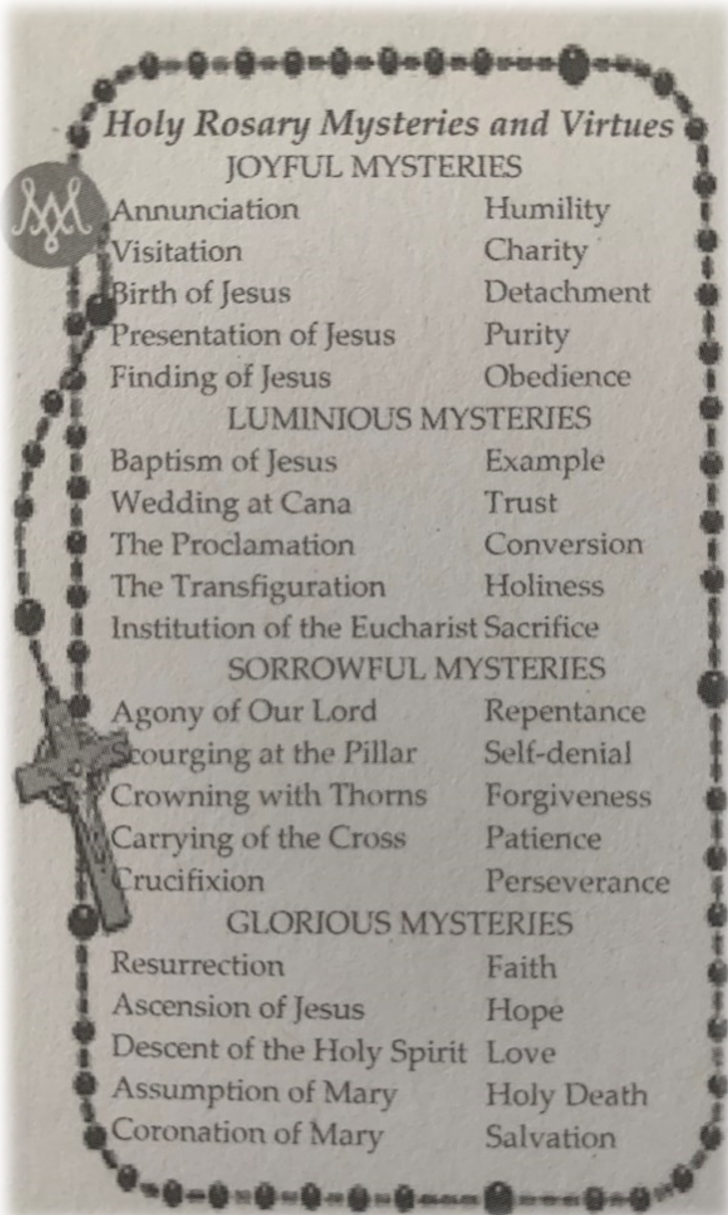
As you journey, consider the following and take a moment to look at and notice these things. We can quickly pass by them, but on pilgrimage, we are challenged to stop and appreciate the holy moments on the journey. With each of these, take time to pray to God and express gratitude. Also consider what emotions or thoughts you experience when you notice these things:

1. How did you feel on your journey from your home to the destination?
2. Are you excited, tired, uncertain, prayerful, indifferent, or anxious?
3. Was your heart drawn to a particular work of art, icon, or statue?
4. What is the longing in your heart you wish to bring to the Lord?
5. Be still in silence and consider the five senses as you enter each holy space. Describe in detail how it spoke to you.



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THE BEGINNING

Peace Love Pilgrimage, LLC began in 2015. After I completed my master's degree in Pastoral Theology from Saint Mary of the Woods College, I heard God call me to put a name on what I always loved to do, travel, and pray. It was at the same time Pope Francis announced that he would be attending The World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia. I really wanted to go but did not want to go alone. I felt a kind of PEACE and LOVE in my heart that only God could provide and He led me the whole way. With one advertisement and fifty-six pilgrims registered, we traveled from Indiana to Philadelphia on a private motorcoach to attend the Papal Mass on Benjamin Franklin Parkway. The rest is history.

The invitation to holy and sacred sites worldwide continues to thrive. Prayer is the primary purpose. The destination is secondary.

The mission is simple:

Walk with the **Saints**

Receive the **Sacraments**

Participate in **SoulCore** rosary exercise

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“Enrich your soul in the great goodness of God: The Father is your table, the Son is your food, and the Holy Spirit waits on you and then makes His dwelling in you.”

St Catherine of Siena

