

# MARIAN PILGRIMAGE, VISITS TO THE INCORRUPT BODIES OF SAINTS AND TOUR OF PORTUGAL, SPAIN, FRANCE, ITALY

Featuring: *Lisbon-Fatima-Santarem-Fatima-Avila-Zaragosa  
Lourdes-Nevers-Turin-Bologna-Siena-Padua-Assisi-Rome-Nettuno  
Lanciano-San Giovanni Rotondo, etc.*

**With Msgr. Edgardo Pan**  
Parish Priest - St Rose of Lima, Scarborough, Ontario

May 13 - 26, 2023

Cost: \$4740/- only (includes taxes and tips)

Included in cost:

Round trip air fare from Toronto  
Superior accommodation based on twin occupancy.  
Daily breakfast & dinner.  
Tours as per itinerary.  
Services of professional English speaking guides.  
All entrance fees to places of interest.

Not included in cost:

Optional all-incl.insurance: cancellation/medical/baggage/flight accident:  
Ages 0-59 \$195; 60-64 \$205; 65-69 \$245; 70-74 \$355

A deposit of \$500.00 guarantees you a spot!!



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## ITINERARY

### May 13- Departure Toronto

Depart Toronto Pearson Intl airport Terminal 1 at 1745 hrs for Lisbon via Munich. Meals on board.

### May 14 – Lisbon-Santarem-Fatima

Arrive *Lisbon* at 1320 hrs. Met on arrival. A panoramic tour of this fascinating city follows viewing the Hieronymite Monastery, Vasco da Gama's tomb, Belem Tower, the Pombal Statue, Commerce Square and the Church of St Anthony. On to *Fatima*. En route we visit St Stephen's Church of the Holy Miracle in *Santarem*, home of the 13<sup>th</sup> century Eucharistic Miracle. Dinner and overnight in Fatima.

### May 15 - Fatima

During our stay in Fatima we will have the opportunity to visit the Sanctuary, the Basilica and the Shrine. Visit the site of Bl. Francisco and Bl. Jacinta's graves. Visit the hamlet of Adjustrel where the children lived, the Valinhos site of the appearance of Our Lady to the children. Participate in the celebrations commemorating the Apparition of Our Lady to Jacinta, Lucia and Francisco. This includes Holy Mass, Procession, Blessing of the sick, Way of the Cross. Dinner/overnight.

### May 16 – Avila

After breakfast leave for the world heritage walled town of *Avila*. Avila is one of the finest remnants of Europe's medieval era, the walled town of Avila was sacred to an ancient Celtiberian culture long before the arrival of the Romans or Christians. The city was captured by the Arab Moors in 714 AD, recaptured by the Christians in 1088, and had its protective walls built in the 12th century. Extending for 2,500 meters and encircling the old town, the massive walls are punctuated by ninety, heavily fortified stone towers. Avila is much visited by tourists today, yet in the late medieval ages its visitors were pilgrims coming to the church in the centre of the walled city. The current church, begun in 1091 and completed in the 13th century, is where the mystic St. Teresa (1515-1582) had frequent visions and ecstatic experiences. Nearby the church stands the house where St. Teresa lived. Dinner/overnight in Avila.

### May 17 - Zaragoza

This morning drive to *Zaragoza* one of the major cities of Spain. Tour of this beautiful city with its 2,000 years of history. You will find a stunning legacy of monuments in the streets of the city, vestiges of the Roman, Moorish, Jewish and Christian communities who left their mark on the place: Roman ruins such as the Circus;

Aljafería Palace; Mudejar-style churches, with the UNESCO World Heritage designation; Baroque gems like the Pilar Basilica; the work of brilliant artist Francisco de Goya... also the Expo 2008 site. Visit the Basilica de Nuestra Senora del Pilar. Dinner and overnight in Zaragoza.

May 18 - Lourdes

Breakfast. Proceed to *Lourdes* the most famous Catholic pilgrimage centre in the world. This evening join thousands of other pilgrims from all over the world in the Torchlight Procession. Dinner/overnight.

May 19 – Lourdes

Breakfast. Tour of Lourdes including the Grottes de Betharram, St Bernadette's birthplace, the Sanctuary, the Holy Baths. Evening Blessed Sacrament Procession & Torchlight Procession. Dinner and overnight.

May 20 – Nevers

After an early breakfast we depart for *Nevers*. Nevers is not only a town of " history and art", but also a town of "artists and artisans". It has a rich and varied heritage. We will visit the Chapel of St Gildard wherein lies the incorrupt body of St Bernadette. Dinner and overnight in Nevers.

May 21 - Turin

This morning depart for *Turin* in Italy to view the replica of the Shroud of Turin. A city tour of Turin follows. Dinner and overnight in Turin.

May 22 - Bologna-Sienna-Padua

After an early breakfast drive to *Bologna* where we will view the incorrupt body of Saint Catherine of Bologna. When on 9 March 1463, Catherine died at the age of 49 and was buried. After eighteen days of alleged graveside miracles, her incorrupt body was exhumed and relocated to the chapel of the Poor Clares in Bologna, next to the church of Corpus Domini where it remains on display, dressed in her religious habit and seated upright behind glass. A quick visit to the church of St Catherine of *Sienna* follows. Continue on to *Padua* for dinner/overnight.

May 23 - Padua - Assisi - Rome

After breakfast visit the Church of St Anthony of Padua. St Anthony was a Catholic priest and friar of the Franciscan Order. He was born and raised by a wealthy family in Lisbon, Portugal, and died in Padua, Italy. Noted by his contemporaries for his powerful preaching, expert knowledge of scripture, and undying love and devotion to the poor and the sick, he was one of the most quickly

canonized saints in church history being canonized less than a year after his death. He was proclaimed a Doctor of the Church by Pope Pius XII on 16 January 1946. Continue to *Assisi*. This afternoon we shall do a walking tour of Assisi. Visit the Basilica of St. Francis with its wonderful artwork by Giotto. Continue to Rome arriving at this "Eternal City" late evening for dinner/overnight.

#### May 24 - Rome

After breakfast transfer to St Peter's Square for the weekly Papal Audience (provided the Holy Father is in Rome and in good health) Visit of St Peter's Basilica. After that visit of Rome and the important churches - Mary Major, St John Lateran, St Paul Outside the Walls. Visit the Colosseum. Lastly photo stop at Trevi Fountain just before reaching our hotel for dinner/overnight.

#### May 25 - Nettuno - Lanciano - San Giovanni Rotondo

After an early breakfast drive to *Nettuno* just outside Rome for a visit to the Shrine of Maria Goretti wherein lies her mortal remains. Continue on to *Lanciano* a place of the Eucharistic Miracle. Proceed to *San Giovanni Rotondo*. Visit Padre Pio's Tomb and the new church Santa Maria Dellen Grazia. Visit the nearby Sanctuary of Monte Sant'Angelo. It is the oldest shrine in Western Europe dedicated to Michael the Archangel and has been an important pilgrimage site since the middle ages. In 2011 it became a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Dinner and overnight at our hotel in San Giovanni Rotondo.

#### May 26 - Rome - Toronto

Early morning drive to Fiumicino airport, Rome for our flight back to Toronto departing at 1415 hrs. Arrive Toronto Pearson Intl. at 1800 hrs. Meals on board.