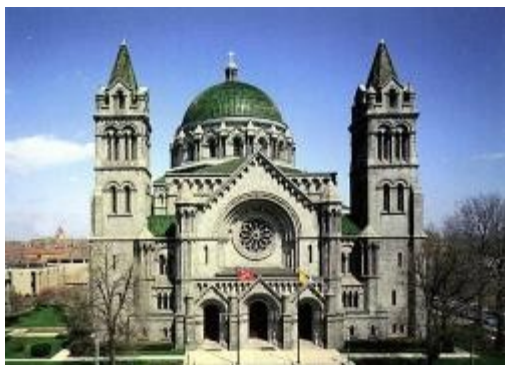
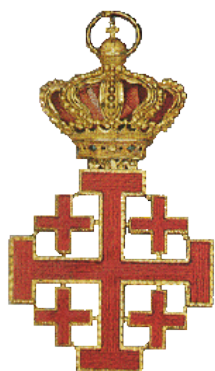


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DAY TWO: Today visit the Missouri History Museum for the Vatican Splendor; A Journey through Faith and Art. These exhibit objects are presented in galleries and recreated environments organized into thematic sections that enhance the visitor's understanding of their historical and artistic significance. Collectively, they illustrate the evolution of the Church and its papacy beginning with Saint Peter and up to Pope Benedict XVI, with special emphasis on art and historical objects reflecting significant events and periods relating to Christianity. Exhibition designers want exhibit attendees to feel transported to the Vatican, from the underground necropolis where the remains of Saint Peter were discovered to scaffolding that takes visitors to the moment of Michelangelo's work on the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel. From the sights and sounds of the grand Basilica to a touchable cast of John Paul II's hand, the exhibition is a multi-sensory experience. Spend the afternoon at the National Shrine of our Lady of the Snow. This is America's largest outdoor shrine. Take a guided tour of the grounds and devotional sites.

DAY THREE: After breakfast visit the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis and the Shrine of St. Joseph. At the Basilica see the largest collection of interior mosaics in the world. The Shrine of St. Joseph is a historic church in downtown St. Louis. Then sit back, relax and enjoy the ride home.