

# A 10-DAY PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA & ITALY

with the spiritual leadership of **Father Paul Vellakunnath**, St. Andrew's Church, Welland

*We will honor our Blessed Mother in Fatima and walk through the footsteps of St. Peter, St. Pio, St. Francis and St. Clare. See the greatest Eucharistic Miracle in Lanciano and the House of Nazareth in Loreto. We invite you to join us on a trip of a lifetime that will enrich your faith and stay treasured in your hearts for ever!!!*

**Group Departure: March 7<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

## ITINERARY

### Day 1 Wed Mar 7

#### Depart Toronto

At the agreed time we will meet at Pearson International Airport for our flight to Lisbon. Relax and enjoy your flight(s) with complimentary meals and drinks on board.

### Day 2 Thu Mar 8

#### Lisbon/ Fatima

Benvindo a Portugal! Upon arrival and after a warm welcome by our local guide, we board our motorcoach and drive to Fatima, where the Blessed Mother appeared in 1917 to three simple shepherd children: Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta, and exhorted mankind to pray for world peace. On the way our guide will show us the most important sites of Lisbon such as the Belem Tower and Jeronimos Monastery, a UNESCO World Heritage Site and the Church of St. Anthony, dedicated to the Patron Saint of Portugal. Here we'll have the opportunity to pray and consecrate our pilgrimage. In Fatima, we'll check-in at the hotel and get time to rest get settled. After dinner you may participate in the nightly candlelight procession requested by Our Lady. **Hotel Santa Maria, std room**

### Day 3 Fri Mar 9

#### Shrine of Fatima

Today we see the basilica that was constructed in 1928 and contains Francesco and Jacinta's graves, and pray at the Little Chapel of the Apparitions. Then we visit the Hamlet of Aljustrel, where the children lived, and Valinhos, the site of Our Lady's appearance after the children's return from prison. Follow the Stations of the Cross along the Via Sacra (The Sacred Way) culminating in the Chapel of Calvary, which overlooks all of Fatima. You may want to join in prayers for the sick, drink water from the miraculous well, and have time for private prayer and devotions. **Hotel Santa Maria, std room**

### Day 4 Sat Mar 10 Flight to Rome/ Monuments, Piazzas & Fountains

This morning we fly to Rome, the "Eternal City". Upon arrival we meet our local guide and depart to discover the world famous Spanish Steps and Trevi Fountain. No visit of Rome would be complete without seeing these sights, and we'll do it strolling with a gelato in hand (our treat!!) We end our tour praying at the Basilica of Santa Maria Sopra Minerva and honoring St. Catherine of Siena (her body is buried here beneath the High Altar). We arrive to our hotel and get settled in our rooms. Tonight, we'll enjoy our first Italian dinner. **Hotel Casa per Feire Santa Maria Alle Fornaci, std room**

### Day 5 Sun Mar 11

#### Vatican City/ Major Basilicas/ Holy Stairs

Following breakfast we head to St. Peter's Basilica to pray together in this monumental and memorable church. Unsurpassed in beauty and built precisely over the tomb of the apostle, St. Peter's is the largest church in the world and is considered one of the holiest places of Catholicism. Afterwards there will be free time for private prayers, admire the Michelangelo's Pieta or shop for religious souvenirs before gathering at St. Peter's Square to join the Holy Father when he leads us in praying the Angelus from the window of his study overlooking the Square (if His Holiness is in residence). At the conclusion of the Angelus, Pope Francis will give his Apostolic Blessing, which extends to you, your loved ones, and any devotional items that you have brought with you to be blessed. We enjoy free time for lunch on our own and depart from the Vatican and stop for a picture opportunity at the Coliseum on the way to the Basilica of St. Paul Outside the Walls, second largest church in Rome and erected on the site which is traditionally believed to be the burial place of the Apostle Paul. We continue to the Basilica of St. John Lateran, also Cathedral of Rome, built in the fourth century in honor of St. John the Baptist. Next to it

we visit the Holy Stairs, that have been traditionally identified as the very same ascended by Jesus in Pontius Pilate's palace in Jerusalem. We end our day praying and honoring our Blessed Mother at the Basilica of St. Mary Major. **Hotel Casa per Feire Santa Maria Alle Fornaci, std room**

### Day 6 Mon Mar 12

#### Montecassino/ San Giovanni Rotondo

We depart from Rome through the rich Italian countryside with vineyards, orchards and olive groves to Montecassino, the town founded by St. Benedict in 529. We tour the magnificent Abbey where the Benedictine Order was founded and visit the Church of St. Peter and Paul. We continue to San Giovanni Rotondo, the hometown of St. Padre Pio. **Hotel Parco delle Rose, std room**

### Day 7 Tue Mar 13

#### San Giovanni Rotondo

Our great privilege today is to visit the sacred places related to St. Pio of Pietralcina (Padre Pio) 1887-1968. We visit his tomb and his confessional where Padre Pio directed people on their path, We stand and pray before St. Padre Pio's incorrupt body. Then we have a stunning view of the Gargano Peninsula as we travel to the Grotto of St. Michael the Archangel. Saints and popes and people from all over have come to this grotto looking for the protection and intercession of St. Michael. **Hotel Parco delle Rose, std room**

### Day 8 Wed Mar 14

#### Lanciano/Loreto/ Assisi

We depart towards Lanciano, a medieval town where we see the greatest Eucharistic Miracle. Then to the Marian Shrine in Loreto to visit the Holy House of Nazareth and the beautiful Madonna of Loreto. More than 50 popes have made a pilgrimage to the house transported by angels to this hill in central Italy in 1294. Tradition has it that this is the house in which Mary first prayed the Magnificat, in which Jesus grew to manhood, and in which the Holy Family lived. We continue to Assisi. Just before arriving we visit the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels, containing the Porziuncola (the oratory that Saint Francis used), built by St. Francis and the Mother Church of the Franciscan Order. **Hotel Dei Priori, std room**

### Day 9 Thu Mar 15

#### Assisi: Home of St. Francis & St. Clare

Today we pray at the Basilica of St. Francis. We visit the major sites associated with St. Francis and St. Clare: the Chiesa Nuova, built over the home of Francis' family, the Church of San Rufino, with the baptismal font of the Saint. Next to the Church of St. Clare, where St. Clare lies in repose we see the original 'San Damiano' crucifix that spoke to Francis, urging him to "rebuild My Church". **Hotel Dei Priori, std room**

### Day 10 Fri Mar 16

#### Assisi/ Flight(s) home

We celebrate our closing prayers and drive to Rome International Airport for our return flight(s). We bid farewell to this amazing pilgrimage loaded with memories that will last a lifetime. We arrive at Pearson International Airport. **END OF OUR PILGRIMAGE.**

## \$ 3,390 CAD

per person sharing Double Occupancy including Fuel Surcharge & Airport Taxes  
\$406,97 CAD – Taxes are subject to change without notice until time of ticketing  
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**THE TOUR INCLUDES:**

- ❖ Round trip airfare from Toronto
- ❖ 8 night accommodation in Tourist Class and First Class hotels double occupancy
- ❖ Breakfast and Dinner daily
- ❖ Transportation by private motorcoach
- ❖ All entrance fees, tours and visit to holy sites as per the itinerary with English speaking guide
- ❖ Daily Mass and/or Spiritual activities
- ❖ Hotel taxes and service charges
- ❖ Fuel surcharge & Airport taxes (at time of printing is CAD\$ 406.97 and may change at any time without notice until time of ticketing)
- ❖ Gratuities to hotel and restaurant staff

**NOT INCLUDED IN THE PRICE:**

- ❖ Lunches
- ❖ Drinks during meals
- ❖ Passports and Visas: Canadian Citizens require only a passport valid for minimum 6 months after the return date.
- ❖ Gratuities to guides and drivers: CAD \$150.00 per participant collected in cash with final payment
- ❖ Costs of personal nature, optional tours, excess baggage charges
- ❖ Insurance for medical, Cancellation and Interruption, baggage (strongly recommended)

**BOOKING:**

A non-refundable deposit of CAD\$ 400.00 per person is required at time of booking. If you opt to purchase Cancellation/Interruption or All Inclusive insurance it has to be purchased in conjunction with your 1<sup>st</sup> deposit. Final payment is due by Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2018. For bookings within 60 days prior to departure full payment is due at time of booking.

**CANCELLATIONS AND CHANGES:**

If you have to cancel the tour please inform Gateways International in writing as soon as possible. All payments are 100% Non-Refundable. A CAD\$ 75.00 fee will be applied for any changes you wish to make outside the 60 days prior to departure. Changes within the 60 days prior to departure will be treated as cancellations.

**PHYSICAL HEALTH:**

Participants will take full responsibility for being fully able to participate in the daily scheduled activities of the group, noting that tours organized by Gateways International require physical fitness. There is daily walking, sometimes up or down slopes, and at times sidewalks and terrain may be uneven. One may choose not to participate in parts of the sightseeing; however, there is no refund for missed sightseeing.

**OPTIONAL HEALTH AND CANCELLATION INSURANCE:**

CAD \$Premium per person	All inclusive	Cancellation/ Interruption	Emergency medical
up to 59 years	216.00	172.00	53.00
60-64 years	264.00	195.00	86.00
65-69 years	324.00	210.00	100.00
70-74 years	444.00	243.00	172.00
75-79 years	668.00	359.00	239.00
80-84 years	867.00	464.00	415.00

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**Fr. Paul Vella, St. Andrew The Apostle Parish – March 7<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018 - Deposit Registration Form**

(One form required per person. Please make copies as necessary)

Name (as per passport): First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Province \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Special meals (flights only) \_\_\_\_\_ Do you have any Medical problems? \_\_\_\_\_

Passport #: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp. Date: \_\_\_\_\_  Enclosed is a photocopy of my passport (page showing name and photo)

I have a Roommate  I need a Roommate (subject to availability)  I would like to travel Single, Pay + CAD \$290 Supplement

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