



# Canonization Pilgrimage to Italy for **Blessed Carlo Acutis & Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati**

*We will walk in the Footsteps of  
Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati*

## July 26 – August 06, 2025

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### TURIN, PALLONE, SIENNA, FLORENCE, & ROME

(Assisi- Optional Post Tour)



**\$6,929 per person**  
from New York, All-Inclusive

**Spiritual Directors:**



**Fr. Dennis Suglia**



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**Optional Post-Tour to Assisi:**  
**August 6 - 8, 2025 | \$849 per person**  
**See the Body of Blessed Carlo Acutis**

*\*All prices based on double occupancy.  
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## Your Trip Includes:

- Round Trip Airfare
- All Airport Fuel Taxes and Surcharges
- Hotel accommodations: (or similar) in double occupancy
  - 4 nights: Jul 27 – 31: NH Torino Centro
  - 2 nights: Jul 31 – Aug 2: Ambasciatore
  - 4 nights: Aug 2 – 6: Starhotels Michelangelo/Hotel dei Mellini
- **Hotel accommodations for optional post-tour:**
  - 2 nights: August 6-8: Hotel Dal Moro/BV Grand Hotel Assisi
- Breakfast and Dinner daily

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

## Sample Daily Itinerary

### Day 1, Sat, July 26: Depart for 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, July 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, and enjoy a brief presentation on the life of Pier Giorgio Frassati. Conclude with dinner and a restful overnight.

### Day 3, Mon, July 28: Turin

Begin the day with breakfast and then proceed to enjoy a day of exploration throughout the city of Turin, visiting some of the sites most significant in the life of Bl. Pier Giorgio. Visit the parish church, Our Lady of Grace, attended by the Frassati family. The church is located across the street from the home where Pier Giorgio died. 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 lunch, continue to the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist: the resting place of Bl. Frassati and the home of the Shroud of Turin. 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). Celebration Holy Mass. Conclude with dinner and overnight.

### Day 4, Tue, July 29: Turin – Oropa – Biella/Turin

After breakfast, we will depart for the Sanctuary of Oropa which is one of the oldest Marian shrines in the world. The shrine was founded by St. Eusebius of Vercelli in the 4th century. See Pier Giorgio's beloved Brown Madonna inside the "Old Church". Visit 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 free time for lunch, board the bus for the ride back to Turin for dinner and overnight. You may join a brief walking tour of some of the sites relevant to Bl. Frassati.

### Day 5, Wed, July 30: Turin – Pollone – Biella/Turin

After breakfast, we will visit the Sanctuary of Maria Ausiliatrice. Originally part of a home for poor boys founded by St. 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 Solor, Adventor, and Octavius and requested that a Church be constructed there. After Mass and time for lunch, we will travel to Pollone, the location of the Frassati family's summer home. We will have Mass (if not in the morning) at the parish church Saint Eusebio. Stroll through the village, arriving at the family home. See the room Pier Giorgio occupied and the bed where he died. Leave your prayer intentions here on his bed. Walk down Pier Giorgio Frassati street to Senator Frassati street and see a statue of Mr. Frassati. We will walk on to the "Cangio Church", the church where Bl. Pier Giorgio was Baptized. Our final stop in Pollone is the cemetery where Pier Giorgio was buried after his death in 1925 until his beatification in 1990. His family are all buried in the crypt. We will 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, July 31 : Biella/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, August 1: Florence

Enjoy breakfast and then depart for the Convent of San Marco, home of the Dominican Friar Girolamo Savonarola. This holy man was a great preacher and reformer during the Renaissance in Florence, who was martyred in 1498. Bl. Pier Giorgio was so inspired by this man that he chose the name "Girolamo" (Jerome) when he became a lay Dominican in 1922. The Convent features the beautiful artwork of Fra Angelico. Return to Florence for a walking tour through Piazza Signorina, Palazzo Vecchio, Uffizi, Ponte Vecchio, and Republic Square to the Santa Maria del Fiore. If time permits, we may visit L'Accademia, the well-known art gallery. 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 one of the two patron Saints of Italy, with St. Francis of Assisi) and Bernardine (known as the "Apostle of Italy" for his efforts to revive the Catholic faith in the 15th century). Stroll the Piazza Del Campo, visit the Cathedral and the Basilica of St. Francis, containing the miraculous consecrated hosts that remained intact since 1730. Mass at San Domenico, and visit the home of St. Catherine. 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 Blessed 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. 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 (Memorial Mass – St. Peter's Basilica – Vatican Museum – Appian Way – Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls – Catacombs)

This morning, head 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. The Church is cared for by the sisters from the Congregation of Our Lady of Mercy. After lunch, continue down the Appian Way to the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls and the Catacombs. Dinner and overnight in Rome.

### Day 11, Tue, Aug 5: 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. This Basilica is where Pope Francis was installed as Bishop of Rome and is home to the relics of Sts. Peter and Paul. Cross the street to visit the Holy Stairs. These Holy Stairs are believed to be the very steps leading up to the praetorium of Pontius Pilate in Jerusalem on which Jesus stepped on his way to trial during his Passion. The Stairs were brought to Rome by Saint Helena in the 4th century and you may ascend these stairs on your knees. Visit the Basilica of Santa Croce, one of the Seven Pilgrim Churches which is believed to hold relics of the True Cross. Celebrate Mass at the Basilica of St. Mary Major which contains a relic from the Manger of the Infant Jesus. Dinner and overnight at the hotel.

### 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.

### OPTIONAL POST-TOUR TO ASSISI:

#### Day 12, Wed, Aug 06 Rome – Orvieto – Assisi

Following breakfast, transfer from Rome to Assisi. Make a stop in Orvieto, where a Eucharistic Miracle from 1263 is preserved in the Cathedral of Orvieto. The Cathedral also has some of the most magnificent frescoes to be found anywhere. We will continue on to Assisi where upon arriving you will check-in to your hotel, and relax or explore before enjoying dinner. Retire to your room for a restful night's sleep.

#### Day 13, Thu, Aug 07 Assisi. Assisi (St. Francis)

Start your tour at the St. Francis Basilica, visit his tomb, and view a series of frescoes depicting his life, along with a few of the saint's possessions. Followed by a visit to the Santuario Della Spogliazione where Blessed Carlo Acutis' tomb is placed. Carlo is the first millennium to be declared Blessed who loved Jesus in the Eucharist. Visit the birthplace of St. Francis, and end with a tour of the Church that honors St. Clare. Enjoy some free time. After lunch, you will board the bus to the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels. It contains the "Porziuncola", where St. Francis founded his order of the Friar Minor (Franciscans) and the "Capella del Transito", which is the place of St. Francis' death. Visit the beautiful Rose Garden where St. Francis and other friars lived, as well as the cave where the Saint retired to pray. Return to the hotel for dinner and an overnight.

#### Day 14, Fri, Aug 08 Assisi – Rome Airport

After an early breakfast and heartfelt farewells, your group will leave by motor coach and transfer to the Rome Fiumicino airport for return flights home.

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