

St. Anthony of Padua Pilgrimage to Ireland for the World Meeting of Families Led by: Msgr. Stephen P. McHenry August 22-28, 2018



Day 1 - Wednesday, August 22, 2018 – Depart Philadelphia on American Airlines flight 722 at 9:05pm for overnight Trans-Atlantic flight

Day 2 - Thursday, August 23, 2018 – Arrive Dublin 8:45am - Upon arrival you will be met by your driver-guide in the arrivals area and he will escort you to your motorcoach. Travelling north of the city after your arrival you will enjoy a welcoming **tea/coffee with traditional Irish scones** at **The Glasnevin Museum**. The museum is located within the walls of the cemetery which was opened in 1832 by the 'Great Liberator' Daniel O'Connell. A wealth of Irish historical figures rest side by side in what has become Ireland's Necropolis. Continue to Dublin city center. Dublin is Ireland's friendly capital city. Founded as a Viking settlement, it takes its name from the Gaelic 'Dubh Linn' meaning black pool referring to a dark tidal pool where the River Poddle entered the Liffey on the site of the castle gardens at the rear of Dublin Castle. Dublin is celebrated for its elegant 18th century Georgian architecture, it's left bank - Temple Bar, and its broad thoroughfare of O'Connell Street which divides the River Liffey and the city between the north and south side. Enjoy a quick panoramic tour of the city enroute to your hotel where you will have dinner this evening. The city has three impressive national museums and plenty of smaller ones where you learn about everything from Irish history to Irish whiskey, including the Dublin Writers Museum, which celebrates the city's famous wordsmiths. Dublin also has a good sprinkling of both public and private art galleries. The Phoenix Park is the largest enclosed city park in Europe. Inside its gates you'll find herds of wild deer, a wonderful zoo and the residence of the President of Ireland. Check in to your hotel with the evening free to explore the city around you. **Overnight - The Gresham Hotel, Dublin**

Day 3 - Friday, August 24, 2018 – Dublin City Tour This morning after breakfast at the hotel, join your **local Dublin guide** for a **panoramic tour** of the city during which you will experience all the wonderful sights and landmarks of this ancient city. The tour includes some of Dublin's most renowned sites, such as St Patrick's Cathedral and Trinity College. St Patrick's Cathedral is the national cathedral of Ireland and also the largest cathedral in the country. The cathedral was badly damaged during the Cromwellian invasion in Ireland and was eventually completely re-furbished by the Guinness family in the 19th century. Jonathan Swift, author of Gulliver's Travels was dean of the cathedral for 32 years and his remains are buried within the cathedral. Trinity College is a residential college in the heart of the city. Here you will visit the Colonnades, which houses the college's greatest treasures, of which the most famous is the **Book Of Kells**. The book is a magnificently illustrated, in Celtic design, version of the Gospels designed by unknown hands in the monastery of Kells in Meath about 800. It was presented to Trinity College in the mid-17th Century in order to save it from Cromwell's army. Finish your tour with a visit to the world famous **Guinness Storehouse**, which has received over 4 million visitors since it opened in the year 2000. It covers seven floors surrounding a glass atrium shaped in the form of a pint of Guinness. The ground floor will introduce you to the beginning of this world famous stout beer and to the brewery's founder, Arthur Guinness. Visit the Guinness Academy and learn how to pour the perfect pint before you finish your tour on the seventh floor with a pint of 'plain' in the Gravity Bar with its bird's-eye views of the city. The remainder of the afternoon and evening is free for some more

sightseeing, shopping in some of the city's Irish and international stores, a visit to a local pub and dinner in one of the city's many restaurants. **Overnight: The Gresham Hotel**

Day 4 – Saturday, August 25, 2018 – Dublin at Leisure Today is at leisure in Dublin with breakfast included at your hotel. Dublin, has been chosen by Pope Francis to host the **World Meeting of Families** guided by the theme "The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World". Held every three years, this major international event brings together families from across the world to celebrate, pray and reflect upon the central importance of marriage and the family as the cornerstone of our lives, of society and of the Church. One of the most significant and beautiful events within every World Meeting of Families is the **Festival of Families**. This concert-type event will take place in a large venue in Dublin on the evening of the 25th August 2018. It is a celebration of family life around the world that will feature musical and dance performances, as well as five families selected from around the world giving witness to their family's faith. (Transfer arrangements to the meeting site to be determined - cost not included). **Overnight – The Gresham Hotel.**

Day 5 - Sunday, August 26, 2018 – Dublin Today is at leisure in Dublin with breakfast included at your hotel. The **World Meeting of Families** concludes today with a Solemn Eucharistic Celebration that will gather individuals and families from all around the world in thanksgiving and communion. The Mass will mark the conclusion of the World Meeting of Families 2018 in Dublin and the next diocese to host the event will be announced. Subject to confirmation, the main celebrant for the Final Mass will be Pope Francis The Holy Father has said that it is his intention to come to Ireland for WMOF2018, but this is still to be confirmed by the Holy See. The venue for the Final Mass will be announced subject to final confirmation of Pope Francis' attendance. (Transfer arrangements to the meeting site to be determined - cost not included). **Overnight – The Gresham Hotel**

Day 6 - Monday, August 27, 2018 – Dublin to Glendalough Enjoy breakfast at your hotel this morning before you depart for your day tour to Wicklow and Glendalough. Wicklow is at the heart of Ireland's Ancient East and is known as 'The Garden of Ireland'. The county also has the largest national park in Ireland, the biggest forest land, the largest mountain area, the highest waterfall, the biggest man-made lake and it is the source of Dublin's own River Liffey. Expanses of bog cover the higher slopes of the mountains in ever-changing hues and in the valleys ruined castles provide shelter for the hardy local breed of sheep and the tea-colored rivers are teeming with trout. The flinty character of Wicklow granite inspired the hermit St. Kevin to situate his sixth-century monastery in remote, spectacular and magical **Glendalough – Valley of the two Lakes**. One day as St. Kevin was at prayer, so legend says, a blackbird laid an egg in his outstretched hand. The 6th-century founder of the monastic settlement at Glendalough, not wishing to disturb nature's course, remained motionless until the egg hatched. You will see the round tower, built as a refuge from the Vikings who looted Glendalough at intervals from the ninth century onwards, and which looks as if it has grown out of the very earth itself. Close to the round tower is St. Kevin's Church with a 12th century bell tower projecting from its roof. The bell tower is oddly shaped and resembles a chimneystack, thus the colloquialism of St. Kevin's Kitchen. St. Kevin's Kitchen and Cross are highlights of this monastery. You will have the opportunity to enter the **visitor center** and learn more about this very spiritual, very special place. Leaving the Wicklow Mountains later in the afternoon you will journey back to Dublin city stopping enroute to have an early evening **Pub Dinner. Overnight – The Gresham Hotel**

Day 7 - Tuesday, August 28, 2018 – After Breakfast at the hotel. Board your coach for group transfer to Dublin airport for flight home. American Airlines flight 723 departing 11:00am, arriving in Philadelphia 1:40pm

Slán Abhaile (Safe Home)

Price: \$2490.85 per person based on double occupancy

Airline taxes, surcharges and security fees are included, but subject to change.

Single Room Supplement **\$710.00** (including additional insurance coverage for travelers age: 31-59)

Valid Passport required for all US citizens

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Included Features

- Round trip air by American Airlines including taxes and fees based on current rates
- 5 nights accommodations in Gresham Hotel
- Breakfast and 2 planned dinners
- All transfers and excursions as per itinerary, with air-conditioned private, deluxe motor coach
- Entrance fees for sightseeing, per itinerary
- Private guide services as listed above
- Baggage handling while on tour, 1 bag per person (maximum weight 50lbs.)
- All hotel taxes and service charges
- Gratuities for driver and guides
- Comprehensive Travel Insurance

** Celebration of Holy Mass will be arranged according to the wishes of Msgr. Mc Henry.

Payment Schedule:

Initial deposit due at time of booking: \$500.00 per person

Final payment due: June 20, 2018

Payment by check only, payable to: Spring House Travel

Comprehensive Travel Insurance Coverage

Premium is based on travelers age 31-59

Trip Cancellation: up to amount of trip cost

Trip Interruption: up to 150% of trip cost

Emergency medical/dental – PRIMARY up to \$25,000.00

Emergency medical transportation – up to \$500,000.00

Baggage loss/damage: up to \$1,000.00

Baggage delay: up to \$300.00

Travel delay: \$200.00 per day - \$800.00 max

Travelers age 30 and under will be less and travelers over age 70 will be more.

Cancellation Penalty:

Date of deposit to 160 days prior: \$250.00 per person

159 to 60 days prior to departure: \$500.00 per person

59 to 31 days prior to departure: 50% non-refundable

30 to 00 days prior to departure: 100% non-refundable

Terms and Conditions:

Tour Price: Tour price is based on airfares, land rates and exchange rates in effect at the time of printing. Group rates are based on minimum of 25 passengers. Rates are subject to change if minimum numbers are not met.

Included: The price includes the services specifically listed on itinerary. Airline taxes and surcharges are subject to change prior to ticketing (final payment).

Not Included: Meals, beverages, and sightseeing other than that which is listed in the specific itinerary, passport fees, visa fees and bank charges, any item of a personal nature including dry cleaning and valet services, additional baggage fees.

Health Requirements: Travelers' must be medically and physically fit for this tour. This tour requires significant walking, as motor coaches are not permitted to pick up and drop off in front of major attractions.

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RESERVATION APPLICATION

NAME: _____ Date of Birth _____
Please print name as it appears on passport

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ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

EMAIL: _____

Tel: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Passport Number: _____ Issue Date: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Emergency Contact Information: Name: _____

Phone: _____ Relationship: _____

ENCLOSED:

Deposit: **\$500.00** per person

Payment by: CHECK ONLY (credit card not accepted) **Please make check payable to: Spring House Travel**

Deposit amount covers tour deposit, airfare deposit and cancellation/interruption insurance including coverage for pre-existing medical conditions).

Cancellation policy: Date of deposit to 160 days prior: \$250.00 per person / 159 to 60 \$500.00 per person
45 to 31 days prior to departure: 50% of total cost of tour / 30 to 00 days prior to departure: 100% no refund

- Requesting a Single Room (\$710.00 single supplement
- Rooming with _____
- Photocopy of passport(s) enclosed (picture page) passport must be valid for 6 months beyond return date
- I will send photocopy of passport(s) prior to final payment date
- Special Airline seating request _____ (seat preference not guaranteed)

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