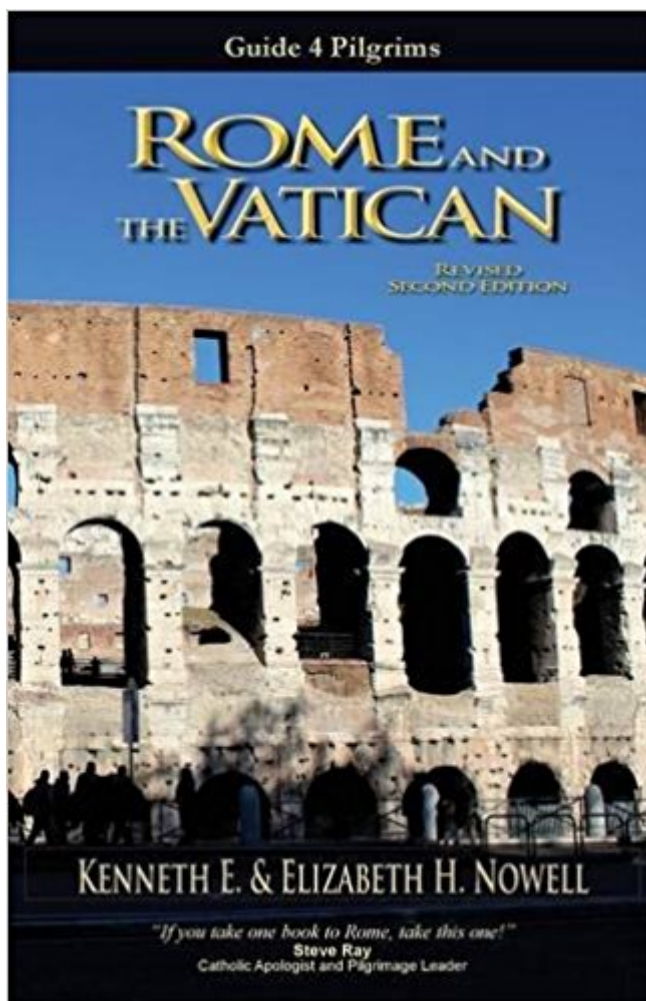




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# Rome And The Vatican - Guide 4 Pilgrims



## Synopsis

(Color Edition) Experience the grandeur of Rome's art, architecture, history and - above all - faith. This Guide 4 Pilgrims includes almost 800 awe-inspiring images, from more than a hundred of Rome's most important pilgrim sites, found in twelve convenient walking tours that include detailed color maps. For the pilgrim, Rome bears witness to twenty tumultuous centuries of Christian history, like no other place. The Eternal City's abundance of sacred treasures can overwhelm, however, especially when so many tourist guides fail to focus on the faith. This is the indispensable Guide 4 Pilgrims on Rome and the Vatican. Whether travelling there or simply enjoying it from an armchair, pilgrims can experience the human drama that has always defined the Eternal City: from ancient emperors and martyrs, to Renaissance popes and artists, to the enduring legacy of Rome's architects and saints. Christianity has always demanded Rome's attention, just as the Eternal City has commanded the world's. Regardless of the passing of brutal emperors and empires, however, Rome confirms that the gates of Hell have not and shall not prevail against Christ's Church. (Color Edition offers a full color interior with almost 800 unforgettable images. This edition appeals to most pilgrims, whether of the traveling or armchair variety.)

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Teresa Tomeo, "Catholic Radio & Television Host Pilgrimage Leader to Rome & The Vatican for over 10 Years" "This book is at the top of my list as one of the most comprehensive Catholic travel guides to Rome. I especially love the stunning images, interesting facts about the saints and our Catholic faith, as well as all of the travel tips included in this book. I am taking this book with me

on all 4 of my pilgrimages to Rome this year." Steve Ray, Catholic Apologist & Pilgrimage Leader "If you take one book to Rome, take this one! If you want one book to help you through Rome and the Vatican, this is it. Loaded with information from a spiritual and historical point of view. Especially excellent for Catholic pilgrims. Full of pictures, facts, detailed and pertinent information. It is in my pack on every trip."

Most tourists are fascinated by the brutal imperial history of Rome, or the artistic beauty of Renaissance Rome. But they and their guides often miss a more important story. Even before Rome destroyed Jerusalem's Temple in 70 AD, Saints Peter and Paul had arrived there, spreading the Gospel and establishing the foundation of Christ's Church. Because of their sacrifices, and those of countless other martyrs, our Christian heritage was nurtured and preserved in Rome. So, over the past twenty centuries, the Church has had to struggle through seemingly endless persecutions, fires, martyrdoms, earthquakes, plunders, and heresies. But by the grace of God, and the heroic virtue of saints, the Church has always prevailed. Today, for anyone who wishes to fully appreciate Christian history, the Eternal City is more than an interesting tourist destination. Rome is a holy, historic pilgrimage.

This book exceeded my expectations. It was such a great preparation for the trip, and invaluable while I was there. It was my first and possibly only time to go to Rome, but I felt confident and was able to jump right in once I arrived, leaving very content at the end of the week. I was able to do and see so many things I would have otherwise missed. If you want to go to Rome as a pilgrim and make the most of every minute you're there, this is the book for you.

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Very handy and loaded with information I recommend to anyone going to Rome and the Vatican. I must have for your trip

Three members of my family have been to Rome. I don't know if I will ever go, but I love history, religion, and geography. The Rome and Vatican Guide 4 Pilgrims is about all of that. The gorgeous photos are a travel log themselves. Kenneth and Elizabeth Nowell start by laying out

the beginning of Christianity. They include background of the apostles and Christian persecutors; the Popes, good and bad; papal trivia; the early saints that shaped Christianity; the artists who created lasting Church treasures, and the various churches and their histories. Even reading the tips for travelers gives me a glimpse into the culture—from dress codes and local idiosyncrasies to warnings of broken sidewalks. This book is unique for all it entails and is far, far more than just a book for travelers. It would make history, religion, art, and geography classes come alive. The book closes with a Scriptural and historical guide on the establishment of the Papacy and the Catholic Church—yes, even apologetics too.

"ROME and the VATICAN" is not only a great paperback guide for tourists but for those like me who love to learn quick facts about Catholic pilgrimages and the life of saints! It has pictures, recommendations, condensed historical facts and great tips. For example, if you want to visit St. Cecilia's place of birth in Trastevere, the book advises you that the church is tricky to spot because pilgrims must pass through an outer facade before entering the church's courtyard. The book contains pictures of the facade, the church and the places inside so you will spot it easily. Few books have so much information on this early saint that died around 230 AD that's why I was fascinated to read about her life and some of the people who she converted. "ROME and the VATICAN" has information on basic Italian so you can fend yourself while on your trip. It also gives you broad information of life in Rome: their dress codes, how to avoid the crowds, the country's national holidays, the famous piazzas, best restaurants, must see Vatican gardens and Roman architectural curiosities! Just reading it makes you want to book your flight to Italy and go, as the Italians would say... subito!

While I have never traveled to Rome, it's certainly a place I'd love to go someday and this book simply indulged that desire. It's not your typical travel book in its layout or tone, which makes it an interesting read. It provides background on the Christian history of Rome and has many practical tips throughout that are often written with a touch of whimsy. Inside are detailed walking tours for pilgrims and many interesting sites off-the-beaten path that are important to Christianity, which I did not know about. There are also all the practical things you would need for your trip like maps, transportation schedules, hours of key sites, important holidays and more. I highly recommend this for anyone traveling to Rome or even those, like me, who just dream of going there!

I had the privilege of meeting the author on the way home from my trip to Rome. He offered me this

book to read and I thoroughly enjoyed it. I wish I had seen and bought it before I went to Rome as it is so well organized and well written. The pictures are wonderful and the tourist tips would have come in so handy. I am buying it as a remembrance of my trip and to learn more as well as one for a family member that may want to go to Rome. This is a must have for anyone going to Rome.

This is a great book to learn more about Rome and the Vatican. From the beautiful pictures, helpful color maps and thoughtfully laid out walking tours, this book guides you through one of the most richly historic cities in all the world. The authors weave in an insightful connection to history and religion which can't be overlooked in any discussion of this region. Whether you're preparing for a trip to Rome or just curious to learn more, this book is a must-have.

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