



XII. International Pilgrimage of altar boys and girls to Rome

in July/August 2018

Programme structure

Pilgrimage Office

At the German-language Pilgrimage Centre Rome (Centro Pastorale Pellegrini di Lingua Tedesca), Via del Banco di S. Spirito 56, 00186 Rome.

Core week of the Pilgrimage

From Monday, July 30, 2018, to Friday, August 3, 2018, all groups will be in Rome. The pilgrimages of the countries and dioceses each have their own profile, which includes earlier arrivals or departures as well as later departures or stopovers, e.g. in Assisi. In order to make it possible to experience the community in the service of the altar and Ambo on different levels, the respective countries and dioceses plan offers on a national (e.g. Austrian festival), diocesan (e.g. Grand Worship services, excursions) or parish level (e.g. pilgrim routes, sightseeings, eating ice cream etc.).

International programme items

Special Audience of the Holy Father, Pope Francis, on Tuesday, 31 July 2018; from 3.30 p.m.: Supporting programme to get in the mood for prayer, motto, community and common evening prayer.

Monday to Friday: national churches connected with the participating countries with open offers for the pilgrim groups (meetings, extra pins, prayer, (confessional) conversations, water, food).

Blind Date: Wednesday, August 1, 2018, from 6 p.m.: three pilgrim groups gathered at random at over 300 places in Rome for plays, prayer of blessing and exchange (duration 30 min.).

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Monday 30 July 2018	Tuesday, 31 July 2018	Wednesday, 01 August 2018	Thursday, 02 August 2018	Friday, 03 August 2018
Optional encounter programme national churches	Optional encounter programme national churches	Optional encounter programme national churches	Optional encounter programme national churches	Optional encounter programme national churches
<p>Arrival of people from further countries and dioceses in Rome. Celebration of the Eucharist on the arrival of the people from the different countries and dioceses in various places in Rome.</p>	<p>Optional: Celebration of the Eucharist with the representatives of the countries, dioceses and parishes. Pilgrim routes designed by various dioceses / pilgrim groups to St. Peter's Tomb and St. Peter's Square.</p> <p>From 3.30 p.m. supporting programme: festival-like, with an attunement to prayer, motto and community.</p> <p>From 6.00 p.m.: Special Audience with Pope Francis:</p> <p>Prayer, encounter, blessing of pilgrims.</p>	<p>Optional: Celebration of the Eucharist with the representatives of the countries, dioceses and parishes. Spiritual impulse offers, sightseeings, festivals of individual countries.</p> <p>From 6 p.m. onwards, a programme of meetings of altar servers from three dioceses each, nationally or internationally (so-called blind dates) at more than 300 locations in Rome.</p>	<p>Optional: Celebration of the Eucharist with the representatives of the countries, dioceses and parishes. Spiritual impulse offers and services of the parish groups which can be deepened in the respective pilgrim churches, sightseeings and excursions.</p>	<p>Departure of the representatives of some countries and dioceses from Rome. Celebration of the Eucharist with the representatives of the countries and dioceses at the end of the pilgrimage in various places in Rome.</p>

Further information can be found on the website www.romwallfahrt-minis.de.