



To Whom It May Concern:

As you should be aware by now, a student(s) from your school has plans to attend the Holy Week in Rome pilgrimage from April 3-13, 2020. The student(s) leave early Friday morning, April 3, and return late Monday evening, April 13. Due to the time required, any attendee(s) would miss up to seven (7) days of school. I write you this letter to give you more information on its purpose and benefit to your student(s), and I thank you for the time you take to read it.

While this trip has a spiritual and religious element, it will be packed with educational value as well. Rome is a well-spring of history, science, math, literature and politics. While the focus of the pilgrimage is faith, many of the sights we will be visiting on this trip have significant historical value that has helped shape our modern world.

Students will visit the Colosseum, Trevi Fountain, St. Peter's Basilica and the Pantheon to name but a few. Students will also walk through many museums including the Vatican Museum and churches dating back to the 5th century. In addition, students will participate in Masses and services at St. Peter's Square, including Palm Sunday and Easter, and attend the Papal Audience. A schedule of the days' activities can be provided upon request.

The student(s) already understand that this trip requires serious commitments to their education. Any student that attends is to inform all his or her teachers, guidance counselors, and principal. They are also expected to have homework completed ahead of time, as applicable, and arrange for any missed tests ahead of time.

For many of the students, this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity that they may not be able to repeat. I hope that you will consider excusing the absences of the student(s) due to the Holy Week in Rome Pilgrimage. Though they may not be at school, it will certainly be an educational experience for them.

Again, thank you very much for your support in this endeavor. Please do not hesitate to let me know if I can be of further assistance to you in these regards.

God Bless!

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