

# Assisi

town of St. Francis



**Location:** 80 miles north of Rome on Mount Subasio in Umbria

**Population:** about 4,000

**Annual Visitors:** 4-5 million

**Main Feature:** Basilica of St. Francis, built on spot where he died

**Attractions:** architecture, artwork, terraces, religious festivals

*John Paul II during 2002 pilgrimage:*

“...be like Francis of Assisi,  
gentle and courageous guardians  
of true peace, based on justice and  
forgiveness, truth and mercy!”

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**Assisi, the home of St. Francis and location of the 2002 day of prayer for peace led by Pope John Paul II, is situated on a mountain in the Italian province of Umbria. (CNS graphic by Anthony DeFeo) (Jan. 25, 2002)**