



# Canonization Pilgrimage to Italy In the Footsteps of **Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati**

## July 26 – August 06, 2025

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## Your Trip Includes:

- Round-trip airfare
- Airport taxes and fuel surcharges
- 10 nights accommodation at centrally located first class hotels as follows: (or similar)
  - 4 nights: Jul 27 - 31: NH Torino Lingotto Congress, Turin, Italy
  - 2 nights: Jul 31 - Aug 2: Hotel Machiavelli Palace, Florence, Italy
  - 4 nights: Aug 2 - 6: Le Meridien Visconti Hotel, Rome, Italy
- Breakfast and Dinner daily
- Wine with dinners

- Transportation by air-conditioned motor coach
- Free WiFi and water on bus
- Assistance of local guide throughout
- Whisper headsets
- Transfers as per itinerary
- Sightseeing and admissions fees as per itinerary
- Catholic Priest, Mass daily & Spiritual activities
- Luggage handling (1 piece per person)
- Flight bag & digital confirmation of all travel documents

## Sample Daily Itinerary

### Day 1 | Sat, Jul 26: Depart your hometown for Milan or Turin, Italy

Make your way to your local airport, where you will board your overnight flight(s). Meals will be served on board.

### Day 2 | Sun, Jul 27: Arrive Milan or Turin Airport

Upon arriving in Milan or Turin airport, you will be greeted by your guide and driver, who will transfer you to your hotel. Meet your fellow pilgrims, participate in the celebration of Holy Mass. Enjoy a brief presentation on the life of Pier Giorgio Frassati. Conclude with dinner and a restful overnight.

### Day 3 | Mon, Jul 28: Turin

Begin the day with breakfast and then proceed to explore the city of Turin. First, we will visit the Frassati family's parish church, Our Lady of Grace. The church is located across the street from the home where Pier Giorgio died. On the front right wall of the Church is a bronze relief of Pier Giorgio which marks the area where he often sat for Mass when he wasn't serving on the altar. Stand in the same spot where Bl. Frassati took his vows as a Dominican tertiary at the 13th century church San Domenico. From there, we will visit the Basilica of the Consolata - Pier Giorgio's "headquarters" for his charitable missions. Soon to be canonized Saint Giuseppe Allamano is buried here. After time for lunch, our tour will continue to the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist: the resting place of Blessed Frassati and the home of the world's most famous relic, the Shroud of Turin. The Shroud is a piece of herringbone twilled linen cloth measuring 14.5 by 3.9 feet. It is believed to be that in which Christ's body was wrapped after his crucifixion. The cloth still bears the faint imprint of Jesus, and the apparent signs of wound marks that correspond to those Christ sustained during crucifixion. It is expected that the Shroud will be on public display sometime during the 2025 Jubilee Year (pending confirmation). Following his beatification in 1990, the incorrupt mortal remains of Pier Giorgio Frassati were transferred from the family crypt in Pollone to their present location in the Cathedral. Participate in the celebration of Holy Mass, & take time for prayer and reflection. Conclude this memorable day with dinner and a restful overnight at your hotel.

### Day 4 | Tue, Jul 29: Turin - Oropa

After breakfast, we will depart for the Sanctuary of Oropa where we will celebrate Mass. It is one of the oldest Marian shrines in the world and was founded by St. Eusebius of Vercelli in the 4th century. According to local legend, the town was spared from the plague in the 17th century because of its dedication to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Every year the residents make a pilgrimage in thanks to Our Lady. We will see Pier Giorgio's beloved Brown Madonna inside the "Old Church". Pope Saint John Paul II prayed the Sunday Angelus here in Oropa to coincide with his visit to the tomb of Pier Giorgio in 1989. Also located in Oropa is the "Sacro Monte", a UNESCO World Heritage Site that contains 12 chapels with life-sized statues made of terracotta depicting scenes from the life of the Virgin Mary. After lunch, enjoy free time to explore Oropa or join a brief walking tour of some of the sites relevant to Blessed Frassati. We will participate in a Eucharistic procession at the Sanctuary of Oropa. Afterwards, we return to Turin for dinner and overnight.

### Day 5 | Wed, Jul 30: Turin - Pollone

After breakfast, visit the Sanctuary of Maria Ausiliatrice, the Basilica of Our Lady Help of Christians. Originally part of a home for poor boys founded by Saint John Bosco, the Basilica contains St. John Bosco's remains along with the relics of other saints, including St. Dominic Savio. The Church was built after St. John Bosco had a vision of Our Lady in which she revealed to him the site of the martyrdom of the Turinese Saints Solutor, Adventor, and Octavius and requested that a Church be constructed there. The three martyrs were Roman soldiers who were killed for their faith in the early 4th century. After Mass, time for lunch, and shopping, we will travel to Pollone. Enjoy a stroll through the village and arrive at the location of the Frassati family's summer home. Luciana Frassati, Pier Giorgio's sister, was born and died here (at the age of 105). See the room Pier Giorgio occupied during his lifetime and the room that now houses the bed where he died and other pieces of furniture from his room at the family home in Turin. Walk down Pier Giorgio Frassati street to Senator Frassati street. At this intersection, you will see a statue of Mr. Frassati. We will walk on to the "Cangio Church" (Ss. Fabian and Sebastian), the church where the rite of Baptism was completed for Pier Giorgio five months after his birth. Our final stop in Pollone is the cemetery where Pier Giorgio was buried after his death in 1925 until his beatification in 1990. His sister Luciana, his parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles are all buried in the family crypt. Pope St. John Paul II prayed in the crypt for more than 20 minutes when he visited in 1989. You can descend and pay your respects, as well. Pass the Piacenza Cashmere Fabric Mill and Store. Founded in 1733, it is one of the oldest family-owned businesses in Europe. Continue to Turin for dinner and overnight.

### Day 6 | Thu, Jul 31: Turin - Florence

Following a delicious breakfast, we will journey through the beautiful Italian countryside as we make our way to Florence. This city is the land for art lovers and was home to some of the greatest artists of the Renaissance including Dante, Leonardo da Vinci, Michelangelo, Raphael, Botticelli, Donatello, and others. We will visit the magnificent Franciscan Church of the Holy Cross or Santa Croce where many nobles are buried including Michelangelo, Galileo, and Machiavelli. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

### Day 7 | Fri, Aug: Florence

Enjoy breakfast and then depart for the Convent of San Marco, which was the home of the Dominican Friar Girolamo Savonarola. This holy man was a great preacher and reformer during the Renaissance in Florence, who stood against the corruption of his time until his martyrdom in 1498. Bl. Pier Giorgio was so inspired by this man's heroic life that he chose the name "Girolamo" (Jerome) when he became a lay Dominican in 1922. The Convent of San Marco features the beautiful artwork of Fra Angelico, including his famous fresco of the Annunciation. Return to Florence for a walking tour through Piazza Signorina, Palazzo Vecchio, Uffizi, Ponte Vecchio, and Republic Square to the Santa Maria del Fiore. This Cathedral was designed by Filippo Brunelleschi in the 13th century. If time permits, we will also visit L'Accademia and view the work of Botticelli, Ghirlandaio, Pontormo, and the famous sculpture by Michelangelo: David. Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

### Day 8 | Sat, Aug 2: Florence - Siena - Rome

After breakfast we will head south to Siena, the birthplace of Saints Catherine (Doctor of the Church) and Bernardine (known as the "Apostle of Italy" for his efforts to revive the Catholic faith in the 15th century). Siena is one of Italy's loveliest medieval cities. Stroll the Piazza Del Campo and visit the Cathedral and the Basilica of St. Francis, containing the miraculous consecrated hosts that remained intact since 1730. Celebrate Mass at San Domenico, and visit St. Catherine's home. After Siena, we head to Rome for dinner and overnight.

### Day 9 | Sun, Aug 3: Rome Canonization of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati

Witness history on the momentous day Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati is declared a Saint! Known for his joyful spirit, Frassati was called "the Man of the Eight Beatitudes" by Pope John Paul II. He had a great love for the Blessed Mother and the Holy Eucharist. An avid lover of the outdoors, he was pure, happy, and enthusiastic about everything true, good, and beautiful. He was a true model for all Christian young men. Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati died at 24 years old of polio, which he contracted from the poor and sick whom he visited in Turin's slums. He left a lasting impact by living his faith with passion and serving others with a generous heart. We will make our way today to St. Peter's Square to secure our spot for the canonization ceremony. Witness the grandeur, music, and moving speeches as Bl. Frassati is elevated to Sainthood. *Pending confirmation, we will meet with the other English-speaking devotees of Frassati to celebrate this historic event.* This unforgettable day concludes with dinner and an overnight in Rome.

### Day 10 | Mon, Aug 4: Rome Basilica of St. John the Lateran - Holy Stairs - Santa Croce - Basilica of St. Mary Major

Today we start with a visit the one of the oldest and major Basilicas in Rome, the Basilica of St. John the Lateran which is home to the relics of Saints Peter and Paul. Cross the street to visit the Holy Stairs which are believed to be the very steps leading up to the praetorium of Pontius Pilate in Jerusalem that Jesus stepped on his way to trial during his Passion. They were brought to Rome by Saint Helena in the fourth century. Ascend these stairs on your knees, in memory of Christ's agonizing Passion. Visit the Basilica of Santa Croce, one of the Seven Pilgrim Churches which is believed to hold relics of the True Cross. Conclude with a Mass at the Basilica of St. Mary Major. This Basilica contains a relic from the Manger of the Infant Jesus. Enjoy dinner at the hotel and a restful overnight.

### Day 11 | Tue, Aug 5: Rome Memorial Mass - St. Peter's Basilica - Vatican Museum - Santo Spirito in Sassia - Appian Way - Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls - Catacombs

This morning, we will make our way back to St. Peter's for the Memorial Mass. Tour St. Peter's Basilica, built on the site where St. Peter the Apostle was martyred. View Michelangelo's Pieta sculpture and pray at the tombs of Pope Benedict XVI and St. John Paul II. Visit the Church of the Holy Spirit in Sassia, which St. John Paul II designated as the Divine Mercy Spirituality Center in 1994. After lunch, continue down the Appian Way, one of the earliest roads built in ancient Rome to the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls and the Catacombs. Dinner and overnight in Rome.

### Day 12 | Wed, Aug 6: Return from Rome to the USA

After an early breakfast and heartfelt farewells, transfer to Rome airport for return flights home.

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