

Testimonial Statement

**Re: Pilgrimage Experience
May 13th – May 24th, 2008
Western Europe**

Dear Reader,

The first thing to remember about making a Pilgrimage is that it is not a vacation, even though it feels like one at times. A pilgrimage is a journey to a *Holy Place* to seek a closer relationship to God, and to give thanks for our lives and how God has blessed us. It does involve inconveniences, hardships, and sacrifices that we offer up for the sake of others who need our prayers.

We have been married for 47 years; have four grown children and seven grandchildren. After all these years and postponing the experience several times, we were finally able to go.

We were both products of Italian American families and devotion the Blessed Mother was always a part of our lives. Looking back, there were times when we really knew in our hearts that the Blessed Mother had intervened in our lives, both in the good times and the bad.

It finally came down to really wanting to experience these beautiful shrines to thank Mary personally for all her help and support from day one and even before we were born.

In the several months since we have returned from the Pilgrimage we have experienced one little miracle after another, and we have received the grace to carry on even in difficult circumstances. It has been a real help in our faith life.

We can't say enough good things about FIAT Pilgrimages, who made the experience a reality. They were very accommodating and basically gave our group a custom tour according to our timeline and places we wanted to visit. The accommodations and transportation was very good and we felt like we were very well prepared through the help we got. In other words, we felt secure and at ease on the entire trip thanks to the wonderful staff and tour guides who were with us.

We would not hesitate in the least to go on another FIAT Pilgrimage when we are able to go again.

**Sincerely
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