

Dear Friends,

Fall 2022

We would like to invite you to a pilgrimage to Assisi and some time in Rome on the occasion of the 300th Anniversary of our Congregation (1723-2023).

Traveling to Assisi gives us the opportunity to see and experience the life of our religious father, St. Francis from the outside, but especially from his inner, spiritual side.

Here we will find central places that were very important for Francis in his pilgrimage here on earth.

We will try to visit these places as chronologically as possible in order to let ourselves be taken along by Francis on his path of searching, struggling and finally of totally finding himself again in God's omnipresent presence.

There will also be time to explore this beautiful medieval city with its special Italian flair.

Here are some of our places that we plan to visit in Assisi and the surrounding area:

- Chiesa Nova (St. Francis' parents' house)
- Cathedral of San Rufino (place of baptism of Francis and Clara)
- San Damiano
- Sanctuary of Rivotorto
- Santa Maria degli Angeli / Portiuncula
- Carceri / Monte Subasio
- Basilica of Saint Clare
- Basilica of San Francis
- La Verna (where St. Francis receives the Stigmata)

After these amazing experiences, touring and praying together (and eating), we will spend 2 ½ days in Rome before flying home. The main pilgrimage place in Rome will be St. Peter's Basilica including the Sistine Chapel. After this, each pilgrim will have time to explore as they wish. Some suggestions: the Catacombs, the Colosseum, the Pantheon (converted into a church), and countless other beautiful sites and churches. We will have daily Mass in some of these beautiful shrines as well.

A pilgrimage is primarily a spiritual trip with other pilgrims. This one is in honor of our 300th Anniversary with the Sisters. May it help us to grow in deeper love with God and to live in the Light of Christ.

See other links for more information and to register:

<https://www.catholicpilgrimoffice.com/schoolsisters>

Your sisters in Christ,

School Sisters of St. Francis
aka Franciscan Sisters of Christ the Light

