



~ PAUL'S FINAL JOURNEY ~ A PILGRIMAGE TO MALTA, SICILY & ROME

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LAND ONLY PROGRAM – AIRFARE NOT INCLUDED



AN INVITATION TO JOIN US



Fr. Felix Just, SJ

Dear Pilgrim Friends,

We invite you to join us on a unique pilgrimage: “the final journey of St. Paul” to Malta, Sicily, and Rome. As you may know, most pilgrimages focused on Paul’s life go to Turkey and/or Greece, where most of his ministry took place. His dramatic last trip, however, described in Acts 27–28, is a compelling conclusion of his life’s story.

Determined to reach Rome and hoping to preach to the Emperor, Paul was taken by ship from Caesarea Maritima in the Holy Land, but after a violent storm at sea was shipwrecked on the island of **Malta**. There he was helped by some kind and generous locals who soon became his fast friends and fellow believers in Jesus Christ, a heritage that their descendants today are very proud of, and rightly so! After a few months

on Malta, Paul and his companions sailed to Syracuse on the island of **Sicily** (Acts 28:12) and then headed to **Rome** (Acts 28:14), where he lived for a few years before dying as a martyr.

Our pilgrimage will take us to the most significant sites associated with Paul on Malta, before we take our own boat ride to Syracuse, where we see how Christians have honored Paul’s brief stopover. We’ll see some other wondrous sights in Sicily before flying (unlike Paul!) to Rome, where we will visit the key sites associated with St. Paul (and St. Peter!) as they ministered to the early Church there. We’ll also witness a ministry of today’s Church (in the same Trastevere area) and attend an audience with Pope Leo XIV, the modern-day successor of the first Apostles.

While our pilgrimage will focus on St. Paul, we’ll also delight in discovering the natural beauty, rich Christian spirituality, and warm friendliness of modern Malta, Sicily, and Rome. As a pilgrim community, we’ll engage in meaningful prayer (including daily Mass), learn about scripture, history, art, and Mediterranean culture, and enjoy plenty of food, fun, and companionship together.

We hope the itinerary below gives you an enticing overview of what awaits you on this once-in-a-lifetime journey, which promises to be an unforgettable experience.

Space is limited, so we recommend that you send in your registration soon!

Your fellow-pilgrims and spiritual guides,

Fr. Felix Just, SJ and Gail Gresser



Ms. Gail Gresser

OUR DAILY ITINERARY

DAY 1, SUNDAY, APRIL 4: DEPART USA

Our program is offered on a “Land Only” basis, which means that all travelers will make their own flight arrangements to Rome. This is the last day that you should depart from the US.

DAY 2, MONDAY, APRIL 5: ARRIVE ROME

Upon arrival in Rome, you can arrange a taxi ride to our hotel, which is not far from the Rome Leonardo da Vinci (Fiumicino) airport. We will gather for our Welcome dinner followed by a pilgrimage orientation meeting at the hotel. (D)

DAY 3, TUESDAY, APRIL 6: ROME/MALTA: VISIT OF VALETTA

Early this morning, we go to the airport to board our flight to Malta. Upon arrival, we board our motor coach, which takes us to the capital city of Valetta. Our tour with a local guide includes the St. John Co-Cathedral, dedicated to St. John the Baptist and built by the Order of St. John in the 16th century. The interior of the church is considered one of the finest examples of high Baroque architecture in all of Europe.

After time for lunch on our own, we celebrate the opening Mass of our pilgrimage at the Basilica of St. Dominic. Originally dedicated to “Our Lady of Safe

Haven," the church historically served as a vital refuge for sailors who visited the chapel to pray for protection and to give thanks upon returning from dangerous sea voyages -- an appropriate venue for the beginning of our Pauline journey. St. Paul is considered the spiritual father of the Maltese people. His shipwreck on Malta is described in Acts 28:1: "we found that the island was called Malta."

We check into our hotel, where we enjoy dinner together. (B,D)

DAY 4, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7: MALTA: GOZO & MELLIEHA

This morning, we take a ferry to the island of Gozo to visit the Church of Saint Paul Shipwrecked in Marsalforn, marking Paul's departure point, according to ancient tradition, for Sicily, on the way to Rome. Here, we celebrate Mass.

After time for lunch on our own, we return to the mainland and travel to Mellieha to visit the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Mellieha in northern Malta. This is the country's oldest Marian shrine, built over a natural cave grotto traditionally linked to the arrival of Christianity in AD 60, following St. Paul's shipwreck. According to tradition, St. Paul and his companions worshipped in this cave, which is believed to be one of the first places of Christian devotion in Malta. We return to our hotel, where dinner will be served. (B,D)

DAY 5, THURSDAY, APRIL 8: MALTA: ST. PAUL DAY: ST. PAUL BAY & GROTTO

Today, we visit Rabat, the primary site of St. Paul's stay. We begin at St. Paul's Grotto, where, according to tradition, St. Paul stayed and preached for three months after his shipwreck. We visit the nearby Catacombs of St. Paul and celebrate Mass at the Basilica of St. Paul, built over St. Paul's Grotto. Lunch is included at a local restaurant.

In the afternoon, we see the chapel dedicated to the shipwreck of St. Paul at St. Paul Bay and view the island where it happened, which features a prominent statue of St. Paul. We return to our hotel and explore the town with dinner on our own this evening. (B,L)

DAY 6, FRIDAY, APRIL 9: MALTA/SICILY

This morning, we check out of our hotel and take a ferry to Pozzallo in Sicily. Upon arrival, our motor coach first takes us to Siracusa, a UNESCO World Heritage Site known for its Greek and Roman history. There, we visit the Catacombs of St. John, which contain some 20,000 early Christian tombs along with the ruins of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, where tradition tells us St. Paul preached (Acts 28:11–13). Inside the catacombs, a small chapel carries the

inscription, "*Hic triduo mansit Paulus Apostolus (Here, the Apostle Paul stayed for three days).*"

We continue to Ortigia, a small island that serves as the cultural and historical heart of the city of Siracusa. Here, we celebrate Mass in the Duomo, the Cathedral of the Nativity of the Virgin Mary. After free time for lunch, we continue to our hotel in Catania for dinner and an overnight stay. (B,D)

DAY 7, SATURDAY, APRIL 10: CATANIA/MONREALE/ PALERMO

This morning, after breakfast and checkout, we depart to Monreale to visit the Cathedral of Santa Maria la Nuovo, which was built by order of William II. The interior walls of the Cathedral are lavishly decorated with golden mosaics that portray scenes from the Old and New Testaments. Here, we will celebrate Mass before continuing to our hotel in Palermo, where dinner will be served. (B,D)

DAY 8, SUNDAY, APRIL 11: PALERMO: VISIT OF THE CITY

Palermo is Sicily's main port, nestled in the middle of a wide bay. The city once served as a favored haunt of writers, poets, and artists seduced by its esoteric beauty. Palermo manages to maintain its essential fascination by drawing its personality from the peoples who have populated its streets over the ages - Byzantine, Arab, Norman, and others - and have left their indelible mark not only in the form of a rich artistic heritage but also in the vital rhythm of life in the city.

Our local guide leads us on a walking tour of the city, taking in the Opera House, boasting some of the best acoustics in all of Europe, as well as the Cathedral of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary, built in 1185. We have time for lunch and shopping on our own in the city center.

St. Ignatius taught us to "find God in all things," so it is fitting that in this culturally and historically fascinating city, we celebrate afternoon Mass at the Jesuit Church of the Gesù, known also as the Saint Mary of Jesus (Santa Maria di Gesù) or the Casa Professa. The Jesuits arrived in Palermo in 1549, and by the late 16th century began building a church adjacent to their professed house (*casa professa*) based on a design by the Jesuit architect Giovanni Tristano. Dinner will be served at our hotel this evening. (B,D)

DAY 9, MONDAY, APRIL 12: PALERMO/ROME: TRASTEVERE

Today, we check out of our hotel in Palermo and fly to Rome. After, checking into our hotel there, we visit the neighborhood of Trastevere. Here, the

1st century Jewish community lived in Rome, so the earliest followers of Jesus were likely located there. We celebrate Mass in the Basilica of Santa Maria in Trastevere. After some free time in the area, we have dinner at a restaurant operated by the Sant'Egidio community - Trattoria De Glie Amici. We learn about the history and ministry of this contemporary lay community and join them after dinner for evening prayer in the Basilica (*pending confirmation*). On our way back to the hotel, we will enjoy a panoramic tour of Rome by night. (B,D)

DAY 10, TUESDAY, APRIL 13: ROME: ST. PAUL'S OUTSIDE THE WALLS, TRE FONTANE, & CATACOMBS

This morning, we visit the Basilica of St. Paul's Outside the Walls, housing the Tomb of St. Paul the Apostle, known as the Apostle of the Gentiles. After his execution and burial in Rome in the 1st century AD, Saint Paul's followers erected a shrine over the grave, and early Christians frequently visited the site to honor him. The first church on the site was founded by Emperor Constantine in 324, and in 386, Emperor Theodosius began the construction of a much larger basilica. Although heavily restored, the present Basilica looks much the same as it did in the 4th century. Here, in one of the four Papal Basilicas, we will celebrate Mass. We also visit the Abbey of Tre Fontane, traditionally believed to be the site of Paul's execution in the aftermath of the fires that demolished Rome in 64 AD. The *Annals* of the Roman historian Tacitus describe the persecution of the Christians, who were blamed without grounds for the fire that destroyed three-quarters of the city. Afterward, we will gather at a local restaurant for our included lunch.

In the afternoon, we visit the Catacombs of St. Calixtus on the Appian Way, the road that St. Paul took when he entered Rome as a prisoner. St. Calixtus contains the burial places of sixteen popes, numerous martyrs, and many other Christians. We return to our hotel and then explore the local restaurants to enjoy dinner on our own. (B,L)

DAY 11, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14: ROME: PAPAL AUDIENCE & ST. PETER'S BASILICA

After an early breakfast, we arrive at St. Peter's Square for the General Papal Audience (subject to the pope's schedule). We celebrate Mass at one of the churches in the Vatican area, then have our included group lunch together.

In the afternoon, we meet our local guide for a visit of the Basilica of St. Peter. With Michelangelo's dome, the Basilica is the most prominent building of Rome. In addition to many sculptures and architectural marvels by Bernini and other great artists, we see Michelangelo's famous statue *Pieta*. There are over a

hundred tombs within the Basilica, including ninety-one popes, including St. John XXIII and St. John Paul II. We take time to be awed not only by the beauty of this building, but by the prayers offered here over the centuries by countless people of faith. After free time (for shopping?), we return to our hotel. Tonight, dinner is on our own to explore Rome's local restaurants. (B,L)

DAY 12, THURSDAY, APRIL 15: ROME: SCAVI, FORUM, COLOSSEUM, & MAMERTINE PRISON

This morning we celebrate the closing Mass of our pilgrimage in St. Peter's Basilica. We have also requested the privilege of a guided tour of the underground excavations (*Scavi*) located beneath St. Peter's Basilica (*subject to confirmation*).

After some free time for lunch on our own, we view the Colosseum from the outside and walk through the Roman Forum. St. Paul's presence in Rome heavily links him to the heart of the Roman Forum and its surrounding areas, tracing his footsteps from his imprisonment to his final resting place. As a Roman citizen, Paul likely stood trial in the Roman Forum at the Basilica of Julia, the usual setting for such trials. Here, a Roman court would have tried and condemned Paul to death. We will continue our tour with a visit to the Mamertine Prison (*subject to confirmation*), where, according to tradition, Paul was imprisoned before his execution. For lunch and the rest of the afternoon, we will be on our own. We conclude the day with our Farewell Dinner at a local restaurant. (B,D)

DAY 13, FRIDAY, APRIL 16: RETURN TO USA OR CONTINUE FURTHER TRAVELS

This morning, after breakfast, our pilgrimage draws to a close. The hotel staff at the front desk are always pleased to assist anyone who would like a taxi to the airport. (B)

Note: *While no changes are anticipated, there might be occasions when certain alterations become necessary to the itinerary, due to changes in airline schedules or for any other reason. All Masses are subject to final Church schedules.*



Pricing & Registration Information: Tour Number 27-015-0404

How To REGISTER: Registrations are processed in the order received and many groups fill up quickly, so please register soon. Deadline for initial registration is **September 30, 2026**. To attempt to register after this date, inquire first to learn if any space is still available. Online registration is not available at this time.

To make your reservation, complete the Registration Form included in this PDF document and submit your \$1,000 per person deposit, mailed to the address shown on the bottom of the Registration Form. CTC will send your invoice via postal mail within two weeks of our receipt of your deposit. Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure, by **December 5, 2026**.

PAYMENT OPTIONS:

- 1) Discount Price (payment by check or money order)
- 2) Standard Price (payment by credit or debit card).

Prices are per person based on double occupancy. A very limited number of single rooms may be available at the supplement shown below.

DISCOUNT PRICE (payable by check or money order):
Land Only Package: \$5,899 plus tips of \$225 for total tour cost of \$6,124

STANDARD PRICE (payable by credit or debit card):
Land Only Package: \$6,258 plus tips of \$195 for total tour cost of \$6,483

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT: \$1,265

YOUR PRICE INCLUDES: First class or best available accommodations (all with private facilities); flights between Rome and Valetta & Palermo to Rome; sightseeing; and meals per itinerary (B, L, D); and is based on a minimum of 30 fully paying passengers per motor coach. Please see the Registration Form and Terms & Conditions for more details.

GRATUITIES: Tips are included for sightseeing guides, restaurants, hotel porters, motor coach driver and your tour manager.

NOTICE ON ETIAS (European Travel Information And Authorization System)

The European Union plans to implement ETIAS Travel Authorization for U.S. Citizens wishing to enter a member country of the European Union. At the time of creating this brochure, the start date for this ETIAS program was not available. Catholic Travel Centre will continue to monitor the situation and advise passengers accordingly. Passengers will be responsible for securing and paying for their own ETIAS Authorization online (approx. \$25 per person) once the program officially begins.

HEALTH DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS: Please refer to the Terms and Conditions of this brochure for guidance on documentation requirements.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: Once CTC processes your initial registration deposit, you will receive an email with information on suggested travel insurance providers. CTC strongly suggests the purchase of travel insurance to help protect your investment in the trip and to help provide medical coverage outside the United States. We also strongly suggest you purchase the broadest coverage available with the least amount of exclusions. Because some travel insurance plans contain time-sensitive benefits for pre-existing conditions, cancel for any reason or for other coverages, we encourage you to do your research and consider purchasing optional travel insurance soon after making your initial tour registration deposit with CTC.

WALKING: Please note, this journey involves considerable walking on cobblestone streets and uneven pavement and requires being on your feet more than usual. You should be in good physical condition to enjoy this pilgrimage to its fullest.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

ACCEPTANCE OF TERMS & CONDITIONS: Any payments made by a Traveler or on behalf of the Traveler ("Traveler", "you") to Catholic Travel Centre (CTC) toward any CTC tour shall constitute acceptance of all Terms & Conditions provided herein.

PAYMENT TERMS: All payments shall be made on the dates indicated in the payment schedule, noted in the Registration Information section. Late payments are subject to a non-refundable \$150 fee, and may result in cancellation. A Traveler registering within 120 days prior to departure must provide full payment by cashier check, plus a non-refundable late registration \$150 fee. CTC reserves the right to cancel registrations not paid in full 105 days prior to tour departure and to charge fees per the Cancellation Policy. A non-refundable \$75 fee is charged on all returned payments. Travelers agree not to dispute any credit card charges associated with this trip before contacting CTC first to resolve their concerns. CTC retains the right to dispute any chargeback that is improper and recover any costs, including attorney's fees related to improper chargebacks. Additionally, in the event of an improper chargeback, CTC retains the right to cancel any travel reservation related to that improper chargeback NOTE: Credit card charges will not show as "travel expense" on your credit card statement, but will appear as "specialty services", "shopping" or another designation.

CHANGES IN FORM OF PAYMENT: To change from Cash Discount to Standard pricing, the difference between prices plus an additional \$75 fee applies. After a Traveler's credit card has been charged for any portion of the tour, s/he is ineligible for the Cash Discount Price.

PARTIAL PACKAGES NOT AVAILABLE: Tour Packages are offered as described in this brochure, at the stated price. Partial package purchase is not available.

INDIVIDUAL CANCELLATION POLICY: CTC's cancellation policy is in effect upon first payment toward any CTC tour. A Traveler's cancellation must be provided in writing either by email, fax, or registered mail to CTC. The cancellation by the Traveler is effective on the date of the cancellation email, fax, or date of postmark. The Traveler forfeits the following fees to CTC based on the date of cancellation notice: anytime up to 150 days prior to departure, \$500 fee; 149 to 120 days prior to departure, \$1,000 fee; 119 to 90 days prior to departure \$1,000 fee plus 25% of Land Cost; 89 to 60 days prior to departure, \$1,000 fee plus 50% of Land Cost (including intro European flights) ; 59 days or fewer, all payments by Traveler made to CTC are forfeited, and there are no refunds. In event of individual cancellation, no name changes or substitutions are permitted.

No shows: Land only passengers who do not show for first hotel night will be considered as tour cancellations: their hotel reservations will automatically be cancelled and cannot be reinstated.

PRICES: If the group does not reach the size advertised, the price or programming will be adjusted accordingly. Pricing is based on exchange rates and fares applicable at the time of quotation and is subject to change. Fuel surcharges are subject to increase up to 30 days prior to departure.

PASSPORT: A valid passport is required of all U.S. citizen passengers. Travelers of other nationalities should inquire with the appropriate embassies, and such Travelers are responsible for securing their own visas if required in addition to their valid passport. Travelers' passports must be valid for six (6) months following the return date of the trip. CTC expressly denies any responsibility for any losses incurred due to insufficient validity of a Traveler's passport.

HEALTH & MEDICAL CONSIDERATIONS: The Traveler is responsible for identifying and securing any health/medical related documentation required by the airlines and/or countries visited on the itinerary, and CTC bears no responsibility for the passenger not providing the required documentation. If a country requires proof of COVID vaccination and/or a negative COVID test, it is the responsibility of the passenger to secure such documentation within the required timeframe as a condition for joining this tour.

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ACCOMMODATIONS AND MEALS: Accommodations are based on double/twin rooms with private bathroom facilities. A limited number of single rooms are available and are subject to a single room supplement fee. If no roommate is available for you, or your roommate cancels prior to departure, a single room supplement surcharge applies. Triple rooms are not always available and are discouraged because of cramped quarters; no price reduction for triple rooms. Included meals are as shown in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner). Meals are either menu of the day or buffet. For menu of the day, the only deviations from the group menu which CTC can request (and which still cannot be guaranteed) are: Vegan, Gluten Free, Dairy Free, and Vegetarian; CTC is unable to accommodate any other special meal requests. For buffet meals, it remains the responsibility of the traveler to select food items which satisfy their dietary needs.

LAND ONLY PASSENGERS: Travelers arranging their own airline ticket must meet the group at the first hotel of the itinerary and are responsible for their own airport transfers.

BAGGAGE & PORTERAGE: Baggage is at Traveler's risk. Porterage for one piece of luggage is included at hotels.

NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE: Passports, visas, meals and beverages not mentioned, extras beyond standard menu, baggage fees, telephone calls, laundry, medical tests, and other items not explicitly stated as included.

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FOR CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS ONLY: Upon cancellation of the transportation or travel services, where the passenger is not at fault and has not canceled in violation of any terms and conditions previously clearly and conspicuously disclosed and agreed to by the passenger, all sums paid to CTC for services not provided will be promptly paid to the passenger, unless the passenger advises the CTC in writing, after cancellation. This provision does not apply where CTC has remitted the payment to another registered wholesale seller of travel or a carrier, without obtaining a refund, and where the wholesaler or provider defaults in providing the agreed-upon transportation or service. In this situation, CTC must provide the passenger with a written statement accompanied by bank records establishing the disbursement of the payment, and if disbursed to a wholesale seller of travel, proof of current registration of that wholesaler.

A PILGRIMAGE TO MALTA, SICILY & ROME

Dates: April 4 to 16, 2027 • Tour #: 27-015-0404 • Group Name: JUST GRESSER

****If any section below is left blank, your registration form will not be processed and you will not be confirmed on this pilgrimage****

1. PERSONAL INFORMATION

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

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

How would you like your first name to appear on your nametag?

Email *(Forms submitted without email address cannot be processed)*

Date of Birth

Gender

Street Address

Apt

City

State

Zip

Mobile Tel

Home Tel

2. PASSPORT INFORMATION

Will you hold a U.S. Passport at the time of travel? (Yes / No)

If "no," what nationality?

You must select one of the two choices below:

- ☐ I have enclosed a copy of the photo page of my passport showing my name, passport number and expiration date.
- ☐ I understand I must submit a copy of the photo page of my passport 90 days or more prior to departure.

Note: Catholic Travel Centre is not liable for passports expiring within 180 days of the return date of the pilgrimage.

3. ROOMING INFORMATION

You must select one of the three choices below:

- ☐ I wish to room with: (enter name)

- ☐ Please try to find a roommate for me. I understand if you cannot find a roommate for me, I will be obliged to pay the single room supplement.
- ☐ I wish a single room at a supplement of \$1,265. A limited number of single rooms are available at this price.

4. PAYMENT INFORMATION

Registration deposit: \$1,000 by September 30, 2026

Final payment: by December 5, 2026

You must select one of the two choices below:

DISCOUNT PRICE (payment by check or money order only)

\$1,000 deposit & balance paid check or money order. Make check payable to Catholic Travel Centre.

- ☐ **LAND ONLY PACKAGE:** \$5,899 plus tips of \$225 for total tour cost of **\$6,124** includes flights between Rome and Valetta & Palermo to Rome

STANDARD PRICE (payment by credit or debit card only)

\$1,000 deposit and payment by credit or debit card. Please fill in your credit card information below.

- ☐ **LAND ONLY PACKAGE:** \$6,258 plus tips of \$225 for total tour cost of **\$6,483** includes flights between Rome and Valetta & Palermo to Rome

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CREDIT / DEBIT CARD PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION

I authorize Catholic Travel Centre to charge the Standard Price amount to my credit or debit card (\$1,000 will be charged now; balance of payment will be charged to my card per the invoice due date).

I agree to the terms and conditions and cancellation terms attached here.

☐ VISA

☐ MASTERCARD

Card Number

Exp. Date

Name as it appears on credit card

Signature

Date

Office Use Only:

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

If any section above is left blank, your registration form will not be processed and you will not be confirmed on this pilgrimage.

Enclosed please find my \$1,000 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, including information related to pricing and cancellations.

Signature _____ Date _____

**Please make check payable to Catholic Travel Centre and mail it along with this form to:
Catholic Travel Centre, 4444 West Riverside Drive, Suite 301, Burbank, CA 91505**

Further information and invoice will be sent within two weeks of receipt of your registration and deposit.