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## Pictures from the Canonization Mass





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Greetings from Rome! I arrived here on Thursday, September 4th.

The city seems more crowded than in February, when I was last time.

There is a custom at Canonization Masses to hang banners from the balconies of St. Peter's of those being canonized. There are two banners in place now. The images of Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati and Blessed Carlo Acutis.

I went into St. Peter's on Thursday evening and the lines were very long. It was very moving to see people stop and pray for a few moments as they walked through the Holy Door.

I took several pictures with Pilgrim Cross while I was at St. Peter's. I asked people to help me by holding the Cross so that I could take the picture. They were from Montreal, and Trinidad and Tobago. I took pictures of the Cross with the banners as well.

On Friday, September 5th I plan to walk to the Basilica of St Mary Major to visit the grave of Pope Francis and walk through the Holy Door there.

By the time many of you will read this I will have attended the Canonization Mass on Sunday September 7th at 10 am. (4 am your time)

Peace , Fr Ed

