



America Journeys Presents

AN AUTUMN PILGRIMAGE TO SICILY

Greeks, Arab-Normans & Jesuits: 2,500 Years on One Island

*Including: Palermo, Monreale, Agrigento, Piazza Armerina, Catania,
Siracusa, Messina, & more!*

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11-Days: November 3 to 13, 2025

Land Only / Airfare Not Included



AN INVITATION TO JOIN US



Fr. Sam Sawyer, SJ



Dear Friends,

We are delighted to offer you the opportunity to join America Media's *"An Autumn Pilgrimage to Sicily: Greeks, Arab-Normans & Jesuits: 2,500 Years on One Island."* This special **11-day pilgrimage from November 3rd to 13th** will take us to several sacred and inspiring sites in this magical area of Italy.

With the help of our friends, the professionals from Catholic Travel Centre, we have designed a pilgrimage to bring you to holy spots and UNESCO World Heritage Sites that are also some of the most spiritually significant places in Sicily.

Together, we will visit and pray at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Agatha and the Jesuit Church of the Holy Crucifix in Catania, the Catacombs of St. John the Baptist in the UNESCO World Heritage site of Siracusa, the Jesuit College (the first Jesuit educational institution) in Messina, the Villa Romana del Casale, another UNESCO World Heritage site housing the largest and richest collection of Roman mosaics anywhere, Agrigento's Valley of the Temples (another UNESCO World Heritage site), Monreale, and the bustling city of Palermo, among other sacred spots.

As we have designed it, this journey will be an inspirational retreat for us all. Visiting historical sites, participating in Masses, and gathering for faith sharing will accompany times for

personal reflection, prayer, and silence that connect us more deeply to our faith, our Christian forbearers, and, of course, our heavenly Father.

In addition to providing a unique opportunity for deep spiritual nourishment, your participation on this journey also:

- Offers the chance for extended conversations with each of us; learn about our respective ministries and share your own experiences as a Catholic, as we all look to build and live lives that are in service to each other and more reflective of Christ's example.
- Supports the ministry of America Media to create intellectual content and spiritual resources that help spread the Good News to expanded audiences.
- Helps to introduce or connect you more deeply to the riches of Ignatian spirituality.

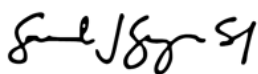
Throughout our journey, we will enjoy first-class accommodations, well-organized activities, professional tour guides, delicious food, and, most especially, a thoughtfully (and prayerfully) developed itinerary that is intended to maximize our time together in these special places. Please note that there will be a considerable amount of walking on this trip and much of the terrain is sloped with cobblestones. As such, this pilgrimage will be best suited to those who are accustomed to walking multiple miles in a day and being active.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Alessandra Rose, our group coordinator, at ARose@americamedia.org or call her directly at: 212-515-0116 or 914-720-1058.

If you would like to register for this pilgrimage, please act quickly! We accommodate pilgrims on a first-come basis, so it is important to return your registration forms promptly.

We look forward to being together in Sicily for this life-changing experience and growing together as Catholics - and as people.

Nella pace di Cristo,



Fr. Sam Sawyer S.J.
President and Editor in Chief

OUR DAILY ITINERARY

DAY 1, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3: DEPART UNDER INDEPENDENT FLIGHT ARRANGEMENTS

- Our travel package is being offered as a “Land Only” package, meaning that each traveler will be making their own airline arrangements to Catania, Sicily.

DAY 2, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4: ARRIVAL, CATANIA SICILY

- Arrive in Catania under your own airline arrangements. You can easily catch a taxi to our hotel. Check-in time is 3:00pm. If you arrive earlier and your room is not yet ready, you are welcome to check your luggage with the bell stand.
- We gather this evening for a welcome reception at our hotel, followed by dinner. (D)

Note: Those parties wishing to arrive a day earlier in Catania will need to book their own reservation for this pre-night. If you want to book a pre-night, to avoid having to change your room, please make your reservation in the room category reserved for the group: Hotel Palace Catania – Una Esperienze. Room Category: Superior Room.

DAY 3, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5: CATANIA: WALKING TOUR, CATHEDRAL, AND JESUIT CHURCH

- Breakfast served at our hotel.
- Morning lecture in a meeting room in our hotel.
- Walking tour of the city, including the Cathedral Basilica of St. Agatha, followed by a visit to the nearby Abbey of St. Agatha, patron saint and protector of the city. Devotion to the Saint protected the people of Catania from the Plague, the invasion of the Moors and the eruptions of Etna.
- We visit the Jesuit Church of the Holy Crucifix of Miracles, built in 1785. Here we celebrate Mass and learn of the work of the Jesuit community here in Catania.
- Time for lunch on our own. Afternoon is at our leisure.

- Those interested might visit the Benedictine Monastery and Church St. Nicolo l’Arena (desacralized), a UNESCO World Heritage Site. You will need to make a reservation online ahead of time.
- We gather for faith sharing in a meeting room in our hotel.
- Dinner this evening is served at a local restaurant. (B, D)

DAY 4, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6: CATANIA: EXCURSION TO SIRACUSA - CATACOMBS OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST, MASS & LEISURE TIME

- Breakfast served at our hotel.
- Today we make an excursion to the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Siracusa, known for its Greek and Roman history. It is the birthplace of Archimedes.
- Morning lecture on our motor coach en route to Siracusa.
- We visit the Catacombs of St. John the Baptist which contain some 20,000 early Christian tombs and the ruins of the Church of St. John the Baptist where tradition tells us St. Paul preached (Acts 28:11-13). The building has an inscription in memory of the brief stay of St. Paul in Siracusa: “HIC OLIM SYRACUSIS TRIDUO MANENTIS.” (*He stayed in Siracusa for three days.*)
- We continue with our local guide on to Ortigia for a walking tour. We celebrate Mass in the Duomo, the Cathedral of the Nativity of the Virgin Mary, followed by free time for lunch in scenic Ortigia.
- We return to Catania for faith sharing in a meeting room in our hotel, followed by dinner in a local restaurant. (B, D).

DAY 5, FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7: CATANIA: EXCURSION TO MESSINA

- Breakfast served at our hotel.
- Morning lecture in a meeting room in our hotel.

- Travel to Messina. Visit site of the original Jesuit College, the first Jesuit educational institution, founded in 1548. A modern university is located on the property nowadays, but we will get to see the preserved portico from the 16th century Jesuit College.
- Celebrate Mass at the Metropolitan Cathedral of Our Lady of the Assumption. Built by the Normans, it was consecrated in 1197 by the Archbishop Berardo. The current building is the result of some twentieth-century reconstructions, which took place following the disastrous earthquake of 1908, and the considerable damage that resulted from the heavy aerial bombardment in World War II. Only an original mosaic and statue have survived. The tower houses the Messina astronomical clock, the largest astronomical clock in the world.
- Lunch follows at a nearby restaurant. Return to our hotel in Catania.
- Faith sharing in a meeting room in our hotel.
- Dinner is on our own this evening. (B,L)

**DAY 6, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8:
CATANIA: PIAZZA ARMERINA, PRIORY OF
SANT'ANDREA & VILLA CASALE / AGRIGENTO**

- Breakfast and check-out of our hotel.
- Morning lecture in a meeting room in our hotel.
- Travel to Piazza Amerina.
- Visit the Villa Romana del Casale from the 4th century AD, an elaborate Roman villa housing among the largest and richest collection of Roman mosaics anywhere, earning it the distinction of a UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- Visit the priory, Gran Priorato di Sant'Andrea, the oldest church in Piazza Armerina and one of the most interesting works of the Sicilian Middle Ages. Here we celebrate Mass.

- Lunch is included today at a local restaurant.
- Continue on to our seaside hotel in Agrigento for check-in.
- Faith sharing in a meeting room at our hotel.
- Dinner tonight is on our own. (B, L)

**DAY 7, SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9:
AGRIGENTO: VALLEY OF THE TEMPLES &
VISIT TO AGRIGENTO TOWN**

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Morning lecture in a meeting room in our hotel.
- Morning visit of the archaeological site of the Valley of the Temples. This is a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It is one of the most outstanding examples of ancient Greek art and architecture and is one of the main attractions of Sicily.
- Continue on to the town of Agrigento for free time for lunch. Join our local guide for little walking tour, followed by Mass at a local church.
- Return to our hotel.
- Faith sharing in meeting room in our hotel.
- Dinner is included at our hotel. (B,D)

**DAY 8, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10: AGRIGENTO /
MONREALE / ARRUPE INSTITUTE / PALERMO**

- Breakfast and check-out of hotel.
- Morning lecture in a meeting room in our hotel.
- Depart to Monreale. We visit the Cathedral (Santa Maria la Nuovo) begun in 1174. This cathedral was built at the order of William II. The interior walls of the Cathedral are completely decorated with mosaics of glittering gold that portray scenes from the Old and New Testament. Here we will celebrate Mass.
- We gather for lunch a local restaurant in Monreale.

- Late afternoon visit with the Pedro Arrupe Institute for Political Formation, a Jesuit educational institute (*subject to confirmation*).
- Continue on to our hotel in Palermo for check-in.
- Faith sharing in a meeting room in our hotel.
- Dinner on own this evening. (B, L)

DAY 9, TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11:

PALERMO: VISIT OF THE CITY

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Palermo is Sicily's main port, nestled in the middle of a wide bay. At one time, the favored haunt of writers, poets and artists, seduced by its esoteric beauty. Palermo manages to hang on to its essential fascination drawing its personality from the peoples who have populated its streets over the ages – Byzantine, Arab, Norman and others – who have left their indelible mark not only in the form of a rich artistic heritage but in the very vital rhythm of life in the city.
- Morning lecture in a meeting room in our hotel.
- We meet our guide for an orientation walking tour of the city. We view the Opera House, boasting some of the best acoustics in all of Europe.
- We visit the Cathedral of the Assumption of the Virgin Mary, erected in 1185. We will see the monumental tombs of King Roger II and various family members. They are the very first examples of medieval free-standing secular tombs in the West. Here we celebrate Mass.
- For those interested in visiting the Palatine Chapel in the Norman Palace, you are welcome do so on your own during your free time this afternoon.
- Time for lunch on your own. Afternoon at leisure. Faith sharing in a meeting room at our hotel.
- Dinner at a local restaurant this evening. (B, D)

DAY 10, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12:

PALERMO: VISIT OF JESUIT PALERMO

- Breakfast at hotel.
- Morning lecture in a meeting room in our hotel.
- Morning visit and celebrate Mass at the Church of the Gesù known also as the Saint Mary of Jesus (Santa Maria di Gesù) or the Casa Professa.
- The Jesuits arrived in Palermo in 1549, and by the late 16th century began building a church adjacent to their professed house (*casa professa*) based on a design by the Jesuit architect Giovanni Tristano.
- We visit the nearby Jesuit center for immigrants and learn the story of their work here.
- We gather for a special farewell lunch at a local restaurant.
- Afternoon at leisure.
- Faith sharing in a meeting room in our hotel.
- Dinner is on our own this evening. (B, L)

DAY 11, THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13:

RETURN TO THE USA

- This morning after an early breakfast, we bid farewell to our fellow pilgrims.
- The concierge at our hotel will be able to arrange private transfers to the airport for those interested, at an additional cost. (B)

Note: Those parties wishing to stay additional nights in Palermo will need to book their own reservation for this post-night. If you want to book a post-night at the end of the pilgrimage, to avoid having to change your room, please make your reservation in the room category reserved for the group: Grand Hotel Piazza Borsa Palermo: Deluxe Rooms.

Note: *While no changes are anticipated, there may be unforeseen occasions when certain alterations become necessary to this itinerary, either due to changes in airline schedules or for other reasons. All Masses and local visits are subject to local schedules and to substitution if not available.*

Pricing & Registration Information: Tour Number 25-046-1103

How To REGISTER: Registrations are processed in the order received and many groups fill up quickly, so please register soon. Deadline for initial registration is **April 15, 2025**. To attempt to register after this date, inquire first to learn if any space is still available. Online registration is not available at this time.

To make your reservation, complete the Registration Form included in this PDF document and submit your \$2,000 per person deposit, mailed to the address shown on the bottom of the Registration Form. CTC will send your invoice via postal mail within two weeks of our receipt of your deposit. Final payment is due 120 days prior to departure, by **July 6, 2025**.

LAND ONLY PACKAGE: This package is sold exclusively on a 'Land Only' basis, meaning all travelers will make their own airline arrangements.

PAYMENT OPTIONS:

- 1) Discount Price (payment by check or money order)
- 2) Standard Price (payment by credit or debit card).

Prices are per person based on double occupancy. A very limited number of single rooms may be available at the supplement shown below.

DISCOUNT PRICE (payable by check or money order):
Land Only Package: \$8,499

STANDARD PRICE (payable by credit or debit card):
Land Only Package: \$8,858

SINGLE ROOM SUPPLEMENT: \$2,750

YOUR PRICE INCLUDES: First class and superior first class or best available hotels (all with private facilities); sightseeing; and meals per itinerary (B, L, D); and is based on a minimum of 35 fully paying passengers. Please see the Registration Form and Terms & Conditions for more details.

GRATUITIES: Tips are included for restaurants, hotel porters, motor coach drivers, local guides and your tour manager.

NOTICE ON ETIAS (European Travel Information And Authorization System)

The European Union plans to implement ETIAS Travel Authorization for U.S. Citizens wishing to enter a member country of the European Union (*Italy included*). At the time of creating this brochure, the start date for this ETIAS program was not available. Catholic Travel Centre will continue to monitor the situation and advise passengers accordingly. Passengers will be responsible for securing and paying for their own ETIAS Authorization online (about \$10 per person) once the program officially begins.

HEALTH DOCUMENTATION REQUIREMENTS: Please refer to the Terms and Conditions of this brochure for guidance on documentation requirements.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: Once your initial registration deposit is processed by CTC, you will receive an email with information on suggested travel insurance options. CTC strongly suggests the purchase of travel insurance to help protect your investment in the trip and to help provide medical coverage outside the United States. We also strongly suggest you purchase the broadest coverage available with the least amount of exclusions. Because some travel insurance plans contain time-sensitive benefits, we encourage you to do your research and purchase insurance in a timely manner.

WALKING: Please note, this journey involves considerable walking on cobblestone streets and uneven pavement and requires being on your feet more than usual. We recommend that you be in good physical condition to enjoy this pilgrimage to its fullest.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

ACCEPTANCE OF TERMS & CONDITIONS: Any payments made by a Traveler or on behalf of the Traveler ("Traveler", "you") to Catholic Travel Centre (CTC) toward any CTC tour shall constitute acceptance of all Terms & Conditions provided herein.

PAYMENT TERMS: All payments shall be made on the dates indicated in the payment schedule, noted in the Registration Information section. Late payments are subject to a non-refundable \$150 fee, and may result in cancellation. A Traveler registering within 120 days prior to departure must provide full payment by cashier check, plus a non-refundable late registration \$150 fee. CTC reserves the right to cancel registrations not paid in full 105 days prior to tour departure and to charge fees per the Cancellation Policy. A non-refundable \$75 fee is charged on all returned payments. Travelers agree not to dispute any credit card charges associated with this trip before contacting CTC first to resolve their concerns. CTC retains the right to dispute any chargeback that is improper and recover any costs, including attorney's fees related to improper chargebacks. Additionally, in the event of an improper chargeback, CTC retains the right to cancel any travel reservation related to that improper chargeback. NOTE: Credit card charges will not show as "travel expense" on your credit card statement, but will appear as "specialty services", "shopping" or another designation.

CHANGES IN FORM OF PAYMENT: To change from Cash Discount to Standard pricing, the difference between prices plus an additional \$75 fee applies. After a Traveler's credit card has been charged for any portion of the tour, s/he is ineligible for the Cash Discount Price.

PARTIAL PACKAGES NOT AVAILABLE: Tour Packages are offered as described in this brochure, at the stated price. Partial package purchase is not available.

INDIVIDUAL CANCELLATION POLICY: CTC's cancellation policy is in effect upon first payment toward any CTC tour. A Traveler's cancellation must be provided in writing either by email, fax, or registered mail to CTC. The cancellation by the Traveler is effective on the date of the cancellation email, fax, or date of postmark. The Traveler forfeits the following fees to CTC based on the date of cancellation notice: anytime up to 150 days prior to departure, \$500 fee; 149 to 120 days prior to departure, \$1,000 fee; 119 to 90 days prior to departure, \$3,000; 89 to 60 days prior to departure, \$4,500; 59 days or fewer, all payments by Traveler made to CTC are forfeited, and there are no refunds. In event of individual cancellation, no name changes or substitutions are permitted. No shows: Land only passengers who do not show for first hotel night will be considered as tour cancellations: their hotel reservations will automatically be cancelled and cannot be reinstated.

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PRICES: If the group does not reach the size advertised, the price or programming will be adjusted accordingly. Pricing is based on exchange rates and fares applicable at the time of quotation and is subject to change. Fuel surcharges are subject to increase up to 30 days prior to departure.

PASSPORT: A valid passport is required of all U.S. citizen passengers. Travelers of other nationalities should inquire with the appropriate embassies, and such Travelers are responsible for securing their own visas if required in addition to their valid passport. Travelers' passports must be valid for six (6) months following the return date of the trip. CTC expressly denies any responsibility for any losses incurred due to insufficient validity of a Traveler's passport.

HEALTH & MEDICAL CONSIDERATIONS: The Traveler is responsible for identifying and securing any health/medical related documentation required by the airlines and/or countries visited on the itinerary, and CTC bears no responsibility for the passenger not providing the required documentation. If a country requires proof of COVID vaccination and/or a negative COVID test, it is the responsibility of the passenger to secure such documentation within the required timeframe as a condition for joining this tour.

The Traveler agrees not to hold CTC, our suppliers, or the group leaders responsible should they contract any illness during or after their travel. It is highly recommended Travelers be medically healthy and physically capable of significant walking. CTC tours involve international travel to foreign countries that have different standards of accessibility than U.S. law. Transportation services, which are provided by third parties, as well as visited sites and accommodations, which are not owned, leased, or controlled by CTC, may not be compliant with accessibility standards required by U.S. law. CTC cannot

guarantee wheelchair, motorized scooter, or walker accessibility during a trip and does not provide individual assistance to Travelers. If a Traveler requires special individual assistance, the Traveler, not CTC, is responsible for bringing and paying for a capable companion willing to assist the Traveler. CTC assumes no responsibility for Travelers' inability to fully participate in the tour, nor does CTC provide any refund for non-participation in any part of the tour.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: CTC strongly suggests the purchase of Travel Insurance to help protect Travelers' investment in the trip and to help provide medical coverage outside the United States. We also strongly suggest you purchase the broadest coverage available with the least amount of exclusions. Travel Insurance is encouraged because CTC strictly adheres to our Cancellation Policy. Because some travel insurance plans contain time-sensitive benefits for pre-existing conditions, cancel for any reason or for other coverages, we encourage you to do your research and consider purchasing optional travel insurance soon after making your initial tour registration deposit with CTC. CTC is not qualified to answer technical questions about the benefits, exclusions, and conditions of travel insurance plans. CTC cannot evaluate the adequacy of the prospective insured's existing insurance coverage. If you have any questions about your travel protection, call your insurer or insurance agent or broker. Declining to purchase an adequate travel protection plan could result in the loss of your travel cost and/or require more money to correct the situation. You also acknowledge that without this coverage, there may be no way to recoup any losses, costs, or expenses incurred. If you choose to travel without adequate coverage, CTC will not be liable for any of your losses howsoever arising, for which trip protection plan coverage would otherwise have been available.

STATE DEPARTMENT & OTHER AGENCIES' ADVISORIES: The State Department (www.state.gov), the Center for Disease Control (www.cdc.gov), and other government departments and agencies may issue travel advisories or warnings for one or more of the destinations visited on tour, and such advisories or warnings may even be in effect at the time of your registration for this tour. Should you choose to travel to a country that has been issued a travel warning or advisory, CTC will not be liable for damages or losses that result from travel to such destinations. CTC cannot change its Cancellation Policy or Terms & Conditions based on any such warning or advisory or the occurrence of any terror, health, pandemic, or other incident in one or more of the places this tour is scheduled to visit. All cancellation penalties remain in full force and effect. It is your responsibility to be aware of any and all requirements for admittance to a country or state, including COVID-19 requirements. Certain countries have a requirement for foreign visitors to have valid medical insurance on entry. CTC cannot be held responsible for denied entry if the Traveler is unable to provide details to authorities of insurance or denial of entry for any reason.

ITINERARY: The itinerary presented in this brochure represents what CTC is planning for this trip; however, the itinerary is subject to final confirmations and changes in local schedules. While no changes are anticipated, CTC, at its sole discretion, reserves the right to change the itinerary, as it deems necessary or advisable. CTC is not responsible for costs or fees related to arrangements not made through CTC.

FINAL TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: Travelers receive travel documents approximately two weeks prior to departure. Bulk items such as luggage and names tags will be shipped by CTC to group leaders for distribution.

ACCOMMODATIONS AND MEALS: Accommodations are based on double/twin rooms with private bathroom facilities. A limited number of single rooms are available and are subject to a single room supplement fee. If no roommate is available for you, or your roommate cancels prior to departure, a single room supplement surcharge applies. Triple rooms are not always available and are discouraged because of cramped quarters; no price reduction for triple rooms. Meals are either menu of the day or buffet. Included meals are as shown in the itinerary (B=Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner). If you have a medical restriction for your meals, please notify us and we will try to accommodate you. However, we are not able to guarantee your meal as meals are provided by suppliers on a group basis.

LAND ONLY PASSENGERS: Travelers arranging their own airline ticket must meet the group at the first hotel of the itinerary and are responsible for their own airport transfers.

BAGGAGE & PORTERAGE: Baggage is at Traveler's risk. Porterage for one piece of luggage per pilgrim is included at hotels.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS (CONTINUED)

NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE: Passports, visas, meals and beverages not mentioned, extras beyond standard menu, baggage fees, telephone calls, laundry, medical tests, and other items not explicitly stated as included.

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CANCELLATION BY GROUP COORDINATOR/SPIRITUAL LEADER: As CTC does not plan trips for individuals, a cancellation by the Group Coordinator and/or Spiritual Leader effectively cancels the trip for all individuals booked on that trip. The cancellation by the Group Coordinator and/or Spiritual Leader is effective on the date of the cancellation email, fax, or date of postmark. CTC will not be liable for any losses or expenses incurred due to the cancellation or

alteration of the tour by your group coordinator and/or spiritual leader and you shall forfeit your \$500 per person non-refundable operational fee in the event of any such cancellation.

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FLORIDA SELLER OF TRAVEL: Fla. Seller of Travel Ref. No. ST43075.

JURISDICTION/VENUE/CLASS ACTION WAIVER/LIMITATION OF DAMAGES/NOTICE OF CLAIM: These Terms and Conditions shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California without regard to conflict of law principles. Any dispute arising from the contract shall be litigated in a court of competent jurisdiction in the County of Los Angeles. You agree you will only bring claims against CTC in your individual capacity and not as a plaintiff or class member in any purported class action or representative proceeding. CTC shall not in any case be liable for other than compensatory damages, and your payment of a deposit on a trip means you agree to these conditions of sale and expressly waive any right to punitive damages. You understand and agree no claims will be considered and you will not bring suit against CTC unless you have first provided a typewritten notice of claim to CTC within 30 days after the trip or cancellation of the trip.

TERMS & CONDITIONS CHANGES: Changes in any of the Terms & Conditions can be made only in writing signed by an officer of CTC.

FOR CALIFORNIA RESIDENTS ONLY: Upon cancellation of the transportation or travel services, where the passenger is not at fault and has not canceled in violation of any terms and conditions previously clearly and conspicuously disclosed and agreed to by the passenger, all sums paid to CTC for services not provided will be promptly paid to the passenger, unless the passenger advises the CTC in writing, after cancellation. This provision does not apply where CTC has remitted the payment to another registered wholesale seller of travel or a carrier, without obtaining a refund, and where the wholesaler or provider defaults in providing the agreed-upon transportation or service. In this situation, CTC must provide the passenger with a written statement accompanied by bank records establishing the disbursement of the payment, and if disbursed to a wholesale seller of travel, proof of current registration of that wholesaler.



AN AUTUMN PILGRIMAGE TO SICILY WITH AMERICA MEDIA

November 3 to 13, 2025 • Tour #: 25-046-1103 • Group Name: AMERICA MEDIA

****If any section below is left blank, your registration form will not be processed and you will not be confirmed on this pilgrimage****

1. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Please print in BLOCK LETTERS your complete Last Name, First Name and Middle Name **as they appear on your PASSPORT:**

Last Name

First Name

Middle Name

How would you like your first name to appear on your nametag?

Email *(Forms submitted without email address cannot be processed)*

Date of Birth

Gender

Street Address

Apt

City

State

Zip

Mobile Tel

Home Tel

2. PASSPORT INFORMATION

Will you hold a U.S. Passport at the time of travel? (Yes / No)

If "no," what nationality?

You must select one of the two choices below:

- I have enclosed a copy of the photo page of my passport showing my name, passport number and expiration date.
- I understand I must submit a copy of the photo page of my passport 90 days or more prior to departure.

Note: Catholic Travel Centre is not liable for passports expiring within 180 days of the return date of the pilgrimage.

3. ROOMING INFORMATION

You must select one of the three choices below:

- I wish to room with: (enter name) / Relationship

- Please try to find a roommate for me. I understand if you cannot find a roommate for me, I will be obliged to pay the single room supplement.
- I wish a single room at a supplement of \$2,750. A limited number of single rooms are available at this price.

4. PAYMENT INFORMATION

Registration deposit: \$2,000 by April 15, 2025

Final payment due: by July 6, 2025

You must select one of the two choices below:

DISCOUNT PRICE

\$2,000 deposit & balance paid check or money order. Make check payable to Catholic Travel Centre.

- LAND ONLY PACKAGE: \$8,499

STANDARD PRICE

\$2,000 deposit and payment by credit or debit card. Please fill in your credit card information below.

- LAND ONLY PACKAGE: \$8,858

DEBIT / CREDIT CARD PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION

I authorize Catholic Travel Centre to charge the Standard Price amount to my credit or debit card (\$2,000 will be charged now; balance of payment will be charged to my card per the invoice due date).

I agree to the terms and conditions and cancellation terms attached here.

VISA

MASTERCARD

Card Number

Exp. Date

Name as it appears on credit card

Signature

Date

Office Use Only:

Please complete one registration form per person (couples, submit two separate forms).

If any section above is left blank, your registration form will not be processed and you will not be confirmed on this pilgrimage.

Enclosed please find my \$2,000 per person deposit for the above referenced trip. By submitting this payment, I acknowledge that I have read, understood, and agree to the "Terms and Conditions" in the accompanying brochure, including information related to pricing and cancellations.

Signature _____ Date _____

**Make check payable to: Catholic Travel Centre. Please mail this form with your deposit to:
America Media - Attn: Alessandra Rose, 1212 Avenue of the Americas - 11th Floor, New York, NY 10036**

Note: Further information and invoice will be sent within two weeks of Catholic Travel Centre's receipt of your registration and deposit.