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## **TOR** Pilgrimage

**“We are Penitents of Assisi - Coming Home”**

# **URGENT ATTENTION REGISTRATION**

The Franciscan Pilgrimage Program

- **Assisi, November 8-17, 2016**
- Cost: from NY \$3600.00; from ORD \$3700; Land only \$2600
- Single room: \$350.00
- Leaders: **Mary Elizabeth Imler OSF, Suzanne Kush cssf;**  
**with Peter Lyons TOR**

Dear Sister and Brother,

As a former member of the *Franciscan Pilgrimage Program (FPP) Board*, I am pleased to send this exciting new information on a pilgrimage that has been in the works these past five years.

**This** Pilgrimage will celebrate the richness **of TOR heritage and Rule and Life**. **It particularly WELCOMES all TOR Franciscans together with their Companions, Associates, Cojourners AND co-workers in sponsored ministries.**

In Assisi's holy places we will hear Francis' own message to the Faithful (the Prologue of our TOR Rule); appreciate the beauty and the challenge of the Third Order Regular Rule and Life, "a global consultation whose success borders on the truly miraculous." (Margaret Carney OSF, 1992); renew the conviction once again of our charism of *metanoia* as "the wholehearted response of gratitude for the love of our all-good God." (Roland Faley TOR).

Created around the core values of the Third Order Regular Rule: **Contemplation, Humility, Poverty and Conversion** with the common thread of **Fraternitas**, this pilgrimage builds on our own timely and prophetic Gospel call as we walk in the footsteps of Francis, Clare, Elizabeth and Angela. It is hoped that participants will fall in love again with the "Poor One."

This **November 8-17, 2016 Pilgrimage** is also open **to Associates and Co-workers** in the sponsored ministries of Third Order Regular sisters and brothers. Thanks to the special pilgrimages for Health Care, Colleges/Universities/Students and Leadership Groups, **many** can encourage this *new* initiative.

Please note that the cost is being offered at a significantly **lower** price.

Registration is at 12 with 2 others pending. Typically the Pilgrimages have 20 or more participants. We have a TEAM of three – **the very best! THIS particular Pilgrimage can be so instrumental in supporting our lay leaders in our SPONSORED MINISTRIES; our Parish Staff sisters and brothers; our Associates who are tasked with the responsibility of carrying our TOR charism forward. NOTHING does it like the FPP – as so many of us have experienced. PLEASE consider – even at this late date. The CONCERN is that if this seems not to be a NEED, it will not happen again. Today as we extend all that holds our deepest meaning in life and ministry (the charism) to our lay sisters and brothers, this PARTICULAR Pilgrimage can be vital.**

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**Third Order Contemplative Pilgrimage**  
**“pilgrims and strangers”**  
**November 8 - 17, 2016**

*Sister Mary Elizabeth Imler, OSF*  
Sister Suzanne Kush CSSF with Peter Lyons TOR

**November 8, 2016 - Tuesday**

**Depart USA**

**Nov 9, 2016- Wednesday**

**Arrival in Rome: Landing**

11:40 AM Pilgrims arrive at Fiumicino

Depart FCO for Casa Papa Giovanni

Ritual of Key in CPG chapel

Riposo

4:30 Evening Prayer Chiesa Nuova (invite “family” key to origins with Blessed [Luchesius of Poggibonsi](#), the first tertiary received by St. Francis, later joined in the Order by his wife, Buonadonna, and patrons St. Elizabeth of Hungary, St. Louis, King of France.)

6:00 Orientation to Pilgrimage of conversion

(Seven stages of “becoming”: Yearning, Preparation, the Journey, the Arrival, the Encounter with a Face of Christ, the Return, Transformation)

Evangelical Life and the TOR distinction

Rhythm of days together reflecting rhythm of daily life of TO itinerancy (in and out)

7:00 Cena (evening lighter meal) CPG

*Journaling Reflection: Where am I on the pilgrimage journey? Who are those key individuals who encouraged and nurtured me on the journey?*

**Nov 10, 2016 - Thursday Introduction**

**Letter to the Faithful**

- 7:00 AM Morning Prayer in the marketplace of Piazza Commune (“We are penitents of Assisi”)
- 7:45 Colazione
- 8:30 Depart for Basilica of St. Francis
- 9:00 Eucharist at Tomb of St Francis
- 10:00 Historical visit [cuffie] (through the walk of the penitents Ref. JoanneS sacred geometry)
- 1:00 PM Pranzo (midday main meal) CPG  
Riposo
- 3:30 Reflective input on TO Rule & Life and the *Exhortation to the Brs and Srs of Penance*
- 4:30 Visit at San Rufino; Ritual proclamation of the LtF and renewal of baptismal vows
- 6:30 Evening Prayer in Convento of St Antonio, TOR chapel (Giles arranges?)  
(Franciscan Prayer from Clare’s Gaze/listening, Consider/learning, Contemplate/keeping vigil...as desire to imitate/incarnate the Word; fecundity: “we are mothers when we give birth to Him”)
- 7:30 Cena CPG

*Journaling Reflection: What drew me on the penitential walk in the Basilica to the tomb? What holds my heart from the Letter to the Faithful? With what am I pregnant: giving birth to for the reign?*

**Nov 11, 2016 - Friday Chapter 1 and 2**

**CONVERSION**

**Pilgrimage as image of a life of continual conversion, vows as the means**

8:00 AM Colazione CPG

- 9:00 Reflective PPT on the Allegory of the Vows
- 10:30 Special Midday Prayer under the sails at San Francisco Basilica with a renewal of  
vows
- 1:00 PM Pranzo CPG  
Riposo
- 3:30 Reflective input on identity, mission and acceptance/formation into the life
- 5:00 Eucharist with “pilgrims and strangers” at Santa Maria Maggiore
- 6:15 Evening Prayer Departure Ritual of Clare at Porta Moiano (leave all things to  
receive “Deus Meus et Omnia”)
- 7:00 Cena CPG

*Journal Reflection: What can I let go of without the feeling of “giving up”?*

**Nov 12, 2016 - Saturday Chapter 3, 4 and 5**

**CONTEMPLATION**

**Seeing things with the eyes/vision of God**

- 7:00 AM Colazione CPG
- 7:45 Depart for 8:20 city bus to Porziuncula- Birthlace of the Third Order  
(crossing threshold of Pardon and Peace when feeling called)
- 9:00 Eucharist in the Portiuncula  
Historical visit
- 12:15 Walk to San Rufino d’Arce
- 1:00 Picnic ritual
- 1:30 Historical Visit and ritual of Fortini walking to La Maddelena  
Reflection on Third Order ministry as solidarity in work
- 3:00 Taxi to Rivo Torto
- 3:15 Reflective input: Pre-conditions to the Life in Poverty:  
Life in Contemplation, Life in Chastity, Manner of Work Reflection at Rivo Torto
- 4:00 Taxi back
- 6:45 PM Evening Prayer at Santa Maria delle Rosa

(Mary, “virgin made church” and model of evangelical life)

7:30 Cena CPG

*Journaling Reflection:*

**Nov 13, 2016 - Sunday Chapter 6**

**POVERTY**

6:45 AM Morning Prayer at Santa Chiara with Sisters and strangers

7:30 Colazione CPG

9:30 Walk (Taxi?) to San Damiano for 10:30 Eucharist and personal solitude time  
Walk back on one’s own

1:00 PM Pranzo CPG

3:00 Reflective input on Life in Poverty; dossal of Clare as model and “abbess of penitents”

4:00 Visit to Basilica Santa Chiara  
Cena on one’s own

*Journaling Reflection:*

**Nov 14, 2016 - Monday Chapter 7**

**FRATERNITAS**

8:00 AM Colazione CPG

9:00 Morning Prayer at Bernard of Quintavalle’s House

(Recall renunciation ritual that the antidote to poverty is *fraternitas* not riches)

(Walk back via up to San Nicolo and discussion of guilds)

10:30 Reflective input on Implications of the Fraternal Life, Obedience of Love, Apostolic Life

11:30 Eucharist in chapel CPG or San Stefano

1:00 Pranzo Festivo CPG

2:30 Personal solitude time with free afternoon

Optional: Visit to World War II museum

Optional: Visit to Carceri

Cena on one's own

7:30 Rooftop conversation as “we desire to imitate”; communion of saints preparation for the travel next day.

*Journaling Reflection:*

**Nov 15, 2016 - Tuesday Chapter 8 and 9**

**Birthplace of the life in Angelina of Foligno**

**HUMILITY**

6:45 AM Colazione CPG

7:30 Depart for Parcheggio B

7:45 Bus departs for Foligno

Historical Visit of Monastery of Santa Ana by Sister Claudia

11:00 PM Eucharist in memoriam of Angelina of Montegiove in Santa Ana  
(Third Order and role of women in the manner of ministry, governance and itinerancy, transition from Beguine)

12:15 PM Sandwiches, riposo and orientation on bus ride to Rome, CTN

FREE time to visit Rome

Cena on one's own

*Journaling Reflection:*

**Nov 16, 2016 - Wednesday**

**Rome, Trastevere: “Crossing over” as Continual Pilgrimage to “becoming”**

7:00 Colazione

8:00 AM Depart for San Pietro for Audience



FREE time to visit Rome

3:30/4:00 Walk/Taxi to San Francesco a Ripa to reflect on the works and workers of TO  
(Invite all to bring socks, energy bars for an encounter with the poor on way as modeled by Elizabeth of Hungary, Lady Jacoba, Rose of Viterbo, Margaret of Cortona, etc.)

6:30 Evening Prayer at Santa Maria in Trastevere (experience with Sant'Egidio community)

8:00 Cena in Trastevere (take taxi or walk back)

**Nov 17, 2016 - Thursday** (depending on flight times)

6:45 AM Closing Morning Prayer or Eucharist CTN chapel

(Blessing and promise of Francis Article 32: Receive a blessing; give blessings, be a blessing with grateful hearts)

7:15 Colazione CTN

Luggage at front door

??? Depart for Fuimicino

??? Plane departs