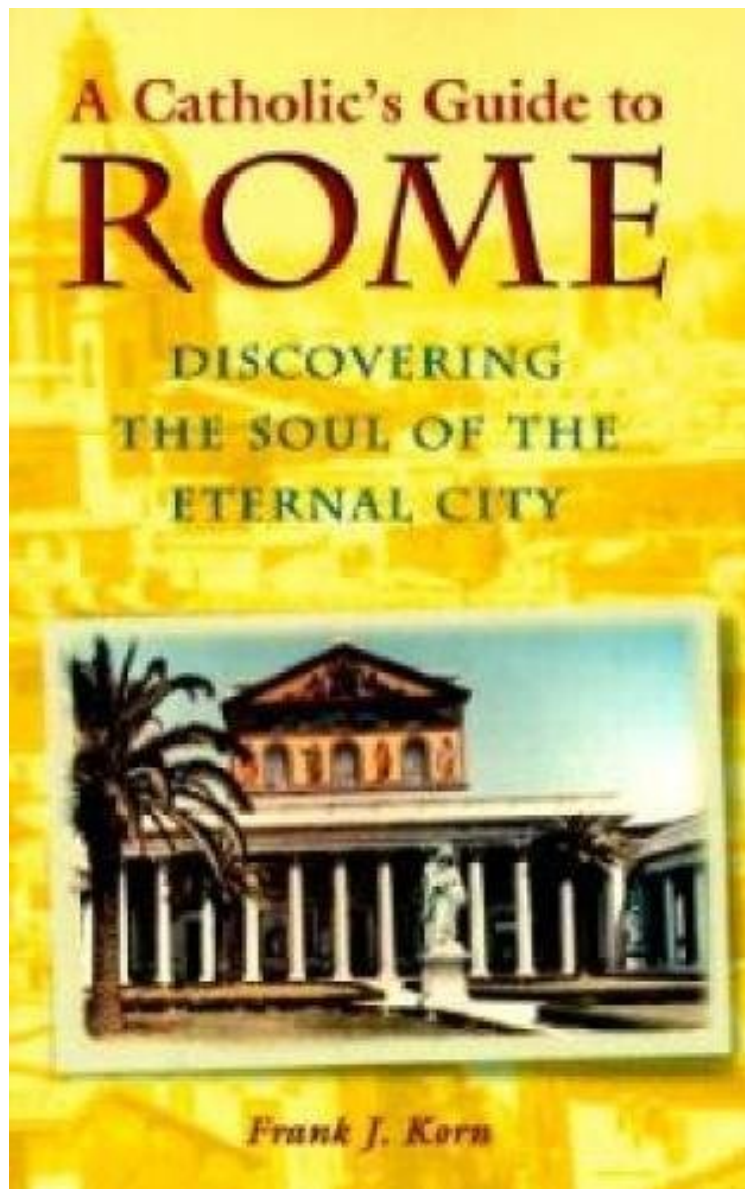


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Internationally recognized expert and veteran of fifty trips to Rome, Frank Korn presents an insider's guide to the city. He describes not only the familiar churches, basilicas, and historic places, but also takes travelers on fascinating detours down back alleys to little-known, though very important sites. For both the public and the private Rome, he reveals the legends and traditions associated with each. With a warm and engaging style, the author explains Jubilee Year background and ceremonies and offers Jubilee travelers meaningful alternatives to the typical sites with their expected three-times-heavier crowds. He also lists which church offers Mass in which language. This guide is not only for Catholics but also helps travelers of other faiths appreciate a culture not their own. The author's storytelling style and invaluable facts, and the book's photos, maps, and index, make this a perfect choice for tourists and pilgrims, armchair travelers, priests and religious. It also offers "insider's info" that every travel agent and travel store will want to pass on to their customers.

From Library Journal The year 2000 promises to be particularly significant in the city of Rome. Following a tradition begun by Boniface VIII in 1300, John Paul II has declared 2000 a year of Christian jubilee, during which pilgrimages and religious celebrations will mark Rome as not only the city of the Caesars but also the city of Christ. Moreover, the completion of 2000 years since the birth of Jesus and the hope that Christians have for the next millennium give cause for special celebration in the city. A Catholic's Guide to Rome (CG) and Holy Rome (HR) are part of the panoply of guidebooks being published in connection with the jubilee. CG, which is organized from the perspective of religious history, provides the religious pilgrim with contemporary details and historical traditions surrounding the important churches and shrines of the city. HR is organized largely from the perspective of city geography. After providing a readable history of Christian Rome and an essay on Rome's jubilees, it provides brief descriptions of the chief religious attractions of the city's 22 regions, supplies a color atlas, and gives basic information on the events planned for the jubilee celebration. While both books are usable, they should be viewed as supplements to, not replacements, for the venerable Blue Guide to Rome and Georgina Masson's classic The Companion Guide to Rome. A David I. Fulton, Coll. of St. Elizabeth, Morristown, NJ Copyright 1999 Reed Business Information, Inc. An essential read for all pilgrims to Christian Rome. -- Catholic Library Association Get the most out of your trip to Rome with A Catholic's Guide to Rome. -- Kairos I look forward to sharing this book with friends and visitors from the United States and elsewhere. -- Jim Nicholson, Ambassador, United States of America, to the Holy See It provides the religious pilgrim with contemporary details and historical traditions surrounding the important churches and shrines of the city. -- Library Journal Provides the religious pilgrim with contemporary details and historical traditions surrounding the important churches and shrines of the city. -- Library Journal This book guides readers through a pilgrimage to three dozen key sites and available lodging. -- Religion News Service This is a book for those who have been there, and those who would like to be! -- The Catholic Advocate (Newark) Those on their very first visit will be grateful for this splendid guide. -- The Rev.) Richard John Neuhaus, Editor-in-Chief, First Things About the Author Frank J. Korn is an assistant professor of classical studies at Seton Hall University. A Fulbright scholar, he is also the author of hundreds

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