

Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

Home phone _____

Work or cell phone _____

Email _____

Church affiliation _____

Dietary restrictions _____

Single room? _____ Shared room? _____

With whom? _____

What appeals to you about this pilgrimage?

Please complete and detach this form and return it by February 15, 2010, with your non-refundable deposit of \$500, check payable to the Rev. Susan Skillen at this address:

Retreats in Italy
56 Bromfield Street
Newburyport, MA 01950

Our Pilgrimage explores the lives and spirituality of **Saints Francis and Clare**, and their followers **Angela of Foligno** and mystic poet **Jacopone da Todi**. Quiet retreat days alternate with day excursions through the Umbrian and Tuscan hills to Assisi, home of Francis and Clare; Mount La Verna sanctuary where Francis received the stigmata; and Todi, home of Jacopone. Suggested reading is provided for those who would like to learn more prior to the pilgrimage. Days also include ample opportunity to enjoy the local cuisine, sample the wines and savor the beauty of Italian landscape, art and culture.

Pilgrims stay in the beautiful and comfortable Convent of San Lodovico. Perched on the edge of the medieval hill top city of Orvieto it offers gorgeous views of the valley. A jewel of Italy, Orvieto is graced with one of its finest Cathedrals and is home to many fine artisans and Orvieto Classico wine.



What people are saying about Spiritual Retreats in Italy:

"This pilgrimage certainly met all my expectations and more. I really loved all aspects of it—teaching, prayer, writing, reflecting, day trips, fellowship around meals and a walkable city. Mille Grazie."

"Honestly, I loved *everything*. I loved learning about the saints and the meditations interwoven with the day trips, and amazing meals, and free time. I loved it all."

"I liked the quietness of San Lodovico, the dissimilarity with a commercial hotel, and the simplicity of the rooms."

"I loved the garden, courtyard, and especially the chance to see the sisters from time to time."

Itinerary: June 20-30, 2011

11-day, 10-night Itinerary includes visits to religious sites, beautiful countryside, and magnificent medieval and Renaissance art.

Assisi and environs:

- Basilica of St. Francis with art and relics
- Clare's Convent of San Damiano
- Church of St. Clare with Francis crucifix
- Francis' hermitage, Mount Subasio
- Rivotorto, home of the early Brothers
- Porziuncola, Francis' headquarters

Todi, "the world's most livable city":

- San Fortunato Church, Jacopone's tomb
- Todi Cathedral and medieval piazza
- Santa Maria della Consolazione church

Mount LaVerna Sanctuary, Tuscan Appenines:

- Chapel of the Stigmata
- Basilica
- Mountain walking

Medieval and Renaissance art:

- Giotto frescoes of life of St. Francis
- Della Robbia terracottas
- Piero della Francesca's frescoes, Arezzo
- Signorelli's frescoes, Orvieto Cathedral

Costs and Conditions

The fee of \$2,500 for single room accommodation (or \$2,200 shared room accommodation) includes all land travel in Italy, entrance fees, room with private bath in the Convent of San Lodovico and two meals daily at the convent. Pilgrims are responsible for making their own flight arrangements to and from Rome's Fiumicino Airport. They will be transported from Fiumicino to Orvieto at a designated time on Monday morning, June 20, and from Orvieto to Fiumicino on Thursday, June 30. Further information will be given following registration.

Payments are due as follows:

February 15:

Registration with \$500 non-refundable deposit

April 1:

\$1000 for single room or \$850 for double room

May 1:

\$1000 for single room or \$850 for double room

Please Note:

The pilgrimage assumes the general good health of participants. There is no avoiding considerable hilly walking through the narrow streets of Italian towns, many of which restrict vehicle access. Day trips will include *much* walking.

Contact

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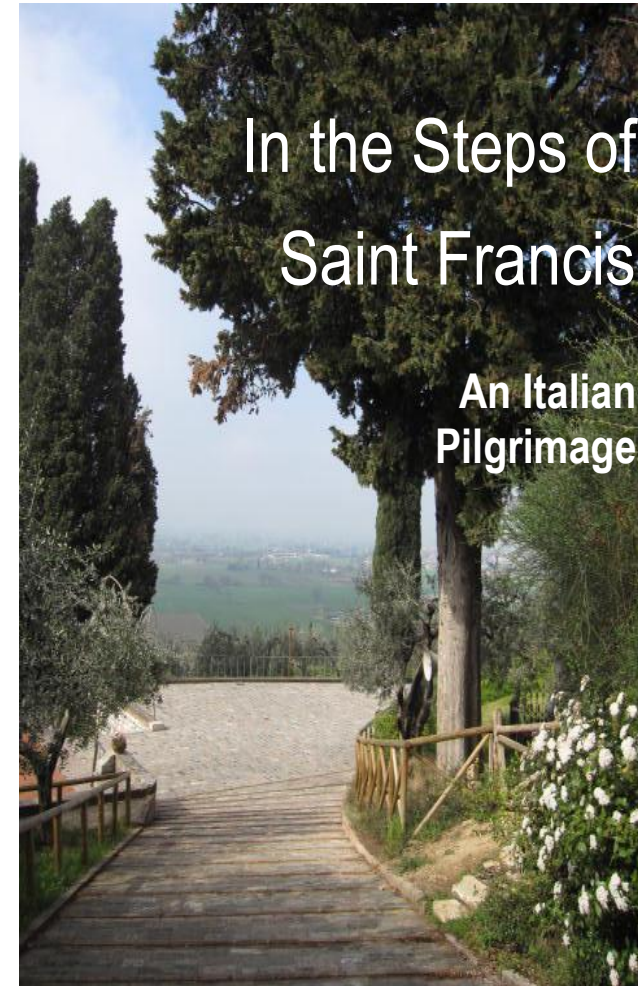
About our leaders



Susan Skillen is an Anglican priest and Canon for Spiritual Formation for the Anglican Diocese in New England. She trained as a spiritual director at the Shalem Institute. She lived for seven years in Orvieto and was founding priest-in-charge of the Church of the Resurrection, the Anglican-Episcopal Church in Orvieto, and the only English-speaking church in the city. She has led many retreats in the US and in Italy. Susan is married and has four daughters.



Margaret Benefiel, Ph.D., teaches spirituality at Andover Newton Theological School in Boston and at the Milltown Institute and All Hallows College in Dublin, Ireland. She trained as a spiritual director at the Shalem Institute, and she has offered spiritual direction and led retreats for over twenty-five years. Margaret's publications include *Soul at Work* (Seabury Books, 2005), *The Soul of a Leader* (Crossroad, 2008), and *The Soul of Supervision* (Morehouse, 2010). She lives in Boston with her husband.



In the Steps of Saint Francis

An Italian Pilgrimage



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