

Cathedral Choir of St. James

Invites You to Join a 10-Day Choir Pilgrimage
In Celebration of the Centennial of St. James Cathedral

March 14 - 23, 2006

"MAJESTIC ITALY"

Venice ♦ Ravenna ♦ Florence ♦ Assisi ♦ Pompeii ♦ Rome ♦ Vatican City

Inclusive from Seattle

\$3,145.00 + \$175.00 - \$225.00 *Departure Taxes

(*Estimated Departure Taxes & Fuel Surcharges subject to increase 30 days prior to departure.)

Very Reverend Michael G. Ryan, Pastor of St. James Cathedral
Dr. James Savage, Director of Music



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Dear Friends,

It is with great pleasure that I announce that the Cathedral Choir of St. James will embark upon a 10-day pilgrimage to Venice, Ravenna, Florence, Assisi, Pompeii, Rome and Vatican City, in celebration of the Centennial of St. James Cathedral. The Pilgrimage also coincides with the 40th Anniversary of Father Michael G. Ryan's priestly ordination.

During our journey, the Cathedral Choir of St. James will have the opportunity to sing for the Holy Father during his weekly general audience on Wednesday, March 22, 2006. Later that evening we will celebrate the wonderful occasion of Fr. Michael Ryan's 40th Anniversary of his priestly ordination together, with Mass at the Cathedral of St. John the Lateran. The Choir has also accepted an invitation to be the principle choir singing at the 10:30 am Latin Mass at the Altar of the Chair in Saint Peter's Basilica on Sunday, March 19, 2006. We embrace the opportunity of serving in this role of musical leadership at the Vatican with a sense of honor, humility and great gladness.

In addition to more liturgical and musical opportunities throughout our journey, this pilgrimage will take us to the sacred sites of our Catholic faith, including the Sistine Chapel, the basilicas of Christian Rome and the historic and ancient venues of Rome.

We look forward to having you join us on what promises to be a truly unique journey of faith and fellowship, as we pray and celebrate together in Italy.

Sincerely,

Dr. James Savage, Director of Music

• Day 1, March 14, Tuesday: Depart USA

Today, depart Seattle International Airport on your overseas pilgrimage when the British Airways or Delta Airlines jets lift into the evening sky for your overnight flight to Venice or Milan. Complimentary meals and beverages will be served aloft. (D)

• Day 2, March 15, Wednesday: Arrive/Venice region or Milan - Padua - Mestre

Upon arrival at Venice's Mestre Airport or Milan Malpensa Airport, a Peter's Way Tour Director will meet you upon your exit from customs and baggage area. Your luggage will be transferred to a comfortable touring bus (portage is included at each hotel upon arrival and departure throughout your tour). As your Mestre hotel rooms are unlikely to be ready, we will take you on a short journey into the lovely town of Padua. Independent lunch upon arrival. Then, visit the Basilica of St. Anthony, with its famous Chapel of the Relics. It contains the actual tongue and lower jawbone of the Saint. The Basilica also contains a mixture of Gothic, Romanesque, Byzantine architecture, and houses a huge collection of art treasures. Return to Mestre, a suburb of Venice, for hotel check-in. Dinner and overnight at hotel in Mestre. (B,D)

• Day 3, March 16, Thursday: AM/Half day tour of Venice - PM/At leisure

After breakfast, you will have a motorlaunch transfer to St. Mark's Square to explore this lovely and famous Lagoon-City on the Adriatic Coast. It is like a giant maze with its tiny alleys and hidden piazzas linked by narrow footbridges over many large and small canals. Begin your day with a walking tour at Venice's hub of activity, Piazza San Marco, which is lined with galleries, luxury shops and charming cafés. As you will see, dominating the Square is the magnificent Basilica San Marco where the mixture of styles - Byzantine, Romanesque and Gothic - and ornate decoration reflect Venice's history. Marvel at the shimmering mosaics encrusted on its interior walls, the precious sculptures and rare marbles. Admire the Campanile. Its simple lines are a sharp contrast to the sumptuous decor of the Church and Clock Tower where famous Moors have been striking the hours for over 500 years. Continue to the Bridge of Sighs which connects to the Doges' Palace and the Piombi Prisons. Independent lunch, followed by leisure time. Don't miss out on an optional gondola trip. Glide along the picturesque canals with a local troubadour to serenade you. At 6:30pm attend the scheduled public Mass at the Basilica of San Marco at which the Cathedral Choir of St. James will sing. Dinner and overnight at hotel in Mestre. (B,D)



Itinerary

• Day 4, March 17, Friday: Ravenna - Florence

After breakfast, you will leave Mestre and drive south to visit Ravenna. Ravenna means mosaics, specifically the wonderful Byzantine mosaics in the 6th-century Church of San Vitale and in the Basilica of Sant' Apollinare at Classe. Enjoy informal singing by the Cathedral Choir of St. James at the Basilica in Ravenna. Independent lunch. Then you will drive through the gentle Tuscan hills that have for centuries inspired saints, artists and admirers of the beauty of the Renaissance city of Florence. Check in at your hotel in Florence. Dinner and overnight in Florence. (B,D)

• Day 5, March 18, Saturday: AM/Academy of Fine Arts; Highlights of Florence - PM/Rome

After breakfast, your local guide will be ready to take you to the Accademia which holds the superb "David" by Michelangelo. Continue to the beautiful Piazza Del Duomo and the delicately patterned green, white and pink Cathedral of Santa Maria Del Fiore, crowned with its magnificent Dome by Brunelleschi; Giotto's Bell Tower; and the Romanesque Baptistery of St. John, with the exquisite bronze doors by Ghiberti which Michelangelo called the Gates of Paradise. Attend private Mass at the Cathedral of Santa Maria del Fiore as sung by the Cathedral Choir of St. James. After Mass you will visit the 13th century Franciscan Church of the Holy Cross which holds the tombs of the greatest of Florentine men. Independent lunch. This afternoon you will leave Florence for Rome, the "Eternal City". Dinner and overnight in hotel in Rome. (B,D)

• Day 6, March 19, Sunday: AM/Solemn Mass at St. Peter's Basilica - Evening /Formal Concert for the City of Rome at St. Ignatius Church

Breakfast at your hotel. Then you will be transferred to St. Peter's Basilica for Solemn Mass at which the Cathedral Choir of St. James will be the principal Choir. After Mass, attend the noon Papal Blessing in St. Peter's Square. Then, free time for lunch on your own and the afternoon at leisure for browsing, shopping or exploring the sights of Rome. Hearty pilgrims may want to climb the 330 stairs to the top of St. Peter's for an unparalleled view of Vatican City and Rome. After early dinner, this evening you will be transferred to St. Ignatius Church for a formal public concert for the city of Rome as sung by the Cathedral Choir of St. James. After the concert visit the Trevi Fountain to toss in a coin to ensure your "Arrivederci Roma." Overnight in Rome. (B,D)

• **Day 7, March 20, Monday: Tour of the Vatican Museums; Sistine Chapel; St. Peter's Basilica - Balance of the day at leisure - Evening/Recitation of the Holy Rosary in the Vatican Garden**

Leisurely breakfast at your hotel.

Late morning, you will tour the Vatican Museums. Walk in the footsteps of the Princes of the Church through the richly decorated galleries. Visit the famous Pinacoteca (Picture Gallery), which houses religious works by Giotto, Raphael, Da Vinci, Caravaggio and Rodin, among others. Continue on to the Sistine Chapel, the private chapel of the Popes, where Michelangelo best expressed his genius in monumental frescoes.

End your morning tour in St. Peter's Basilica to see Michelangelo's magnificent Pieta and to take in the awesome architecture and the statuary adorning this largest of all Christian churches. Independent lunch. Balance of the day at leisure. This is your opportunity to explore the sights, sounds and tastes of Rome all on your own! Perhaps you will want to buy religious articles in preparation for the Papal Blessing at the audience on Wednesday. Or you may want to treat yourself to a leisurely multi-course lunch in a quaint trattoria. There are always plenty of churches, museums, piazzas and ancient ruins to explore. This is the time to hit Gucci's and other high fashion spots, as well as the local shops and street vendors. Rome is yours!

This evening, attend recitation of the Holy Rosary in the Vatican Gardens concluding in the Chapel of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Independent dinner. Overnight at hotel in Rome. (B)

• **Day 8, March 21, Tuesday: Full day excursion to Assisi**

After a breakfast, board your comfortable motorcoach for an excursion to Assisi, one of the high points of this travel experience. After a two-hour ride you will see Assisi on a mountain top. You will see the narrow lanes, the Shrines of Saint Francis and the overwhelming art dedicated to its young friar - a rich young man who turned to God after an illness and established an order that has grown stronger over the centuries. Visit the Basilica of Santa Maria degli Angeli which is a great basilica built in 1569 crowned by the magnificent dome designed by Alessi. It encloses the shrine of the "Porziuncula" or the Little Portion Chapel around which the first Franciscan community was centered, the place where Clare received the habit from Francis, and the Capella Del Transito which marks the spot where the Saint died. You will see the statue of Saint Francis in the courtyard where thornless roses bloom. Continuing, you will visit the Basilica of St. Clare, the first and most important heroine of the Franciscan movement. View her remains and see the Miraculous Crucifix. Stop for lunch on your own and some shopping.

This afternoon celebrate Mass at the Basilica of Saint Francis at which the pilgrims will sing and pray together. Then you will visit the Basilica of St. Francis where the body of the Saint is buried. Here you will marvel at the world-famous Giotto Frescoes depicting scenes from the life of St. Francis. Independent lunch and dinner.

Return to Rome. Overnight at hotel in Rome. (B)

OR

• **Day 8, March 21, Tuesday: Full day excursion to - Naples & Pompeii**

After early breakfast, you will leave Rome and drive south on the Autostrada del Sol "Sun Route" via the regions of Lazio and Campania for Naples. On the way, you will see in the distance the Abbey of Monte Casino of World War II fame. Naples is situated on a beautiful bay on the Mediterranean coast. Upon arrival in Naples there will be an orientation ride of the city: Mergellina, Castel dell'Ovo, Plebiscito Square. Enjoy and photograph the famous view of the city, the bay and Mt. Vesuvius. At Pompeii, you will explore the incredibly well-preserved remains of this ancient Roman town, where all life was suddenly stopped by an eruption of Vesuvius in the year 79 A.D.

Independent lunch and dinner. Overnight at hotel in Rome. (B)

• **Day 9, March 22, Wednesday: AM/Papal Audience - PM/Tour of Ancient Rome ending with Mass at St. John Lateran - Evening Farewell dinner at a Roman Restaurant**

Breakfast at your hotel. You will then be transported into the heart of Christendom for an audience with our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI. The Cathedral Choir of St. James will sing a selection for him when announced during the English language portion. This will be an experience that you will never forget! Independent lunch.

This afternoon, you will visit the Church of St. Peter in Chains to see the original chains in which St. Peter was brought captive to Rome and the statue of Moses, one of Michelangelo's greatest masterpieces. Then, we continue to the ancient Roman Forum. See the Arch of Titus and the Arch of Constantine. Proceed to the Coliseum for a fascinating explanation of its history.

Continue on to the grandiose white marble monument of King Victor Emmanuel II, often called the "Wedding Cake." See the Trajan Column and the Market (the ancient Roman equivalent of a department store). Then, you will be transferred to the Cathedral of St. John Lateran for the evening Mass, celebrated by Fr. Michael Ryan in celebration of his 40th Anniversary in the Priesthood, at which the Cathedral Choir of St. James will sing. Your farewell dinner to Rome this evening will be at Tana dei Re. Experience an atmosphere of hospitality and friendship, and taste the Mediterranean cuisine in a typical Roman setting with wine and music. Overnight in Rome. (B,D)

• **Day 10, March 23, Thursday: Return to USA**

Breakfast at your hotel. Then you will be transferred to Rome's Leonardo Da Vinci Airport for your return flight to the USA. Arrive on the same day. (B)

***\$175 - \$225 Tax estimation is based on fuel surcharges imposed by airlines and is subject to increase prior to ticketing (approximately 30 days prior to departure).**

Peter's Way reserves the right to increase package rate or reduce services accordingly should there be an escalation in the Euro valuation over the US dollar in excess of 10 % from print date.

- Unexpected circumstances might require alteration of details described in this brochure.
- Peter's Way offers an optional comprehensive Passenger Travel Protection Insurance Policy. You may now be covered for pre-existing conditions if your insurance payment is included with your deposit.
- **If deposit deadline has passed, enrollment may still be possible. Please inquire toll-free at 1-800-225-7662.**

ENROLLMENT FORM

Tour Code: 7495-03/2006

I would like to take part in the

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**Choir Pilgrimage In Celebration of the Centennial of St. James Cathedral
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Enclosed is my/our deposit by check of \$350 per person.

Deposit Deadline: July 31, 2005

Final Payment Deadline: November 1, 2005

Please return a photo copy of this enrollment form with your deposit payable to:

Peter's Way Tours Inc.

25 South Service Road - Suite 240

Jericho, NY 11753-1065

Tel: (516) 997-6505 in New York State

(800) 225-7662 outside (N.Y. State & Canada)

Name _____
(First and Last name as it appears on Passport):

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Roommate: _____
(if preference)

Optional: Full Day Excursion to Assisi or (Yes ___/No ___)

Optional: Full Day Excursion to Naples & Pompeii (Yes ___/No ___)

Single Room: (Yes ___/No ___)

Smoking: (Yes ___/No ___)

Peter's Way Travel Insurance: (Yes ___/No ___)

(See Terms & Conditions section for rate/information.)

I have read and understood all terms and conditions as noted in this brochure.

Signature: _____

Your Choir Pilgrimage Includes:

- Round-trip economy class via British Airways or Delta Airlines: Seattle/Venice or Milan-Rome/Seattle
- US Departure tax; Customs User fee; Security tax.
- Eight (8) nights, accommodations in twin rooms with private facilities in hotels throughout.
- Breakfast daily plus six dinners including a Farewell Dinner with wine at La Tana Dei Re Osteria in Rome.
- Meeting and assistance upon departure from Seattle.
- Services of a Peter's Way Tour Manager upon arrival to departure.
- Porterage of one piece of luggage per person at airport/hotels.
- All sightseeing as per the attached itinerary in a private, deluxe, air-conditioned motorcoach.
- Services of a professional, licensed, English-speaking guide.
- Portfolio of travel documents including a Peter's Way flight bag, luggage tags, name badges and full instructions.

Items not included in the price:

- Health, trip cancellation/interruption or baggage insurance.
- Items of a personal nature (hotel extras, laundry, phone calls, etc.)
- Gratuities to the tour director, guides and driver.
- Items not specifically mentioned above.

PAYMENT: Deposits and insurance payments will be accepted in the form of a check or money order only. Final payments can be made by check, money order, Visa, MasterCard, American Express, or Discover. Credit card transactions will incur an additional fee of 4% of the total amount charged. Invoices and credit card authorization forms will be included with your welcome documents. The credit card form must be completed in entirety in order for the transaction to be approved. Peter's Way reserves the right to increase package rate or reduce services accordingly should there be an escalation in the Euro valuation over the US dollar in excess of 10% from print date.

AIR TRANSPORTATION: Round trip from Seattle via British Airways or Delta Airlines. Flight itinerary and carrier may be subject to change. Airfare is subject to increases prior to date of travel. By sending your deposit together with your completed reservation form before the deposit deadline, airfare will be guaranteed against future fare increases excluding tax increases or fuel surcharges. Tax and fuel surcharge estimation is based on increases imposed by airlines is subject to increase prior to ticketing (approximately 30 days prior to departure). (see LATE RESERVATIONS) Airlines will provide a block of seats for the group. Individual seat requests can be made at time of check-in.

ACCOMMODATIONS/SINGLE TRAVELERS: Price per person is based on two persons sharing twin bedded rooms with private facilities in hotels throughout your tour. Triple Rooms are available for family or friends traveling together. We discourage triple room accommodations because they are normally not spacious and there is no discount for triple occupancy. Single Rooms are limited but may be requested at time of booking for an additional charge of \$795.00. While single rooms provide privacy, they are often smaller than twin rooms and sometimes poorly located. We honestly do not like to assess an additional charge for the single traveler and will make every effort (if you so desire) to match you with a same gender roommate when we receive your application, but we do not guarantee a roommate can be matched. If there is no one with whom you can share accommodations or your roommate cancels, you will be charged the single room supplement fee.

MEALS: Breakfast daily plus six dinners, including a Farewell Dinner with wine at La Tana Dei Re Osteria in Rome. Beverages (coffee, tea, mineral water) are not included at set menu dinners.

TRANSFER AND PORTERAGE: Round trip private transfers from/to Hotel/Airport. Porterage of one piece of luggage throughout your tour at airports and hotels. Although the Airlines will allow you to check two pieces of luggage, we strongly suggest that you travel with one suitcase and one carryon.

DISCLAIMER OF RESPONSIBILITY: Peter's Way Tours, Inc. ("Peter's Way"), is only acting as intermediary and agent for the suppliers identified on this, or any accompanying documents, in selling services, or in accepting reservations or bookings for services that are not directly supplied by Peter's Way (such as air carriage, hotel accommodations, ground transportation, meals, tours, cruises, etc.). Peter's Way shall not be responsible for breach of contract, bankruptcy or any intentional or careless actions or omissions on the part of such suppliers, which result in any loss, damage, delay, or injury to any traveler, travel companions or group member. Additionally, Peter's Way shall not be held responsible for changes in the Vatican's Calendar and the appearance of the Pope at any performance and no representations are made concerning same since those arrangements have been made directly between the choir director and the Vatican representative. Unless the term "guaranteed" is specifically written on the ticket, invoice or reservation itinerary, Peter's Way does not guarantee any supplier's rates, bookings or reservations. Peter's Way shall not be responsible for any injuries, damages, or losses caused to any traveler in connection with terrorist activities, social or labor unrest, mechanical or construction difficulties, diseases, local laws, climatic conditions, abnormal conditions or developments, or any other actions, omissions, or conditions outside Peter's Way control. By embarking upon the trip, the traveler voluntarily assumes all risks involved with such travel, whether expected or unexpected. Traveler is hereby warned of such risks, and is advised to obtain appropriate insurance coverage against them. Retention of tickets, reservations or bookings after issuance shall constitute a consent to the above, terms and conditions and an agreement on the traveler's part to convey the contents of this disclaimer to your travel companions and group members. Recipient specifically acknowledges that Peter's Way shall not be held responsible for any unforeseen circumstances or last minute changes in the Papal schedule affecting the invitation to sing at the Vatican.

LAND ONLY PASSENGERS: Land only price sharing twin room is \$2,545.00

A passenger choosing the land only portion of the package must notify Peter's Way in writing 100 days prior to date of departure or a penalty fee will be assessed. If traveling on British Airways, Peter's Way must be notified at least 165 days prior to departure to avoid penalty fee. *Please be advised, passenger(s) opting for the land only package or who are deviating from the group itinerary will be responsible for their own transfers to/from Hotel/Airport.*

BAGGAGE ALLOWANCE: Due to motorcoach storage space, one carry-on bag and one checked bag per person is permitted. To avoid additional charge, checked baggage cannot exceed 62 total inches or 50 pounds. Carry-on baggage cannot exceed 45 total inches or 30 pounds. For luggage exceeding these limits, excess baggage fees will apply at check-in. These are standard baggage policies in the industry. Contact individual airlines for specific carrier allowances.

SERVICE CHARGES FOR ITINERARY CHANGES: Peter's Way is pleased to assist clients with changes in itineraries (All deviation requests must be submitted in writing at least 60 days prior to departure). Deviation fee will apply plus an airline change fee per person. Your routing and dates requested will determine if a difference in airfare will also apply. Not all carriers permit routing changes and/or deviations from the group itinerary. Please contact our office for detailed information.

SIGHTSEEING AND ENTRANCE FEES: All sightseeing as per itinerary aboard a private motorcoach with the services of a government licensed, English-speaking guide. Entrance fees to all sights are included.

LATE RESERVATIONS: A \$25.00 fee and possible increase in airfare may apply for bookings received after the deposit deadline. All space is subject to availability. A \$50.00 late payment fee and possible increase in airfare may apply for late payments. Reservations are subject to deadlines with airlines and various vendors. Special delivery charges incurred will also be due in advance.

CANCELLATIONS/REFUNDS: From the time your deposit is received up to 130 days prior to departure, there is a \$200.00 nonrefundable cancellation fee per person. From 129 to 100 days prior to departure, the cancellation fee will be \$350 per person. For cancellations received from 99 days prior up to the day of departure the cancellation fee will be 100% of package price per person including taxes, single supplement, deviations fees and any other costs incurred (if applicable). (Travel insurance is offered as protection in case of illness, please see TRAVEL INSURANCE). **Tour participation is nontransferable. Names cannot be transferred on reservations or airline tickets.** Refund requests (if applicable) can only be honored when submitted in writing to Peter's Way. All refund requests are subject to cancellation restrictions as set forth above.

TRAVEL DOCUMENTS: All participants must have a valid passport. Special entry requirements for non-U.S. citizens may apply. Please consult the appropriate Consulate for current requirements. It is solely the passenger's responsibility to ensure that all documents needed are completed and current. Peter's Way will not be held responsible for lack of current and valid entry documents.

SERVICE CHARGES: All service charges and local taxes as imposed by hotels are included in the program rate. Although service charges are included, it is customary to leave \$1.00 per person for the waiters after each meal; \$1.00 per person per day for the Maid/Bell Boys.

TIPPING: For good work, recommended (but voluntary) tipping to your driver is \$2.00 per passenger per day; to the tour manager/escort \$3.00 per passenger per day; to the local guides \$1.00 per passenger per day. Tips for the bus driver and escort/tour manager are normally given as a group at the end of the tour. Other gratuities are usually handled individually.

TRAVELER HEALTH ADVISORY: All passengers must ensure that they are medically and physically fit for travel and that such traveling will not endanger themselves or others as Pilgrimages entail a lot of walking, climbing up/down stairs, etc. Any passenger who is physically challenged must submit a certificate from his/her medical doctor stating that he/she is capable of taking part in this pilgrimage without assistance. If special assistance is required, the passenger must travel with a companion willing and capable of providing any necessary assistance.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: It is strongly recommended that all participants buy insurance when they travel since the tour operator is not responsible for lost or damaged luggage or trip interruption. Peter's Way Tours offers an optional comprehensive Passenger Travel Protection Insurance Policy. These benefits and services help insure the well being of the passenger while traveling worldwide.

The insurance premiums are based on total package price, including single supplements, deviation fees, late charges, etc. The premium for total package price is \$199.00. **If the insurance payment is made at the time of deposit or within 10 days of receiving the Peter's Way "Tour Deposit Acknowledgment Letter," the passenger will be covered for pre-existing conditions. However, the insurance policy can be purchased at anytime thereafter, excluding coverage for pre-existing conditions, until final payment has been made. Insurance payments will not be accepted after final payment has been made. All insurance premiums are non-refundable.** If you choose to extend your stay or embark on a pre-tour program, comprehensive insurance protection can be purchased for an additional \$4.00 per day, limited to seven additional days. Additional coverage needs to be requested, the policy will not automatically be extended. The extended policy will only cover pre-paid arrangements made through Passages/Peter's Way Tours Inc.

The Passenger Travel Protection Plan includes coverage for the following: Trip Cancellation/Interruption, Baggage/Personal Effects, American International Assistance Service, Emergency Evacuation, Repatriation, Accident/Sickness Medical Expenses, and Accidental Death Dismemberment.

PLEASE NOTE: For complete details of coverage, terms, conditions, exclusions, and pre-existing conditions for the insurance protection provided, refer to the Description of Coverage, which you will receive with your travel documents. If you need further information, please call Berkely Care, Ltd. at 1-800-343-3553 (outside New York) or 516-294-0220 and ask for the Peter's Way Desk. This insurance is underwritten by: The National Union Fire Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, PA.