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Inviting women and men, Protestants, Catholics, and others to look at what archaeology can tell us about the very early followers of Jesus when they first came to Rome. They carried a message which the apostle Paul summarized in the baptismal formula in Galatians 3:28 "You are all children of God through your faith in Christ Jesus. Each one who was baptized into Christ has put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, you are all alike in Christ Jesus." These people, not long after the death of Jesus, faced the ancient Greek civilization and the powerful Roman Empire with the simple teachings of the gospel and their baptism. What happened then? Roman archaeology—not only churches but also inscriptions, catacombs, paintings, mosaics, sculptures, textiles, and outdoor sites—will illustrate how the first Christians carried out the teaching they had received, and perhaps give us ideas for today.

Known for her archaeological calendars for years 2003 to 2008, retired university teacher Dorothy Irvin will use her background in theology, Bible, and archaeology to help bring out the significance of what we are seeing. In addition to our site visits, we will have evening discussions and opportunities for worship in churches or led by group members—please volunteer! (irvincalendar@hotmail.com)

Thursday, September 18, 2014 • Departure

Our journey begins as we board our transatlantic flight to Leonardo da Vinci terminal in Fiumicino (FCO), Rome, Italy

Friday, September 19, 2014 • Rome

Upon arrival we are met by our tour bus with a local Italian guide and Dorothy Irvin. The bus takes us (and our stowed baggage) first to the **Circus Maximus**, a chariot-racing track. Much of this area near the Tiber River was the territory of the Priscii family. One of the daughters of this family was a contemporary of Peter and Paul: She became a Christian, well-known for her ability to proclaim the gospel (Acts 16:13, 18:18). She is remembered in the small **Church of Saint Priscilla** nearby, which was a **domus ecclesiae** (house church), a fore-runner of the legal church. We have time for lunch in the area. Then we stop at the **Ara Pacis**, a monument to Caesar Augustus, on our way to the **Milvian Bridge** where in 312 the emperor Constantine defeated his co-emperor Maxentius and, influenced by his mother Helena, legalized Christianity, changing the course of history, and causing us to be here today. Then we proceed to our hotel for a welcome dinner tonight. **D**

Saturday, September 20, 2014 • Rome

We first walk through the **Roman Forum**, seeing especially the **Arch of Titus** with its menorah and the Ark of the Covenant, the **Arch of Constantine**, the **Mamertine Prison**, the **Colosseum**, and other important monuments. Lunch is on our own near the Colosseum. In the afternoon we visit the **Church of Saint Mary Major**, the **Church of Saint Pudenciana**, and the **Church of Saint Praxedis** with its well-known mosaic of Bishop Theodora. Dinner is at our hotel tonight. **B/D**

Sunday, September 21, 2014 • Rome

We visit **Ostia Antica**, the former port of Rome, where every fall the grain ships came in from Egypt to feed the Roman populace. Two of the most famous passengers through this port are Saint

Augustine and his mother, Saint Monnica. We see a fragment of her tomb inscription in the **Church of Saint Aurea**. Lunch on our own is available inside the excavation in the **Ostia Museum** complex. In the museum we see the coffin of a woman Bible teacher. Her sculptured **stone sarcophagus** shows her teaching a young woman student. Ostia presents a great diversity of religions. We visit an outdoor sanctuary where several goddesses were worshiped, then one of the town's seven mithraeums, a small shrine to a Christian martyr, and a two-nave church. This last is one of the earliest legal churches, where perhaps Augustine and his mother worshiped. Tonight we have dinner in a Roman restaurant. **B/D**

Monday, Sept. 22, 2014 • Rome

In the morning we visit the excavations (in Italian "scavi") underneath the crypt of Saint Peter's. We have lunch at a cafeteria in the Via della Conciliazione, the monumental approach to the church. In the afternoon we take the **Appian Way** to the south of Rome, where we visit the **Catacomb of Saint Callistus** and the **Catacomb of Domitilla**. In the latter we see the portrait of Saint Petronella, the daughter of Saint Peter. Dinner is on our own tonight. **B/L**

Tuesday, September 23, 2014 • Rome

Today we tour the Vatican Museum with its magnificent art collection including the Tapestry Gallery, the Belvedere with its marvelous statues, Raphael's Rooms, and Michelangelo's masterpiece, the Sistine Chapel, which has been restored to its original beauty. We have lunch on our own at the Vatican cafeteria. In the afternoon we visit the **Catacomb of Saint Priscilla** with the very early painting of Mary and the baby Jesus and its two famous wall frescoes emphasizing the Christian women of the early centuries--the Capella Greca with its Eucharist scene and triclinium, and the chapel of the Velatio (veiling). **B**

Wednesday, September 24, 2014 • Rome

This morning we have the papal audience for those who signed up for it, and if Pope Francis is in town. This is a gathering of several thousand in the piazza surrounded by the Bernini Colonnade, where there will be prayers and papal speeches in several languages. Our afternoon is free to explore on our own. Dinner is at our hotel. **B/D**

Thursday, September 25, 2014 • Return

This morning we transfer to the airport for our flight home. **B**

Rome to Venice

September 23 – October 1, 2014

Tuesday, September 23, 2014 • Departure

Our journey begins as we board our transatlantic flight to Rome, Italy.

Wednesday, September 24, 2014 • Rome

Upon arrival at Rome's International Airport, we are met by a local guide and take a panoramic tour of Rome before checking into our hotel. We have the day to rest from our journey or explore on our own. **D**

Thursday, September 25, 2014 • Siena – San Gimignano – Montecatini Terme

This morning we drive north to explore the fabulous Gothic City of Siena. A local guide will acquaint us with Siena's sunken Piazza del Campo and the Duomo--perhaps the finest Gothic cathedral in

Italy! Then we take a short drive to San Gimignano with its thirteen towers. We have time to explore on our own and perhaps sample some gelato. **B/D**

Friday, September 26, 2014 • Montecatini Terme - Florence

Our entire day is devoted to Florence, the Cradle of the Renaissance. We begin with a stop at the American Cemetery of Florence. Here we see the graves of thousands of GI's who fell while fighting their way "up the boot" of Italy. Florence is home to the Duomo with its famed Baptistery, the Accademia with Michelangelo's incomparable David, and the Uffizi Gallery with the finest collection of paintings in all of Italy. A local guide will take us on a walking tour of the city center including a visit to Accademia. Later we will have time on our own for exploring the sprawling San Lorenzo Leather Market and the shops along the Ponte Vecchio or to visit the Uffizi Gallery. This evening we enjoy a wine-tasting dinner in the gentle hills of the Chianti countryside before returning to our hotel in Montecatini. **B/D**

Saturday, September 27, 2014 • Pisa - Venice (Mestre)

We continue our journey north this morning. Our first stop is the famous Leaning Tower of Pisa where we have time to explore and have lunch on our own. Then we continue on towards Venice, a cluster of small islands connected by bridges and the center of the Italian glassmaking industry since 1291. Built upon 117 islands, Venice is a mosaic of canals, plazas, fascinating markets, and chaos! We overnight just outside of Venice in Mestre. Dinner tonight is at our hotel in Mestre. **B/D**

Sunday, September 28, 2014 • Venice

Our destination today is fabulous Venice—La Serenissima, the "Serene One. We begin our day in Venice with an excursion to St. Mark's Square, including a cruise along the serpentine Canale Grande. Here we see the Bell Tower and the impressive St. Mark's Cathedral. There is time in the afternoon to explore and shop in the famous market area around the Rialto Bridge, visit one of the city's famous museums, or just enjoy a coffee and some people-watching at on St. Mark's Square. These evening we enjoy dinner in a Venetian restaurant before returning to our hotel. **B/D**

Monday, September 29, 2014 • Ravenna - Assisi

This morning we depart Venice towards the region of Umbria. En route we stop in Ravenna where a local guide will introduce us to its superb mosaics from the Byzantine period. The town itself is a surprisingly pleasant medley of old streets, fine shops and peaceful piazzas. The highlight will be the San Vitale Church with its octagonal shapes; it dates back to the early church in the 5th century. Then we continue on to Assisi. Here a local guide acquaints us with the life of Saint Francis as he shows us the magnificent Basilica di San Francesco where he is buried and takes us on a walking tour of Assisi. Dinner is at our hotel tonight. **B/D**

Tuesday, September 30, 2014 • Ravenna - Assisi

We have some free time in Assisi this morning and then drive to the medieval town of Perugia where a local guide joins us on a walking tour. Afterwards we return to Rome. **B/D**

Wednesday, October 1, 2014 • Return

This morning we transfer to the airport for our return flight home. **B**

Abbreviations for Meals
B=Breakfast L=Lunch D=Dinner

TOUR PRICES:

Rome: \$1,699* per person, land only

Single Supplement = \$375

Rome to Venice: \$1,725 per person, land only

Single Supplement: \$400

\$480 Discount if purchasing both tours

**Price is per person based on a minimum of 20 participants, double occupancy.*

Your Tour Includes:

- **Land Transportation** via private deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- **Accommodations** (twin/double occupancy) in moderate 3 and 4 star hotels
- **Meals** per the itinerary
- **Admission** to all activities indicated in the itinerary except those listed as optional
- Services of **professional tour manager**
- Local **step-on guides** for city tours and major attractions
- **Luggage handling** of one piece per person
- **All taxes and tips** for provided services on land tour, excluding tour manager and driver

Your Tour Does Not Include:

- **Airfare** and related taxes, fees and fuel charges
- Meals other than indicated above
- **Beverages**, except with breakfast
- End of tour gratuity for coach driver and tour guide
- Items of a personal nature such as passport fees. (Passport must be valid for 6 months beyond return date.)
- **Optional insurance** for health, baggage and cancellation. (This insurance is available and recommended.)

Payment Schedule:

A deposit of \$500 per person is due with reservation. Final payment is due 100 days prior to departure date. Invoice will be sent out prior to final payment. Passengers may add after this date subject to air and land availability. Generally airlines do not increase the price of a ticket after it has been contracted. However, prior to the issuance of a ticket, airlines may (and regularly do) impose fuel, tax, or security surcharges. In the event a surcharge is imposed after Ed-Ventures has received a final payment, Ed-Ventures will send an additional invoice for the surcharge amount. Early registration is encouraged.

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Registration Form

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Passenger Information (1st Traveler)

Please record information exactly as it appears on your passport. Passport information may be sent later if you have yet to obtain a passport.

Legal Name: _____

(Nickname): _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Dietary needs: _____

Passenger Information (2nd Traveler)

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Legal Name: _____

(Nickname): _____

Passport #: _____

Passport Exp. Date: _____

Passport Authority: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Place of Birth: _____

Dietary needs: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

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Emergency Contact Name: _____ Phone: _____

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Enclosed is my check made payable to
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Exp. Date: _____ Amount: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

**last 3 digits in signature box on the back of the card*

Sleeping Preference (circle one): Double bed Twin Beds

Roommate name: _____

Rome Single supplement (\$375) ___ Yes ___ No Rome to Venice Single Supplement (\$400) ___ Yes ___ No

Travel Insurance (please check one): Yes, sign me up No, I decline

Insurance Payment Information: Charge my card below Check enclosed

Credit Card Number: _____

Card ID Code: _____ Visa/MC/Disc: _____ Exp. Date: _____ Amount: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

I have read and agree to the terms and conditions. Please sign me up for the trip!

Signature of 1st traveler: _____ Date: _____

Signature of 2nd traveler: _____ Date: _____

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