

# Catholic Community of Pleasanton Music Ministry

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## “Heart of Italy”

Eight-Day Choir Pilgrimage: November 18 – 25, 2010

### Rome ∞ Vatican City ∞ Assisi

Estimated Package Price: \$2,545.00 + \$395.00\* Departure Taxes and Fuel Surcharges

Inclusive, per person sharing a twin room, from San Francisco

*\*Estimated Departure Taxes & Fuel Surcharges subject to increase 30 days prior to departure.*



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*A special invitation is being extended to families and friends of the*

# Catholic Community of Pleasanton Music Ministry

*to join the 8-day Choir Pilgrimage to the  
“Heart of Italy”*

Dear Friends,

Join the Catholic Community of Pleasanton Music Ministry for an 8-Day Choir Pilgrimage of faith and fellowship to Italy. Attend various sung Liturgies, including the Archpriest Mass at the Chair of Peter at St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City as sung by the Catholic Community of Pleasanton Music Ministry. In addition to singing and celebrating Mass at the Basilica of St. Mary Major and the Basilica of St. Francis, the choir will also perform a formal, public concert for the City of Rome.

During our pilgrimage, we will visit many of the sacred sites in Rome, Vatican City and Assisi. We hope you will join us on this exciting journey that will surely be an unforgettable experience!

Sincerely,

*Mr. Joseph Hébert, Director of Music Ministry*

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## ITINERARY

### **Day 1 November 18, Thursday: Depart for Rome**

This afternoon, depart San Francisco International Airport on your overseas pilgrimage when the British Airways jet lifts into the evening sky for your overnight flight to Rome, Italy via London Heathrow.

Complimentary meals and beverages will be served aloft. (D)

### **Day 2 November 19, Friday: Arrive/Rome**

Upon arrival at Rome's Leonardo da Vinci Airport, proceed through Passport Control, claim your luggage, and a Peter's Way Tours tour manager will meet you upon your exit from Customs. Board your comfortable motor coach and soon you will be on your way for an orientation ride of the "Eternal City." History, evolving over 2,500 years, will be made visible for you by the Roman ruins, 15th century churches, 17th century palaces and 20th century monuments.

On to your hotel.

Dinner and overnight at hotel in Rome. (B,D)

### **Day 3 November 20, Saturday: AM/Tour of Vatican Museum; Sistine Chapel; St. Peter's Basilica – Evening/Formal Concert for the City of Rome**

After breakfast, begin your morning of sightseeing with a visit to one of the great art collections in the world, the Vatican Museums. Walk in the footsteps of the Princes of the Church through the richly decorated galleries. Visit the famous Pinacoteca (Picture Gallery), which houses religious works by Giotto, Raphael, da Vinci, Caravaggio and Rodin, among others. Continue on to the Sistine Chapel, the private chapel of the Popes, where Michelangelo best expressed his genius in monumental frescoes. End your morning tour in St. Peter's Basilica to see Michelangelo's magnificent "Pieta" and to take in the awesome architecture and the statuary adorning this largest of all Christian churches. Independent lunch followed by leisure time. Return to hotel to freshen up.

**After early dinner, this evening you will be transferred to the Church of St. Ignatius for a formal public concert for the City of Rome, presented by the Catholic Community of Pleasanton Music Ministry.**

Afterward, visit the Trevi Fountain to toss in a coin to insure your "Arrivederci, Roma."

Overnight at hotel in Rome. (B,D)

### **Day 4 November 21, Sunday: AM/Tour of Ancient Rome - PM/Leisure – Evening/Solemn Mass at St. Peter's Basilica**

Breakfast at your hotel. This morning, we visit the Church of St. Peter in Chains to see the original chains in which St. Peter was brought captive to Rome and the statue of Moses, one of Michelangelo's greatest masterpieces. Then, we continue to the ancient Roman Forum. See the Arch of Titus and the Arch of Constantine and proceed to the outside of the Coliseum for a fascinating explanation of its history. Continue on to the grandiose white marble monument of King Victor Emmanuel II, often called the "Wedding Cake." See the Trajan Column and the Market (the ancient Roman equivalent of a department store). End your tour in St. Peter's Square to attend the noon Papal Blessing.

Then, free time for independent lunch with the afternoon at leisure for browsing, shopping or exploring the sights of Rome. Hearty pilgrims may want to attempt to climb the 330 stairs (or take the elevator) to the top of St. Peter's for an unparalleled view of Vatican City and Rome.

Late this afternoon, **gather at the Altar of the Chair of Peter's Basilica for the 5:30 pm Archpriest Mass, at which the Catholic Community of Pleasanton Music Ministry will be the principal choir.**

Dinner and overnight at hotel in Rome. (B,D)

### **Day 5 November 22, Monday: AM/Tour of Christian Rome - PM/At leisure for shopping and personal activities**

After breakfast, begin your day with a visit to the magnificent Basilica of St. Paul. It was built by Constantine in the 4th century on the site of St. Paul's tomb. After having been totally destroyed by fire in 1823, it was rebuilt on the original basilican plan of early Christian churches. Surrounding the nave are the medallions of each Pope, from Peter to Benedict XVI. Continue your tour to the Cathedral of St. John Lateran, the first Christian church to be consecrated. It was founded by the Emperor Constantine in the 4th century and was home to the Popes for many years prior to the present Vatican residence. End your morning tour with a visit the Basilica of St. Mary Major, one of the four major Basilicas built by Pope Sixtus III (AD 432-440). View the impressive interior with its remarkable mosaics in the nave depicting scenes from the Old Testament. The mosaics

above the entablature are among the most ancient Christian mosaics in Rome. **End our morning with Mass at the Basilica of St. Mary Major followed by a recital presented by the Catholic Community of Pleasanton Music Ministry.** Independent lunch.

This afternoon is your opportunity to explore the sights, sounds and tastes of Rome all on your own! Perhaps you will want to buy religious articles in preparation for the Papal Blessing at the audience on Wednesday. Or you may want to treat yourself to a leisurely multi-course lunch in a quaint trattoria. There are always plenty of churches, museums, piazzas and ancient ruins to explore. This is the time to hit high fashion spots, as well as the local shops and street vendors. Rome is yours! Independent dinner. Overnight at hotel in Rome. (B)

**Day 6 November 23, Tuesday: Full-day Excursion to Assisi - Visit the Sites of St. Francis**

After breakfast, we leave on our excursion to Assisi, one of the high points of any travel experience. After a two-hour ride, you will see Assisi on a mountaintop. The narrow lanes, the Shrines of Saint Francis and the overwhelming art dedicated to its young friar - a rich young man who turned to God after an illness and established an order that has grown stronger over the centuries. Visit the Basilica of Santa Maria degli Angeli, a great Basilica built in 1569 and crowned by the magnificent dome designed by Alessi. It encloses the shrine of the "Porziuncula," or the Little Portion Chapel, around which the first Franciscan community was centered, the place where Clare received the habit from Francis, and the Capella Del Transito, which marks the spot where the Saint died. You will see the statue of Saint Francis in the courtyard where thornless roses bloom. Continuing, we visit the Basilica of St. Clare, the first and most important heroine of the Franciscan movement, view her remains and see the miraculous Crucifix. Independent lunch. **This afternoon, celebrate Private Mass at the Basilica of Saint Francis, at which the Catholic Community of Pleasanton Music Ministry and pilgrims will sing and pray together.** Then, we will visit the Basilica of St. Francis where the body of the Saint is buried. Here, you will marvel at the world-famous Giotto Frescoes depicting scenes from the life of St. Francis. Independent dinner. Return in your comfortable motor coach for overnight at hotel in Rome. (B)

**Day 7 November 24, Wednesday: AM/Papal Audience - PM/Tour of the Appian Way & Catacombs - Evening/Farewell Dinner at a Roman Restaurant**

Breakfast at your hotel. **You will, then, be transported into the heart of Christendom for an audience with Pope Benedict XVI. The Catholic Community of Pleasanton Music Ministry will sing a selection for him when announced during the English language portion.** Independent lunch. After lunch, begin an unusual tour of Rome and her outskirts as you motor past the Tiberina Island, the Aventine Hill, the pyramid of Caius Cestius, and St. Paul's Gate, part of the Aurelian Wall, the ancient city wall. Drive along a section of the Old Appian Way, one of the first ancient Roman military roads, which connected Rome to Naples and Brindisi on the Adriatic coast. You can see the huge slabs that originally paved its length and several surviving patrician tombs that once lined its way, including the massive tomb of Cecilia Metella. Our next stop is the Catacombs, the underground maze of tunnels hollowed out of volcanic rock, where early Christians - persecuted by the Romans - secretly practiced their religious rites and buried their dead. **Your farewell dinner this evening will be at Benito Restaurant in Rome.** Experience an atmosphere of hospitality and friendship, and taste the Mediterranean cuisine in a typical Roman setting with wine and music. Overnight at hotel in Rome. (B,D)

**Day 8 November 25, Thursday: Return from Rome**

Breakfast at your hotel. Then, you will be transferred to Rome's Leonardo da Vinci Airport for your return flight home. Arrive on the same day. (B)

**We are holding confirmed seats via British Airways from San Francisco International Airport as follows:**

Date	Airline	Flight	Departure City/Time	Arrival City/Time
Nov 18	British Airways	#284	San Francisco SFO/4:15 pm	-----
Nov 19			-----	London LHR/10:25 am
Nov 19	British Airways	#560	London LHR/12:35 pm	Rome FCO/4:05 pm
Nov 25	British Airways	#551	Rome FCO/7:55 am	London LHR/9:40 am
Nov 25	British Airways	#285	London LHR/11:00 am	San Francisco SFO/1:50 pm

*Please note: Flight itinerary subject to change without notice.*

- \$395.00 tax/surcharge estimation is based on current British Airways non-refundable airfare and is subject to increase prior to ticketing (approximately 30 days prior to departure).
- Peter's Way Tours reserves the right to increase package rate or reduce services accordingly, should there be an escalation in the Euro valuation over the US dollar in excess of 10% from print date.
- Unexpected circumstances might require alteration of details described in this brochure.
- Peter's Way Tours offers an optional comprehensive Passenger Travel Protection Insurance Policy. You may now be covered for pre-existing conditions if your insurance payment is included with your deposit.

*If deposit deadline has passed, enrollment may still be possible. Please inquire toll-free at 1-800-225-7662.*

**ENROLLMENT FORM**

**Tour Code: 8236 - 11/2010**

I would like to take part in the 8-day Choir Pilgrimage with the

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Enclosed is my/our deposit by check of \$350.00 per person

**Deposit Deadline: February 10, 2010**  
**Final Payment Deadline: August 10, 2010**

Please return a photocopy of this enrollment form for each participant traveling with your deposit payable to:

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**Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Business Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Roommate:** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(if preference)*

**Single Room:** (Yes \_\_\_/No \_\_\_)

**Chorister:** (Yes \_\_\_/No \_\_\_)

**Peters' Way Tours Travel Insurance:** (Yes \_\_\_/No \_\_\_)  
*(See Terms & Conditions section for rate/information.)*

I have read and understand all terms and conditions as noted in this brochure.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_

# TERMS AND CONDITIONS

## **Your choir pilgrimage includes:**

- Round-trip economy class airfare on British Airways: San Francisco/London/Rome - Rome/London/San Francisco.
- U.S. departure tax; Customs user fee; security tax and all airport departure taxes.
- Meeting and assistance upon departure from San Francisco International Airport.
- Six (6) nights' accommodations in twin rooms with private facilities at hotels throughout.
- European breakfast daily plus four (4) dinners, **including a farewell dinner with wine and entertainment at Benito Restaurant in Rome.**
- The services of a Peter's Way Tours tour manager upon arrival and until departure in Italy.
- All sightseeing, as per itinerary, including overseas arrival and departure transfers, in a private, air-conditioned, luxury motor coach.
- The services of professional, licensed, English-speaking guides.
- Entrance fees to all sites, as per itinerary.
- Portage of one piece of luggage per person at hotels throughout.
- Portfolio of travel documents for each participant, including a Peter's Way Tours flight packet.

## **Items not included in the package price:**

- Health, trip cancellation/interruption or baggage insurance. All are strongly recommended. Peter's Way Tours offers a comprehensive policy at additional cost.
- Passport & visa costs, if any.
- **US Passports must be valid for at least six (6) months subsequent to return date.**
- Items of a personal nature (hotel extras, laundry, phone calls, etc.).
- Meals not specified in the program.
- Gratuities to the tour manager, guides and driver.

**PAYMENT:** Deposits and insurance payments will be accepted in the form of check or money order only. In an effort to keep prices as low as possible, the package price reflects a cash discount. However, it is possible to make your final payment via MasterCard, Visa, Discover, or American Express. A \$100.00 convenience fee will apply to all packages paid by credit card. Invoices and credit card authorization forms will be included with your welcome document. The credit card form must be completed in entirety in order for the transaction to be approved. Peter's Way Tours reserves the right to increase package rate or reduce services accordingly should there be an escalation in the Euro valuation over the US dollar in excess of 10% from print date. If for any reason payment is received within 21 days of departure, a charge for express mailing of final documents will be required.

**AIR TRANSPORTATION:** Round-trip from San Francisco via British Airways. Flight itinerary and carrier may be subject to change. Airfare is subject to increases prior to date of travel. By sending your deposit together with your completed reservation form before the deposit deadline, airfare will be guaranteed against future fare increases excluding tax increases or fuel surcharges. Tax and fuel surcharge estimation is based on increases imposed by airlines is subject to increase prior to ticketing (approximately 30 days prior to departure). (see LATE RESERVATIONS) Airlines will provide a block of seats for the group. Individual requests for seating preferences can be made at time of check-in only. If you are a member of the frequent flyer or affiliate program, please bring your account card to the airport on the day of departure to receive proper mileage credit. Peter's Way Tours cannot submit seating preferences or frequent flyer information as we cannot guarantee that any or all requests will be honored.

**ACCOMMODATIONS/SINGLE TRAVELERS:** Price per person is based on two persons sharing twin bedded rooms, with private facilities, in hotels throughout your tour. Triple Rooms are also available. We discourage triple room accommodations because they're normally not spacious and there is no discount for triple occupancy. Triple rooms usually are regular twin or double-bedded rooms with a cot or rollaway bed added. Single Rooms are limited but may be requested at time of booking for an additional charge of \$595.00. While single rooms provide privacy, they are often smaller than twin rooms and are sometimes located away from the group in a different area of the hotel, and may be in high traffic areas, such as stairways/elevators. We do not like to assess an additional charge for the single traveler and will make every effort (if you so desire) to match you with a same gender roommate when we receive your application, but we do not guarantee a roommate can be matched. If a single room must be assigned due to your roommate's cancelling, incompatibility or for any other reason (even at the last moment or while on tour), we must charge you the tour's single supplement or pro-rated amount.

**MEALS:** European breakfast daily plus four (4) dinners, including a farewell dinner with wine and entertainment at Benito Restaurant in Rome. Beverages (coffee, tea, mineral water) are not included at set menu dinners.

**SIGHTSEEING AND ENTRANCE FEES:** All sightseeing, as per itinerary, aboard a private motor coach with the services of a professional, licensed, English-speaking guide. Entrance fees to all sights are included.

**DISCLAIMER OF RESPONSIBILITY:** Peter's Way Tours is only acting as intermediary and agent for the suppliers identified on this, or any accompanying documents, in selling services, or in accepting reservations or bookings for services that are not directly supplied by Peter's Way Tours such as air carriage, hotel accommodations, ground transportation, meals, tours, cruises, etc.). Peter's Way Tours shall not be responsible for breach of contract, bankruptcy or any intentional or careless actions or omissions on the part of such suppliers, which result in any loss, damage, delay, or injury to any traveler, travel companions or group member. Unless the term "guaranteed" is specifically written on the ticket, invoice or reservation itinerary, Peter's Way Tours does not guarantee any supplier's rates, bookings or reservations. Peter's Way Tours shall not be responsible for any injuries, damages, or losses caused to any traveler in connection with terrorist activities, social or labor unrest, mechanical or construction difficulties, diseases, local laws, climatic conditions, abnormal conditions or developments, or any other actions, omissions, or conditions outside Peter's Way Tours control. By embarking upon the trip, the traveler voluntarily assumes all risks involved with such travel, whether expected or unexpected. Traveler is hereby warned of such risks, and is advised to obtain appropriate insurance coverage against them. Retention of tickets, reservations or bookings after issuance shall constitute consent to the above, terms and conditions and an agreement on the traveler's part to convey the contents of this disclaimer to your travel companions and group members.

**LAND ONLY PASSENGERS:** A passenger choosing the land only portion of the package (\$2,095.00 per person, sharing a twin) must notify Peter's Way Tours in writing, 100 days prior to date of departure or a penalty fee will be assessed. Please be advised, passenger(s) opting for the land only package or who are deviating from the group itinerary will be responsible for their own transfers to/from Hotel/Airport. However, if you arrive at the same time or earlier than your group, you are welcome to join the group on the bus.

**BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE:** Due to bus space, one carry-on bag and one checked bag, per person, are permitted. Standard airline baggage policies usually allow checked baggage up to 62 total inches and range to 50 pounds and carry-on baggage up to 45 total inches and 15 to 40 pounds. However, policies may vary from the time of printing of this brochure. Contact your airline directly before departure for current baggage dimension allowances. For luggage exceeding the allowed limits, excess baggage fees will apply at check-in. Our final documents will contain current information applicable to your designated airline.

**TRANSFER AND PORTERAGE:** Round-trip private overseas transfers to/from hotel. Portage of one piece of luggage throughout your tour at hotels. Although the airlines will allow you to check two pieces of luggage, we strongly suggest that you travel with one suitcase and one carry-on.

**SERVICE CHARGES FOR ITINERARY CHANGES:** Peter's Way Tours is pleased to assist clients with changes in itineraries (All deviation requests must be submitted in writing at least 90 days prior to departure). Deviation fee will apply, plus an airline change fee per person. Your routing and dates requested will determine if a difference in airfare will also apply. Not all carriers permit routing changes and/or deviations from the group itinerary. Please contact our office for detailed information.

**LATE RESERVATIONS:** A \$25.00 fee and possible increase in airfare may apply for bookings received after the deposit deadline. All space is subject to availability. A \$50.00 late payment fee and possible increase in airfare may apply for late payments. Reservations are subject to deadlines with airlines and various vendors. Special delivery charges incurred will also be due in advance.

**CANCELLATIONS/REFUNDS:** From the time your deposit is received up to 130 days prior to departure, there is a \$250.00 nonrefundable cancellation fee per person. From 129 to 100 days prior to departure, the cancellation fee will be \$350.00 per person. For cancellations received from 99 days prior up to the day of departure the cancellation fee will be 100% of package price per person including taxes, single supplement, deviations fees and any other costs incurred (if applicable). (Travel insurance is offered as protection in case of illness, please see TRAVEL INSURANCE). **Tour participation is nontransferable. Names cannot be transferred on reservations or airline tickets.** Refund requests (if applicable) can only be honored when submitted in writing to Peter's Way Tours. All refund requests are subject to cancellation restrictions as set forth above. No refund will be made for any accommodations or services included in the tour that you do not use.

**TRAVEL DOCUMENTS:** All participants must have a valid passport. US Passports must be valid for at least six (6) months, subsequent to return date. Special entry requirements for non-U.S. citizens may apply. Please consult the appropriate Consulate for current requirements. It is solely the passenger's responsibility to ensure that all documents needed are completed and current. Peter's Way Tours will not be held responsible for lack of current and valid entry documents.

**SERVICE CHARGES:** All service charges and local taxes as imposed by hotels are included in the program rate. Although service charges are included, it is customary to leave Euro 1.00 per person for the waiters after each meal; Euro 1.00 per person per day for the maid/bell boys.

**TIPPING:** For good work, recommended (but voluntary) tipping to your driver is Euro 2.00 per passenger per day; to the tour manager/guide Euro 3.00 per passenger per day, for the local guides Euro 1.00 per passenger per day. Tips for the bus driver and tour manager/guide are normally given as a group at the end of the tour. Other gratuities are usually handled individually.

**TRAVELER HEALTH ADVISORY:** All passengers must ensure that they are medically and physically fit for travel and that such traveling will not endanger themselves or others as pilgrimages entail a lot of walking, climbing up/down stairs, etc. Any passenger who is physically challenged must submit a certificate from his/her medical doctor stating that he/she is capable of taking part in this pilgrimage without assistance. If special assistance is required, the passenger must travel with a companion willing and capable of providing any necessary assistance.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** It is strongly recommended that all participants buy insurance when they travel since the tour operator is not responsible for lost or damaged luggage or trip interruption. Peter's Way Tours offers an optional comprehensive Passenger Travel Protection Insurance Policy. These benefits and services help insure the well being of the passenger while traveling worldwide. The insurance premiums are based on total package price, including single supplements, deviation fees, late charges, etc. The premium for total package prices from \$2,101.00 to \$3,000.00 is \$175.00; from \$3,001.00 and over is \$199.00. **If the insurance payment is made at the time of deposit or within 10 days of receiving the Peter's Way Tours "Tour Deposit Acknowledgment Letter," the passenger will be covered for pre-existing conditions. However, the insurance policy can be purchased at anytime thereafter, excluding coverage for pre-existing conditions, until final payment has been made. Insurance payments will not be accepted after final payment has been made. All insurance premiums are non-refundable.** If you choose to extend your stay or embark on a pre-tour program, comprehensive insurance protection can be purchased for an additional \$4.00 per day, limited to thirty (30) days total. Additional coverage needs to be requested, the policy will not automatically be extended. The extended policy will only cover pre-paid arrangements made through by Peter's Way Tours. **The Passenger Travel Protection Plan includes coverage for the following:** trip cancellation/interruption, baggage/personal effects, American International Assistance Service, emergency evacuation, repatriation, accident/sickness medical Expenses, and accidental death dismemberment. **PLEASE NOTE:** For complete details of coverage, terms, conditions, exclusions, and pre-existing conditions for the insurance protection provided, refer to the Description of Coverage, which you will receive with your travel documents. If you need further information, please call Berkeley Care, Ltd. at 1-800-797-2295 (outside New York) or 516-342-2500 and ask for the Peter's Way Desk. This insurance is underwritten by: The National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, PA.