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Father Bill Waters, O.S.A

Footsteps of St. Augustine Pilgrimage

May 23 - June 1, 2024 - 10 Days

\$5,849 from Philadelphia or \$5,999 from Boston

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Thursday, May 23 - DAY 1 –
DEPART USA – Today, we depart Philadelphia or Boston on our overnight flight to Rome aboard a wide-bodied jet. We enjoy in-flight movies, dinner, and breakfast while aloft.

Friday, May 24 - DAY 2 - ROME – Following our arrival in Rome, we are greeted at the airport by our Unitours Tour Manager and board our coach bus for our ride through Rome to our hotel. We stop to enjoy lunch on our own en-route to our hotel. Pending availability of our accommodations, we have time to relax and re-energize before we enjoy our “welcome dinner” celebrating the start of our pilgrimage in honor of our patron Saint, Augustine. Depending on our final schedule there may be time to celebrate Mass before dinner at a local church near our hotel. Overnight at our 4-star hotel, Cicerone in Rome.

Saturday, May 25 - DAY 3 - ROME – This morning, we visit the *Basilica di Sant’Agostino*, an Augustinian parish where the tomb of St. Monica is located. While there we celebrate Mass. Following our visit, we depart for the famous *Piazza Navona*, originally known as the Stadium of Domitian, and then, Circus Agonalis, before it eventually retained the name it is known by today. Under Pope Innocent X, this Roman piazza was transformed by the construction of various statues, elaborate fountains, and numerous church buildings. The now famous Bernini masterpiece “*The Fountain of Four Rivers*” has been featured in numerous movies, including “Angels &

Demons”. *The Church of Sant’Agnese in Argone* is located nearby and houses some of the most magnificent Catholic artwork outside the Vatican! Following a break for lunch on our own at one of the many trattoria’s that dot the area, we enjoy the remainder of the afternoon before returning to our 4-star hotel, Cicerone for dinner and overnight.

Sunday, May 26 - DAY 4 - ROME/ OSTIA – Today, we enjoy a very short drive to the nearby port of Ostia Antica, an ancient Roman seaport that now lies over 2 miles inland because of silt deposited over the many centuries at the mouth of the famed Tiber River. It was in this port that St. Augustine arrived after leaving North Africa in 382AD. It was also here that St. Monica would later fall ill and die in 387AD, at the age of 55. Shortly after her death, St. Augustine left for North Africa from this same port. Following our visit, we break for lunch on our own as we return to Rome, the city where Augustine taught rhetoric (public speaking) before eventually journeying to Milan where he would meet St. Ambrose. We stop at the Basilica of St. Mary Major, one of the four major basilicas in Rome! Our visit is followed by a walking tour of the Roman Forum, the Arch of Constantine, the Flavian Amphitheater the “Coliseum”, and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. We conclude our day at the Church of St. Peter in Chains to view Michelangelo's possibly most celebrated sculpture, the “Moses.” Time permitting, we celebrate Mass here before returning to our 4-star hotel, Cicerone for dinner and overnight.

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Monday, May 27 - Memorial Day – USA- DAY 5 – ROME/VATICAN CITY - This morning, we visit Vatican City, where we view the treasures of the famous Vatican Museum. We marvel at Michelangelo's restored frescoes in the Sistine Chapel and the wonders of St. Peter's Basilica. We visit Sant'Anna Parish, the parish of Vatican City, staffed by the Augustinian Friars. This afternoon, following lunch on our own, we continue our day with a visit to the *Holy Stairs* and Basilica of St. John Lateran. We then proceed to our next stop, St. Paul Outside the Walls. This huge, imposing Basilica, second in size only to St. Peter's and one of the largest churches in the Christian world, contains an unusual gallery of papal portraits: 265 tablets portraying the popes of the past. We conclude our day at the Callistus Catacombs, the early burial places of 2nd and 3rd century Christians. While here, we celebrate Mass and view the unique fresco paintings. We return to our 4-star hotel in Rome, Cicerone in time for dinner and overnight.

Tuesday, May 28 - DAY 6 – ROME/ OPEN DAY- Today, we visit St. Monica's, the International Headquarters of the Augustinian Order for an informal tour. While there we celebrate Mass. Following lunch on our own, the remainder of the day is free for shopping, relaxation, or personal adventure. This evening, we explore the culinary delights of Rome, as tonight's dinner is on our own. Overnight at our 4-star hotel Cicerone in Rome.

Wednesday, May 29 - DAY 7 - ROME/VATICAN CITY/BOLOGNA This morning, we again make our way to St. Peter's for a public audience with Pope Francis (pending whether he is in residence). After the audience, we immediately journey north to Bologna, stopping for lunch on our own and a break along our beautiful scenic drive through central Italy, a route dotted with vineyards and olive orchards! We arrive

in time for dinner and overnight at our 4-star hotel, UnaBologna San Vitale.

Thursday, May 30 - Corpus Christi - DAY 8 – BOLOGNA/ PAVIA/MILAN – Today, we travel to Pavia and the *Basilica of San Pietro Ciel d' Oro*, the final resting place of St. Augustine and celebrate Mass while there. Following a stop for lunch on our own, we continue to Milan, where we visit the place where St. Ambrose, baptized St. Augustine as a Catholic! While here we will renew our baptismal vows before heading to our hotel to relax. Dinner is on our own at one of Milan's notable restaurants. Overnight at our hotel in our 4-star hotel, NH Milano Touring in Milan.

Friday, May 31 – Visitation - DAY 9 – MILAN – This morning, our first stop is the Duomo di Milano, one of the largest cathedrals in Italy and a gem of gothic architecture and magnificent stained-glass windows. We then visit the tomb of St. Charles Borromeo, the first Archbishop of Milan and the "*Patron Saint of Seminarians*". Following Mass, we visit a hidden gem in Milan, the Church of St. Mary of the Fountain. Built in the early 16th century by the governor of Milan, Charles II d'Amboise. He had the church built to honor Mother Mary for a miraculous healing he received from the adjacent spring, which was incorporated into the design of the church. Though the exterior is rather nondescript, the interior is quite impressive. Following a break for lunch on our own we enjoy our last day in Milan and have this afternoon to relax, shop or sightsee. Tonight, we celebrate our farewell dinner and overnight at our 4-star hotel NH Milano Touring in Milan.

Saturday, June 1 - DAY 10 - MILAN/RETURN TO U.S. – Today, we make our way home with memories of a lifetime, cherishing the opportunity to walk in the footsteps of St. Augustine!

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Please reserve ___ seats on this Footsteps of St. Augustine Pilgrimage - May 23 - June 1, 2024

Enclosed please find deposit of \$500 per person (Payable to Unitours, Inc.)

PLEASE ENCLOSE A COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT (Passport MUST be valid until December 01, 2024, or later.)

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Signature _____

TOTAL TOUR PRICE: The tour price is based on airfare, cruise, land rates and rates of exchange in effect September 29, 2023. All rates are subject to change without prior notice. Should the rates go up or down, an adjustment would be made prior to departure. Refunds CANNOT be granted for any accommodations, services or events that are not used nor if you deviate from the tour. If fewer than 25 pilgrims participate a price adjustment may be necessary.

PASSPORT AND VISA REQUIREMENTS: A valid passport is required. At the time of printing, U.S. citizens holding valid passports DO NOT REQUIRE visas or immunization for the country or countries being visited. Passport MUST be valid until December 01, 2024, or later. Citizens of countries other than U.S. - please contact the consulate of the country or countries being visited to determine visa requirements.

AIR TRANSPORTATION: International flight reservations are being held on American and United Airlines. No stopovers are permitted. Any changes after ticket is issued carries a mandatory charge of \$200. Once the tickets are issued, they are NON-REFUNDABLE. Additional non-recoverable airline penalties of up to \$200 may be assessed for cancellations received within 90 days of departure.

DOMESTIC AIRFARE: For those who make domestic air arrangements to the originating city of this tour, your tour host and Unitours strongly recommend the purchase of tickets that can be changed without heavy fees and penalties as international flight schedules are always subject to change.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS: Specially selected hotels based on twin occupancy with private bath. Single Room supplement of \$932 will be charged where requested and available. If you do not have a roommate and Unitours is unable to arrange one, you will be billed for the single room supplement. All singles are subject to availability.

MEALS: Breakfast and Table D' Hote dinners are provided daily except where noted in the itinerary. An extra charge will be made when coffee, tea or other beverages are not included in the menu of the day with the dinner meal.

TIPS AND TAXES: Tips and taxes normally appearing on hotel and restaurant bills as service are included, as are all government and local taxes on hotels and meals, portage of one suitcase per person. International departure taxes of \$110 plus current fuel surcharges of \$409 are included (subject to change). TIPS TO TOUR MANAGER/GUIDES, DRIVERS OR DINING ROOMS STAFF OF \$96 ARE NOT INCLUDED. One average sized suitcase not exceeding 50 lbs total weight and 62 linear inches (height plus width plus depth) is permitted throughout the trip.

NOT INCLUDED: Expenses and items not specifically mentioned in this brochure are NOT covered, including but not limited to: passport and visa fees, meals not listed and items of a personal nature such as laundry, wines, liquors, mineral waters, after dinner coffee or tea, sightseeing or services other than those specifically mentioned, tips and taxes mentioned above, excess baggage and insurance, etc.

DEPOSITS AND CANCELLATIONS: A deposit of \$500 is required to secure reservations. Any balance is to be paid in full no later than 60 days before departure of tour. Final payments received at Unitours after 45 days before departure must include a \$25 late payment fee. (This does not apply for new reservations made after 45 days of departure.) Reservations made within 60 days of departure must include full payment. Amex, Discover, Visa and MasterCard are accepted with signed reservation form. Final payments will be applied to same credit card on final payment due date. Cancellations made from time of reservation to within 61 days prior to

departure - \$400 processing charge plus any air penalties noted above. In the event of a cancellation from 60 to 8 days of departure - \$400 processing charge plus up to 50% of the land cost, plus any air penalties noted above. There can be no refund for any services for cancellations received within 7 days of departure. All cancellation and refund claims must be in writing to Unitours, Inc.

BANK FEE: A fee of \$50 will be charged for any check that is returned to us for insufficient or unavailable funds.

DEVIATIONS: A service charge of \$50 pp will be applied for any deviations made in tour, (where possible), PLUS any additional air or land charges incurred.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: Optional Travel Insurance is strongly recommended for your trip. See www.Unitours.com/travelInsurance for full details and to purchase coverage. To cover preexisting conditions, insurance must be purchased within 21 days of Unitours' receipt of your reservation.

LAND ARRANGEMENTS: The tour operator reserves the right to change the itinerary due to unforeseen emergencies.

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