

# Tridentine Community News

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## Tridentine Travelogue: Tridentine Tours

It has been a while since this column has featured a story about another Tridentine Mass site. With over 60 new Masses in North America started since the Motu Proprio *Summorum Pontificum* took effect on September 14, 2007, there are many more places to visit. We will return to cover some of the more interesting Mass sites in the future.

Most readers of this column are aware of tours arranged under the joint guidance of a tour guide and a priest. A perfect example is the tour to Vienna, Salzburg, and Prague this fall that the St. Josaphat cluster is advertising, under the guidance of Fr. Mark Borkowski. Tours such as this are an excellent way to see parts of Europe that you might not visit on your own due to language or driving challenges. They are also an excellent opportunity for fellowship, and in the case of any tour of which Fr. Mark is a part, culinary delights.

Those devoted to the Extraordinary Form might be interested to know that similar tours are available which are led by a priest who celebrates the Tridentine Mass exclusively during the tour. You do have to seek them out, as they are typically not well advertised. Here are some examples:

Roger McCaffrey, founder of Roman Catholic Books, publishers of a variety of traditional Catholic books, offers an annual tour of Italy in the fall, usually led by Fr. Ignacio Barreiro. More information is at [www.mccaffreypublishing.com](http://www.mccaffreypublishing.com).

Liturgical blogger Fr. John Zuhlsdorf will be leading a tour to Rome from October 31 – November 8. More details are at [www.wdtpsr.com](http://www.wdtpsr.com).

The Institute of Christ the King offers one or two pilgrimages per year. Keep an eye on [www.institute-christ-king.org](http://www.institute-christ-king.org) to see what is planned.

The Fraternity of St. Peter arranges the largest

number of pilgrimages each year, to sites in North America and around the world. Their monthly newsletter – free for the asking – and [www.fssp.com](http://www.fssp.com) have the schedule.

## 1998...and now 2008...in Rome

Perhaps the most famous Tridentine Tour of all time was the October, 1998 Pilgrimage to Rome, a joint celebration of the Tenth Anniversary of the Motu Proprio *Ecclésia Dei Adflícta* and

the Tenth Anniversary of the founding of the Fraternity of St. Peter. Hundreds of people from all corners of the world came to Rome in October, 1998 for a papal audience in St. Peter's Square, Pontifical Masses, conferences, and dinners organized by the FSSP. This event has achieved legendary status, in part because EWTN has repeatedly televised "Pilgrimage", a video record of the week.

In retrospect, the highlight of the week was an address by then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, at which he stated that it would take a "new generation of prelates" to provide "juridical" freedom for the Tridentine Mass. Little did he or anyone else present at the time realize that he himself was to bring about that change nine years later.

The first 10 years after *Ecclésia Dei* saw the founding of many religious communities devoted to the Extraordinary Form of the Mass and Sacraments. It was akin to the 1975-1984 nascent era of the computer industry in Silicon Valley. An additional 10 years later, we are now in the era of *Summorum Pontificum*, and the Tridentine Mass movement has entered the mainstream.

For the Twentieth Anniversary of its founding, the Fraternity of St. Peter is again organizing a tour to Italy this fall. While the FSSP has its own birthday to celebrate, it is unlikely that the twentieth anniversary of *Ecclésia Dei* will be officially marked, as that Motu Proprio has been entirely superseded legislatively by *Summorum Pontificum*. No one is expecting the jubilation of 1998, nor the impressive attendance of that event. We aren't the underdogs any more. Nevertheless, this is likely to be the most impressive Tridentine Mass pilgrimage of the decade and is worth considering. Cardinal Castrillón Hoyos will celebrate a Pontifical Mass on Saturday, October 18, which itself promises to be memorable. For further information, visit [www.fssp.com](http://www.fssp.com) or call (800) 334-5425.

Travel tip: It might be to your advantage to purchase on your own, or use your frequent flyer miles for, the airfare portion of the trip. Ask the tour operator for a price without airfare so that you can make an informed decision as to whether the tour operator's airfare represents a good value.

Note that these pilgrimages are primarily tours. Unlike Latin Mass conventions such as those hosted by C.I.E.L. and the Latin Liturgy Association, few if any talks, and few special liturgies are held. These are sightseeing trips; if exquisite liturgies are your primary interest, one of the conventions will be more to your liking and will cost less. We will keep you informed about those conventions as they are announced.

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