**Ambrose’s Italy: St. Ambrose Alumni & Friends Trip, 2016**

**Milan, Florence, Assisi, and Rome**

**When:** May 22 – June 2

**What:** 2 travel days, 2 days in Milan, 2 days in Florence, 1 day in Assisi, and 5 days in Rome

**Who:** This tour is limited in order to enhance the experience of the participants through ease of travel and access to the guide

**How much:** $3,000

- The amount is payable to St. Ambrose University.
  - A non-refundable deposit of $1,000 to secure your place on the trip (due as soon as possible and accepted until capacity is full)
  - The balance of $2,000 is due on February 1, 2016

- The amount will cover:
  - Hotels stays for 10 nights (double occupancy)
  - Train fare between cities
  - Admission to approximately 10 museums
  - Transportation expenses in Milan and Rome
  - Welcome reception in Milan
  - One meal per city
  - One fabulous scholar to lead the daily activities!

- Additional out-of-pocket expenses of approximately $2,000 will include:
  - Flight arriving to Milan and departing from Rome (approximately $1,500)
  - Majority of meals (approximately $400)
  - Museum entrance fees to a few of the less expensive museums or places you might be interested in visiting during your free time ($100)

- These estimates are dependent on exchange rates, how much you eat and drink, and personal shopping. If money remains from the fees paid to St. Ambrose, we will make a donation to the Academy for the Study of Saint Ambrose of Milan (ASSAM).

**Considerations:**

- Fr. Bud is an expert on Saint Ambrose of Milan. He leads an annual study abroad course in Italy, he is functional in speaking Italian, and he knows the back streets and obscure stories.

- You will experience many of the world’s greatest art collections, ancient ruins, colossal architecture, sacred sites, and intimate cultural details. While this is not an academic course, you will be intellectually, spiritually, socially, physically, and artistically enriched.

- This is an “athletic” course that will require participants to walk several hours a day for several days in a row in all conditions. Accommodates are modest. There will be some free time each day.

- The tour is part of St. Ambrose University’s initiative to establish the university as a prominent international center for the study of our patron saint. You will end with a much deeper appreciation of Ambrose of Milan, his theology, and his times.
Daily Itinerary: (Subject to modification)

- May 22 – Depart USA
- May 23 – Arrive in Milan, Milan sightseeing and reception
- May 24 – Milan sightseeing
- May 25 – Travel to Florence, Florence sightseeing
- May 26 – Florence sightseeing
- May 27 – Travel to Assisi, Assisi sightseeing
- May 28 – Travel to Rome, Rome sightseeing
- May 29 – Rome sightseeing
- May 30 – Rome sightseeing
- May 31 – Rome sightseeing
- June 1 – Rome sightseeing
- June 2 – Depart from Rome

Reservations:

- Call Anne Gannaway or Paige Nagle at 563-333-6283
- Contact Fr. Bud at grantrobert@sau.edu with specific questions or for recommended readings