



One of the most photographed sites in Rome is the Colosseum, which was begun by the Emperor Vespasian in 72 A.D. On Good Friday night, the pope leads the Stations of the Cross and a prayer vigil at the ancient stadium.



Benedictine Sisters Rebecca Fitterer and Juliann Babcock of Our Lady of Grace Monastery in Beech Grove experienced a homecoming of the heart and the soul when the archdiocesan pilgrims visited St. Benedict's Abbey in Subiaco on July 1.



The Gothic façade of the Cathedral of Orvieto is considered one of the great masterpieces of the Late Middle Ages. Stories from the Bible are intricately sculpted into the face of the 14th-century cathedral.



Archdiocesan seminarian Tony Hollowell of Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ Parish in Indianapolis walks toward the Cathedral of Siena on June 30, where he was an altar server at the Mass that Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin celebrated entirely in Italian for local residents and archdiocesan pilgrims.



Pilgrims on the archdiocesan pilgrimage to Italy pose for a group photo on the steps of the Church of St. Alphonsus Liguori—the founder of the Redemptorist religious order which Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin previously led as its superior general—following the pilgrims' farewell Mass in Rome on July 1.

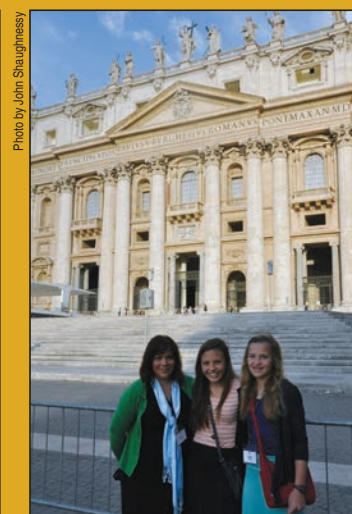
United in faith: Rome pilgrimage leads to lasting bonds and desire to share joy of being Catholic



After touring the Catacombs of St. Sebastian, archdiocesan pilgrims spent time in the Basilica of St. Sebastian, which is built over the catacombs and is renowned for its carved ceiling depicting St. Sebastian's martyrdom.



Returning to the Church of St. Alphonsus Liguori in Rome—the church dedicated to the founder of the Redemptorist order which Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin previously led as its superior general—to celebrate Mass for the archdiocesan pilgrims on July 1 was an emotional homecoming for the archbishop, who had lived in his order's community in Rome for 18 years.



Cathy Flood, left, poses for a photo with her daughters, Ellen and Anna Flood, outside St. Peter's Basilica on the morning of June 28. The Floods are members of St. Malachy Parish in Brownsburg.



Archdiocesan pilgrims react in amazement on June 27 to the Cathedral of Orvieto, a breathtaking place of worship that took three centuries to complete in honor of the Miracle of the Eucharist that happened near that Italian town in 1263.



Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin prepares to enter the Catacombs of St. Sebastian in Rome on June 26 with Mary Dougherty and Ralph Nowak, both members of Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Indianapolis.



Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin gives Communion to his sister, Ann Tobin, during a Mass he celebrated for family, friends and archdiocesan pilgrims in the chapel above the tomb of St. Peter in the crypt of St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican on June 28.



During the archdiocesan pilgrimage in Italy, Archbishop Joseph W. Tobin occasionally used the tour bus microphone to share stories and details about the country where he lived for 21 years while serving the Church.