



Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to announce that Trinity Catholic High School is proposing to run a five-day pilgrimage and educational visit to Rome and Assisi in March 2027 for students currently in Year 9, who will be in Year 10 at the time of travel.

This pilgrimage will provide students with a unique opportunity to deepen their understanding of history, faith, culture and community through visiting some of the most significant sites within the Catholic world. Students will also have the opportunity to explore the life and witness of Carlo Acutis, whose tomb is in Assisi. Carlo's example of holiness, compassion and evangelisation through modern technology continues to inspire young people across the world.

I have intentionally included Assisi within the same pilgrimage due to Trinity Catholic High School's strong links with the Franciscan community at St Thomas of Canterbury Church and the Friars who have supported our school community over many years. Trinity Catholic High School has a strong association with the Franciscan religious order and the values of humility, service, compassion and peace which St Francis embodied continue to resonate deeply within the life of our school. The proposed visit includes:

- The Vatican Museums and Sistine Chapel
- St Peter's Basilica
- The Colosseum, Roman Forum and Palatine Hill
- The Basilica of Santa Maria Maggiore
- The Tomb of Pope Francis
- The city of Assisi, birthplace of St Francis and St Clare
- The Shrine and Tomb of Carlo Acutis
- Opportunities for prayer, reflection and spiritual formation

The provisional dates are **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2027**. The approximate cost of the visit is £999 per student which includes:

- Return flights
- Airport transfers
- Overseas travel and transfers
- Accommodation on a half-board basis
- Excursions outlined within the itinerary
- Three evening meals
- Hold luggage allowance
- Travel insurance

Please note:

- Additional spending money will be required for lunches, drinks and incidental costs
- There are only 30 student places available on this pilgrimage

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At this stage, we are asking families to complete an expression of interest only. This allows us to gauge demand before confirming final arrangements and launching the formal booking process.

**Submitting an expression of interest does not commit you financially to the visit or guarantee your child a place.** To express an interest for your child, please email [nlamb@tchs.org.uk](mailto:nlamb@tchs.org.uk) with your child's name and form class.

To ensure the integrity of the pilgrimage is maintained, the school will use a selection process. This process will include consideration of attendance, punctuality, attitude to learning, behaviour and commitment to the ethos and values of Trinity Catholic High School. As representatives of the school abroad, students will be expected to demonstrate consistently positive conduct both in and out of the classroom.

We believe this pilgrimage will be a transformative experience for our students. It is an opportunity not only to visit extraordinary historical and religious sites, but also to grow in faith, friendship, independence and understanding of the wider world.

Further details regarding deposits, payment schedules and the final itinerary will follow should the visit proceed.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Declan Linnane".

Declan Linnane  
**Headteacher**