An Adventure through Italy
With Fr. Charles R. Gagan, S.J.

September 14 to 27, 2014

Land Only Package:
$5,139 Discount Price (pay by check or cash)
or $5,448 Standard Price (pay by credit card)
Plus $150 in tips.

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Dear Friend of Father Charlie,

The attached PDF document includes the registration form and itinerary for Fr. Charlie’s upcoming Adventure Through Italy. I am writing to provide you some information and instructions on registration:

**HOW TO REGISTER**
To register formally for the pilgrimage, please complete the registration form and return with a $400 per person deposit payable to Catholic Travel Centre. If you are paying for your trip by credit card, you can simply complete the credit card portion of the registration form and we will debit your card accordingly. You will receive an invoice from Catholic Travel Centre within two weeks of our receipt of your completed registration form and deposit.

**$300 NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT**
We understand that you have already submitted a $300 non-refundable deposit to Fr. Charlie which is being applied against some non-refundable deposits required by some of the hotels. This amount will show as a credit on your final statement, which you will receive approximately June 15, 2014. Final payment is due in our office by July 1. Please note: this $300 amount will not show on the invoice you receive from CTC after you register; this amount will only be reflected on your final statement.

**OPTIONAL TRAVEL INSURANCE**
We offer optional travel protection insurance. You can find full details at this URL: www.tripmate.com/wpN401C
To qualify for the pre-existing conditions waiver, we need to receive the insurance premium within 14-days of receiving your $400 deposit. You are welcome to send the insurance premium amount along with your registration form and deposit.

**HOTEL NAMES**
The hotels which we have booked are listed by name in the REGISTRATION INFORMATION box in the attached brochure.

**PRE-and POST-NIGHTS**
You will note on the registration form that we provide the option for you to book a pre-night in Rome or a post-night in Milan. The rates are shown on the registration form.

If you have any further questions on registration, please feel free to call our office in Los Angeles at (800) 553-5233 and ask for Ms. Alina Matevossian or email her at: Alina@GoCatholicTravel.com.

Sincerely,

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Director of Operations
SUN, SEP 14, DAY 1: ARRIVE ROME: As we are each making our own travel arrangements to Rome, we look forward to gathering this evening at our hotel for a welcome dinner including wine of the area. We are joined by our Catholic Travel Centre tour manager, who will accompany us throughout our entire time in Italy. (D)

Note: Arrangements can be made at the hotel in Rome for the night of Saturday, September 13/14 for an additional charge. Please see registration form for details.

MON, SEP 15, DAY 2: ROME: SCAVI & VILLA BORGHESE: This morning we enjoy the rare privilege of a guided tour of the underground excavations (Scavi) beneath St. Peter’s Basilica (These tickets are always subject to final confirmation 24 hours before the proposed visit).

This afternoon we enjoy a guided tour of the Galleria Borghese, housed in the former Villa Borghese Pinciana. The original sculptures and paintings of the Villa date back to Cardinal Scipione’s collection, the son of Ortenisia Borghese - Paolo V’s sister.

Scipione Borghese was an early patron of Bernini and an avid collector of works by Caravaggio, who is well represented in the collection by his Boy with a Basket of Fruit, St. Jerome, Sick Bacchus and other paintings. Among his other paintings, note include Titian’s Sacred and Profane Love, Raphael’s Entombment of Christ and works by Peter Paul Rubens and Federico Barocci. We return to our hotel for the evening. Dinner tonight is on our own. (B)

TUE, SEP 16, DAY 3: ROME: IGNATIAN SITES & LEISURE: Today we begin with a visit to the Rooms of Ignatius. The rooms represent the fifth and final residence of Ignatius in Rome. From his residence in the top floor of the building, Ignatius governed the worldwide Order, and from here he penned his more than 7,000 letters on a wide range of topics.

Here as well Ignatius drew his last breath on July 31, 1556. He is buried in the nearby Church of the Gesù (Church of the Holy Name of Jesus), the Mother Church of the Society of Jesus. Marking a transition between Renaissance and Baroque styles, the Gesù became a model for Jesuit churches around the world. Here we celebrate Mass.

After Mass, we will visit the Church of San Ignazio. Constructed in pure Baroque style, the Church was completed a half-century after the Gesù. St. Aloysius Gonzaga and St. John Berchmans are both buried here. Interesting sidebar: as the funds were not available to build a dome on the church, Jesuit Andrea Pozzo cleverly painted a fake dome over the altar, offering the illusion of a real dome. You will have to study it closely to discover that the dome is not real. The balance of the day is at leisure. Dinner tonight is on our own. (B)

WED, SEP 17, DAY 4: ROME: PAPAL AUDIENCE, LEISURE: This morning we transfer to Vatican City for the General Audience with His Holiness Pope Francis (subject to the Holy Father’s schedule). After the audience, we will have some time for shopping. We will have time at leisure, perhaps to shop at some of excellent religious articles shops in the Vatican area. Tonight we dine as a group at one of Rome’s fine restaurants, with wine and beverages included. (B, D)

THU, SEP 18, DAY 5: ROME: VATICAN OBSERVATORY & CASTEL GANDALFO: After breakfast, we enjoy a private visit of the Vatican Observatory Headquarters, the Papal Palace and its formal Gardens including the Ruins of the Roman Emperor Domitian. Following our tour we enjoy lunch at a lakeside restaurant with wine tasting. We return to our hotel for the balance of the day at leisure. Dinner tonight is on our own. (B, L)

FRI, SEP 19, DAY 6: ROME / MILAN / ASTI: This morning, after breakfast, we will take a high speed train to Milan (first class seating). Upon arrival in Milan, we board our motor coach for our transfer to the hotel in Asti. Dinner tonight is on our own. (B)

SAT, SEP 20, DAY 7: ASTI: EXCURSION TO TORINO: This morning we make our way to La Venaria Reale located outside the town of Venaria, 10 kilometres north east of Turin. Venaria Reale, which was declared a World Heritage Site by UNESCO, is at the center of the circuit of Royal Residences in Piedmont.

Restored to the baroque magnificence that inspired it when it was built in the mid-17th century for Duke Carlo Emanuele II di Savoia, the Reggia of Venaria Reale was inaugurated in October 2007, after two centuries of abandonment and decay, and after eight years of intense restoration.

In the first year since it opened to the public, Venaria Reale has welcomed approximately one million visitors becoming one of the most popular tourist stops in Italy. The enormous palace, which has a surface area of over 80,000 square metres, contains some of the most outstanding examples of European baroque architecture: the enchanting Salone di Diana, designed by Amedeo di Castellamonte; the solemnity of the Galleria Grande and the chapel of Sant’Uberto; and the immense complex of the Scuderie, designed by the 17th century genius, Filippo Juvarra. The Gardens now represent a close combination of ancient and modern.

From here we make our way this afternoon to Torino, the first capital of modern Italy. The town is also known for being a home to the Shroud of Turin. With the Po River flowing through the city, the genteel hills overlooking the city and scattered with pleasant villas and surrounded by the Italian Alps off in the distance, Torino was defined by famous architect Le Corbusier as “the city with the most beautiful natural location in the world.” Many people consider Torino the European capital of Baroque since many buildings and churches were built in this style. More recently, it has become the capital of the Slow Food Movement.

Our tour begins with a walk along Via Roma from the Porta Nuova Station to Piazza Castello through Piazza San Carlo to see how elegant this city can be. We’ll take some time for shopping. At the end of our tour, we return to our hotel in Asti for dinner and the evening. (B, D)

SUN, SEP 21, DAY 8: ASTI: ATTEND THE PALIO: Today we attend the Asti Palio. The race has been run, with a few exceptions, each year since the 13th century. The word Palio derives from the Latin Pallium, a rectangular sheet of cloth that the Romans wore as a cloak. Originally, the word applied only to the piece of cloth that was placed at the finishing post and awarded to the winner of the race. Over time the word came to apply to the event in general, including all the rituals and traditions associated with the race, as well as the race itself.

Since the inception of the race, the citizens of Asti have struggled to maintain the privilege of running the Palio on the feast day of their patron saint, San Secondo, bishop of Asti, martyred on the 30th of March 119. Documents kept in Asti’s archives record that the expenditure incurred for the race was two palii (the plural of palio): one offered to the church of San Secondo, the other given to the winner. This is significant, because it reveals the degree of religious devotion that once accompanied the event. Dinner this evening is served at a local restaurant. (B, D)

Note: Palio ticket arrangements are being handled by Fr. Gagan and are not included in CTC’s pricing.

MON, SEP 22, DAY 9: ASTI: WINE TASTING IN CORDERA DE MONTZEMALO, LA MORA & BOVIO: Today, after a leisurely morning, we will visit some of the many excellent wineries of the area. We begin at the Corde-
LAKE COMO, TREMEZZO & BELLAGIO:
THURS, SEPT 25, DAY 12: STRESA: EXCURSION TO LAKE COMO, TREMEZZO & BELLAGIO: Today we visit sites around Lake Como. The lake has been a popular retreat since Roman times and is considered one of the most beautiful lakes in Europe. We begin our visit at Tremezzo, on the western shore of the lake. It is famous for its villas, the most famous of which is the Villa Carlotta. We visit Bellagio, known for its stunning setting at the intersection of the three branches of the Y-shaped Lake. Here we enjoy a leisurely lunch. We return to our hotel for the remainder of the afternoon and evening at our leisure. (B, L)

WED, SEP 24, DAY 11: STRESA: EXCURSION TO ISOLA BELLA AND ISOLA PESCATORI: This morning, we enjoy a cruise to Isola Bella, where we visit the Palazzo Borromeo, begun in 1632. We lunch on Isola Pescatori (Fishmen’s Island), whose picturesque charms have made it a popular destination. We return to our hotel for the balance of the afternoon at our leisure, and for dinner this evening, we can explore some of the lakeside restaurants. (B, L)

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NOTE: While no changes are anticipated, there might be occasions when certain alterations become necessary to this itinerary.
Registration Form ~ Catholic Travel Centre

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Please complete one registration form per person (couples, submit two separate forms).

Enclosed please find my $400 per person deposit for the above referenced trip. By submitting this payment, I acknowledge that I have read, understood, and agree to the “Terms and Conditions” in the accompanying brochure. I agree to submit full payment 90 days prior to departure.

Please print in BLOCK LETTERS your complete Last Name, First Name and Middle Name as they appear on your PASSPORT.

Last Name ____________________________________________________________
First and Middle Name __________________________________________________

How would you like your first name to appear on your name tag? _________________________________________________________________

Email: ____________________________________________________________ Date of Birth: _______/________/________
Gender: M / F ________________________________
Mailing Address________________________________________________________ Apt_________________________________
City__________________________________________________________________State__________  Zip __________________
Home Tel: (____________) ____________________________ Mobile Tel: (_____________)______________________________

Do you or will you hold an American Passport at the time of travel? __________ If not, what nationality? __________

Signature ________________________________________________________________ Date_______ _____________________

Rooming Information  (Please select one)
□ I wish to room with ______________________________________ (enter name) ________________________(relation if any)
□ Please try to find a roommate for me. I understand if per chance you cannot find a roommate for me, I will be
obliged to pay the single room supplement. Age: ______ Non-Smoking: ______ Smoking: _______
□ I wish a single room at a supplement of $1,595.  Subject to availability and confirmation.

Pre- and Post-Nights
□ Saturday, September 13th – Rome: $215 per person sharing twin. $395 per person in a single.
□ Saturday September 27th – Milan: $155 per person sharing twin. $275 per person in a single.

Π PLEASE SELECT ONE OF THE TWO FORMS OF PAYMENT BELOW Π

DISCOUNT PRICE (applies for payment by check or cash)
□ LAND ONLY PACKAGE: I wish to pay the discount price: $5,139 Land Only, tips of $150 and optional Travel
Protection Plan fee of $439. Please return this form with $400 deposit payable to Catholic Travel Centre, and you’ll
receive an invoice within two weeks.

STANDARD PRICE (applies for payment by credit card)
□ LAND ONLY PACKAGE: I wish to pay the standard price: $5,448 Land Only, tips of $150 and optional Travel
Protection Plan fee of $439. Please return this form with your credit card information below, and you’ll receive an
invoice within two weeks.

Credit Card Payment Authorization (must be credit card of a traveling passenger)
I authorize Catholic Travel Centre to charge the standard base price amount, plus other fees outlined above to my
credit card listed below ($400 will be charged now; balance of payment will be charged per the invoice due date.)

Credit Card Type:  □ VISA   □ MASTERCARD

Card Number _________________________________________ Exp. Date_________________
Name as it appears on credit card__________________________________________________________________________
Signature ____________________________________________________________________________________________ Date _____________________

Make Check Payable to:  Catholic Travel Centre
Mail to:  4444 Riverside Drive, Suite 301, Burbank, CA 91505

Note: Further information on travel protection program will be sent within two weeks of receipt of your registration and deposit.
MAKING ANY PAYMENTS (cash, credit card or otherwise) TOWARDS ANY TOUR CONSTITUTES YOUR UNCONDITIONAL ACCEPTANCE OF ALL THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS STATED IN THIS TOUR BROCHURE. CATHOLIC TRAVEL CENTRE SHALL BE REFERRED TO AS CTC WITHIN THIS DOCUMENT.

DOCUMENTS AND IDENTIFICATIONS REQUIRED: You are required to present a valid passport. Other nationalities please inquire with the appropriate embassies. Passports must be valid for a minimum of six months beyond the tour’s return date.

REGISTRATION: A deposit of $400 per person is required upon registration along with a signed copy of the registration form. Registrations cannot be taken by telephone. Registrations are processed in the order of receipt. Adjustments to the optional passenger travel protection program payment, if applicable, plus a non-refundable $150 late fee and are subject to availability. CTC reserves the right to cancel reservations that are not paid in full 75 days prior to departure and to charge cancellation fees/penalties indicated below. A non-refundable $25 fee will be charged on all checks returned by our bank.

CHANGES IN INVOICING: Please note that after initial invoicing, any requests for change in form of payment (cash discount vs. standard base or vice versa) or in package (air inclusive vs. “land only” or vice versa) are subject to a fee of $50 per person change processing fee.

INDIVIDUAL CANCELLATION FEES & REFUNDS: All cancellations must be received by CTC in writing via certified mail, facsimile or e-mail. CTC will process your refund, minus a cancellation fee according to the following schedule:

1) $150 if cancelled at least 150 days prior to the tour’s departure date;
2) $300 if cancelled 149 to 90 days prior to the tour’s departure date;
3) $400 if cancelled 89 to 88 days prior to the tour’s departure date;
4) No refunds for cancellations received within 7 days of departure date.

The above cancellation fees and/or penalties will also apply if you register for an extension tour, an air-only, or airline-related services, unless specifically excluded by any of these.

CTC strongly recommends the Passenger Travel Protection Program (see ‘PASSENGER TRAVEL PROTECTION PROGRAM’ below.)

TOUR OPERATIONS & ALTERATION: Without changes approved by CTC expressly reserves the right to cancel all or any part of the tour or to make any changes to the itinerary, for any reason or whenever it deems it necessary for the comfort, convenience or safety of the tour participants. In the event of such substitution, if the itinerary effort will be required to substitute the altered itinerary with a comparable replacement. If a tour is cancelled in its entirety by CTC, full refunds shall be issued within three weeks of such cancellation. This will constitute, in full, CTC’s obligation to you and CTC bears no further responsibility beyond the full refund. CTC shall not be held liable and hereby expressly disclaims liability for any loss, expense, damage or inconvenience caused as a result of any tour cancellation or changes made to the itinerary. Furthermore, CTC is not responsible for any additional costs or fees relating to the insurance and/or cancellation of air tickets or other travel arrangements not made through CTC.

CANCELLATION BEYOND CTC’S CONTROL: CTC expressly disclaims any responsibility which may result from any tour enterprises, events, circumstances, or acts of any participants, carriers or any other entity or individual beyond its control. CTC is not responsible for any losses which may arise in consequence of such events or circumstances, or acts of any of the above parties or any other circumstances beyond CTC’s control. CTC likewise disclaims any liability for the acts and/or omissions of any intermediary agents such as group administrators, spiritual directors or tour leaders, travel agents or any other intermediary involved in the travel, promotion or operation of CTC’s tours. Furthermore, to the fullest extent permitted by law, CTC hereby disclaims any liability for the acts and/or omissions of any of the above entities and/or individuals not directly under their supervision or control. Be pleased be advised that the liability of carriers as well as providers of hotel and lodging accommodations is limited by law and may thus wish to consider purchasing the Passenger Travel Protection Plan and/or additional insurance to protect yourself against any losses or injuries suffered as a result of their acts and/or omissions. In no event shall CTC’s liability exceed the amounts paid by you for participation in the tour, and subject to the provisions and cancellation fees as set forth in this brochure. In the event that you are injured or feel ill during the tour, you are responsible for obtaining additional medical insurance to protect yourself against any losses or injuries suffered as a result of such events which are beyond CTC’s control. CTC likewise disclaims any liability for the acts and/or omissions of any of the above parties or any other circumstances beyond CTC’s control.

LEGAL DISPOSITIONS: This contract constitutes the entire understanding and agreement of the parties and supersedes any prior representations or agreements, oral or written. Neither any of the parties hereto shall be bound by any representation or agreement not contained herein. This contract shall be governed by the laws of the State of California and any legal action hereunder shall be brought in such State. CTC, the airlines, carriers, operators, public transportation, sea carriers, local sightseeing companies, group administrators, spiritual leaders and tour leaders, any employees thereof, tour operators, tour leader or spiritual director, any employees thereof, and/or any other intermediary agents, carriers or other service providers on your behalf, shall not be held responsible for any non-recoverable amounts disbursed to carriers or other service providers on your behalf.

PASSENGER TRAVEL PROTECTION PROGRAM: The Travel Protection Plan enrollment form consisting of a description of coverage provided will be mailed with your invoice. For full description of coverage and exclusions visit www.tripmate.com/wps4C6T. The plan fee is based on the tour price and taxes (as well as single room supplement and airline add-ons, if applicable) and will appear as an optional item on your invoice. Travel Protection Plan cannot be purchased after you have made your final payment for the tour. We must receive your insurance premium payment within 14 days of your invoice date in order for the exclusion of pre-existing conditions to be waived, provided you are medically able to travel at the time you pay your insurance premium. All Travel Protection Plan fees are non-refundable.

HEALTH: Participants must not conform to the U.S. A. Disabilities Act standard. CTC cannot provide individual assistance to tour members for walking, dining, getting on and off motor coaches or other transportation vehicles, nor will CTC provide any wheelchair assist. CTC cannot provide assistance by a qualified companion at all times and at their own expense. Furthermore, while CTC cannot accept responsibility for providing access to all facilities, CTC will assist in regard to access according to location and availability. CTC will provide any reasonable access to facilities that are physically accessible.