Join Monsignor James Shea, president of the University of Mary, on the fourth annual President's Club Rome Pilgrimage. This 12-day event will include the Vatican, the Sistine Chapel, the Catacombs, Assisi, the Forum, the Pantheon, and the University of Mary Rome Campus.

But hurry, space is limited.

**Experience Italy like never before!**

Andiamo!
TENTATIVE ITINERARY

Saturday, Oct. 4: Bismarck
We depart today from Bismarck for Rome. Supper and breakfast will be served on board the airplane.

Sunday, Oct. 5: Rome
Welcome to the Eternal City! After clearing passport control and baggage claim at Rome's Leonardo da Vinci Airport, we will be met by our private, air-conditioned motorcoach and taken to our accommodations near the heart of the city. We're staying at the University of Mary's Rome Campus, Al Casaletto. It will be a joy to join our students during our stay in Rome, sharing in the excitement of their lives abroad. After check-in, take some time to rest from the journey, freshen up, and adjust to the new time. We'll close the day with a Mass of Welcome in the chapel of the U-Mary campus, and then supper at a little ristorante in the neighborhood. Early to bed tonight so we can shake off jetlag and prepare for the coming days!

Monday, Oct. 6: Rome
Following breakfast on our campus, we'll embark on a guided tour through the shadows of ancient Rome: the Forum, from which the Romans governed their vast empire; the mighty Colosseum, the amphitheater of gladiator fights, mock naval battles, and the massacre of the early Christians; we'll glimpse the Palatine Hill, on which sits the ruins of the great Imperial Palace; the Circus Maximus, the great racetrack of the emperors. Lunch today will be at Abruzzi, one of the most loved restaurants in all of Rome. Following lunch, Monsignor Shea will lead an afternoon historical and architectural tour of the most stunning basilica in honor of the Blessed Mother; St. Mary Major. The evening is free for you to explore Rome on your own. Now don't get nervous, because we'll provide some terrific recommendations for supper. You might even stumble upon the beautiful Trevi Fountain by moonlight … toss in a few coins!

Tuesday, Oct. 7: Rome
We'll enjoy breakfast at the campus and then we're off to behold a sight that pilgrims of old walked months to see: St. Peter's Basilica of Vatican City. After a private Mass in the crypt of St. Peter’s, very near the bones of St. Peter himself, we will be guided through the world's largest and most famous church. Following the tour, lunch will be on our own in a small shopping district near the Vatican. You may want to pick up a rosary or two for the pope to bless when we see him on Wednesday. After lunch, we will regroup and make our way to America's seminary in Rome, the Pontifical North American College, where we will take in one of the most amazing views of Rome, and gather together for rest and prayer. Tonight we dine together at one of Monsignor Shea’s and Cardinal Timothy Dolan’s favorite restaurants in all of Rome: Orazio!
Wednesday, Oct. 8: Rome
Enjoy breakfast on campus before we return to St. Peter's Square, where Pope Francis will offer a general audience in the open air. We'll join the vast crowds in their cheers: *Viva il Papa!* Lunch will be on your own.
In the afternoon, we will take a short ride to the Church of the other great Prince of Rome: the serene Basilica of St. Paul outside the Walls. We'll offer a prayer to the great missionary and traveler who is buried there, St. Paul the Apostle, asking him to protect us on our pilgrimage of faith. And, of course, we'll finish the day relaxing together with a supper of local specialties.

Thursday, Oct. 9: Rome
This morning we will venture off to the last of the four major basilicas in Rome, the Cathedral of Rome: St. John Lateran. After a tour and Mass by Monsignor Shea, we will cross the street to visit one of the great relics of Rome: the Scala Sancta. Following our time of prayer, we will be in for another kind of pilgrimage; on the Old Appian Road lies Cecilia Metella, an enchanting restaurant surrounded by ruins and wheat fields. We'll dine there among the flowers and fountains of their lovely terrace before making our way for a visit to the Catacombs of San Callisto, a vast underground cemetery for the earliest Christians. We'll explore the sprawling subterranean caverns and then emerge into the sunlight for a short ride to our campus. The evening is free to explore and dine as you like.

Friday, Oct. 10: Rome (Monte Cassino/Vatican Museum)
Today we are pleased to take you on a relaxing excursion to the wonderful Benedictine site of Monte Cassino. As a Benedictine university, the University of Mary is devoted to the life of Saint Benedict and his sister, Saint Scholastica. Monte Cassino is home to St. Benedict's greatest monastery and the place where he and his sister lie buried. It was also the site of a great World War II battle, and there are somber military cemeteries on the mountain's slopes. We will return home and be treated to a guided stroll through the Vatican Museums, taking in the immortal Sistine Chapel and the rooms of Raphael. Our private motorcoach will pick us up near the doors of the Vatican Museum to drive us back to the U-Mary campus.

Saturday, Oct. 11: Rome/Orvieto/Assisi
Early to rise today as we pack our bags and make our way north to Assisi, where we'll be staying for the next couple of nights. But before we get to Assisi, it's off to Orvieto, a hilltop town where we will visit what many believe to be Italy's most beautiful church, the city's great Duomo. The cornerstone was laid in 1290, and over the next two centuries countless artisans and masters added their exquisite touches to its marble facades, its intricate carvings and inlaid floors. Perhaps the crowning glory of this magnificent cathedral is Signorelli’s unforgettable frescoes depicting the end of the world, the resurrection of the dead, Heaven and Hell. Orvieto is also famous for its colorful ceramics and its crisp white wine, both good gifts if you’ve not yet found something to bring home. After a beautiful lunch together at Da Maurizio, we will be on our way to Assisi. The stone-walled town of Assisi is miraculous, a tranquil refuge in the midst of the Italian countryside, perched halfway up Mount Subasio, and home to one of the Church's most beloved saints, Francis of Assisi. Before reaching the medieval city of Assisi, we will stop for a short visit to the Church of Santa Maria degli Angeles. We will then check into our hotel and sit down to a supper in the old Umbrian style, full of robust and lingering flavors.
**Sunday, Oct. 12: Assisi**

Today we begin with Mass at the tomb of St. Francis. Immediately following Mass, Monsignor Shea will offer a guided tour of the sites, including the churches of San Francesco, Santa Chiara, and Santa Maria sopra Minerva. After the tours, and lunch on your own, a fleet of small vans will meet us and take us to see the Carcere, a breathtaking little refuge Francis built at the very top of the mountain. We'll come back down the mountain for a free afternoon to take in the sights and sounds of Assisi, and maybe even do a little shopping among the many quaint shops. This evening we dine together at La Rocca, a beautiful little restaurant named for the medieval castle of Assisi.

**Monday, Oct. 13: Siena**

Today features an excursion to Siena. This medieval city’s ramparts and reddish-brown buildings are intricately woven around the Piazza del Campo – Europe’s finest city square. The whole piazza is like a sprawling living room, except in the days following the great Palio horse race. We hope to have lunch at Il Gallo Nero (the “Black Rooster”), a restaurant which uses only recipes from the Middle Ages. Then we’ll walk through town, before coming upon the world’s oldest bank, the black and white striped Duomo, and the Eucharistic miracle of San Francesco. Your evening is free to dine and explore as you please.

**Tuesday, Oct. 14: Assisi/Greccio/Rome**

After breakfast, we’ll gather our things and load the busses. We will begin our journey back to Rome, but before we get there, we will stop at the little city of Greccio, where St. Francis gave us the original Nativity scene. There, we will celebrate Mass, and after taking in the serenity of this holy place, we will dine at Il Nido del Corvo, enjoying the breathtaking view as we share our final meal together. Finally, we return to Rome to pack and get our things ready for the flight home.

**Wednesday, Oct. 15: Rome/Bismarck**

Today we pack up our souvenirs and our memories and board our flight home – Arrivederci Roma!
The price for the complete land itinerary as detailed above is $2,425 U.S. per person, double occupancy. This price does not include round-trip group airfare from Bismarck to Rome, for which we have a group rate of $1,260. Thus the total cost of the pilgrimage for President's Club members, land + air, is $3,685.

* Total price for President's Club non-members: $4,185
  Total price for U-Mary Employees: $3,185

** The above price is based upon double occupancy in the hotel accommodations. The single supplement for those requesting a single room throughout the pilgrimage (if available) is $500 U.S. We will gladly attempt to find roommates for those traveling alone, if there are other such pilgrims available and willing, but we can make no guarantees.

A down payment of $500 per person must be submitted with the application in order to reserve space on the President's Club Pilgrimage to Rome. An additional $1,000 per person is due by May 15, 2014, and the balance in full by August 15, 2014.

Making Your Own Arrangements for Airfare
Participants may use frequent flyer miles or secure their own airfare. However, if doing so results in variations of the flight itinerary, individuals may be responsible for their own transportation to and from the Italian arrival and departure airports. Be sure to contact the Office of Public Affairs to secure information about when our group flights land and depart.

To Reserve Space on the Pilgrimage
Reservations will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Space is limited. To reserve space on the pilgrimage, mail or deliver completed reservation form (taking special care to sign and initial it as indicated) and down payment to:

University of Mary
Office of Public Affairs
7500 University Dr.
Bismarck, ND 58504

If you have questions, contact Jerome Richter at 701.355.8072; 800.408.6279, ext. 8072; or romeppilgrimage@umary.edu.
Rome Pilgrimage
Reservation Form

To reserve a space on the pilgrimage, please return this entire form to the University of Mary Office of Public Affairs. Space is limited. Please print clearly.

**Passenger Information (Traveler 1)**

*Full name must be exactly as it appears on your passport or passport application. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport.*

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I am enclosing a check for $500 per person (made out to “The University of Mary”) to reserve my/our space on the President’s Club Pilgrimage to Rome. I agree to pay an additional $1,000 per person by May 15, 2014 and the balance in full by August 15, 2014.

SIGNATURE: ____________________________ DATE: ____________

**CANCELLATION FEES:** The following per person fees apply for cancellations received by The University of Mary in writing: from the time of reservation up to May 15, 2014 – $500; from May 15 to August 15, 2014 – $1,500; from August 15 until departure – 100% of the tour price must be forfeited. Travel insurance is available and highly recommended.

*** Please initial to demonstrate that you understand and agree to the above terms: __________ ***

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** For your protection we highly recommend travel insurance, which is provided through agents such as Satrom Travel.

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