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Led by *Fr. John Marconi
& Dr. John Hall*

Arkansas Catholic Schools Holy Land Pilgrimage

February 16-24, 2019 - 9 Days

\$3,999 from Little Rock

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Saturday, February 16 - Day 1 – DEPART USA –

Today we depart local airport to connect with our overnight flight aboard a wide-bodied jet. We enjoy in-flight movies, dinner and breakfast aloft.

Sunday, February 17 - Day 2 - TEL

AVIV/TIBERIAS - We arrive at Ben Gurion Airport Tel Aviv and transfer to our hotel on the shores of the Galilee for dinner and overnight.

Monday, February 18 - Day 3 - TIBERIAS - This

morning we take a boat ride across the Sea of Galilee to the seaside village of Kibbutz Ginosar to view the historic archaeological discovery of "The Jesus Boat." On to Capernaum, where we see the remains of the village synagogue and the new church built atop St. Peter's house. Next, we drive to the Mount of Beatitudes, where we have time for personal meditation in the beautiful gardens. We drive to Tabgha and see the Benedictine Basilica of the Loaves and Fishes followed by the Franciscan Church of St. Peter's Primacy, where Jesus made His appearance after the resurrection. We also visit the ruins at Magdala north of Tiberias and the Mary of Nazareth International Center. This afternoon we drive to the village of Cana, the site of Jesus' first miracle, where our married couples renew their wedding vows. Afterwards, we continue to Nazareth where after some personal prayer time, we celebrate Mass at the Church of the Annunciation, where the Word became Flesh! We finish our day with a visit the Jordan where we renew our Baptismal promises. Then back to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Tuesday, February 19 - Day 4 -

TIBERIAS/JERUSALEM - This morning we drive to Mt. Tabor, the site of the Transfiguration, where we celebrate the Mass of Transfiguration. We continue south through the Jordan Valley visiting Jericho and view the Mount of Temptation. We tour the excavations at Qumran, the home of the Essenes connected with John the Baptist and the Dead Sea Scrolls. Next, we tour along the shores of the Dead Sea, the lowest place on earth. On route to Jerusalem, we pass by the traditional site of the Inn of the Good Samaritan. Finally, we make our thrilling entry into Jerusalem before arriving at our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Wednesday, February 20 - Day 5 - JERUSALEM -

This morning after visiting the place of the Ascension and the Church of the Pater Noster, we view the beautiful City of Jerusalem from Mt. of Olives. We then walk down the hill to Dominus Flevit Chapel, where Jesus wept over Jerusalem and where we celebrate Mass. We continue to the Garden of Gethsemane with some time for prayerful reflection and then on to the Church of All Nations. We then go to Mt. Zion to visit the tomb of King David, the Church of Dormition and pray in the Upper Room. Following Mass in the beautiful Franciscan Church of the Cenacle, we enter the Old City through Zion Gate. Making our way to the Western

(Wailing) Wall, we see the Cardo and the remains of for an exterior view of the Dome of the Rock (schedule and conditions permitting). Return to the hotel for dinner and overnight.

Thursday, February 21 - Day 6 - JERUSALEM - This morning, we drive to Bethlehem, The House of Bread, to visit the Church of the Nativity that commemorates the birth of Christ. We visit the Manger, Crusader's Cloister, and the Grotto of St. Jerome. We continue to Shepherd's Field where we celebrate the Christmas Mass. We return to Jerusalem and enter the Old City via St. Stephen's Gate and visit the Church of St. Ann (Mary's mother) and the Pool of Bethesda. We visit Pilate's Judgment Hall, the Chapel of Flagellation, Lithostrotos, Arch of Ecce Homo and the Convent of the Sisters of Zion. We prayerfully follow the Stations of The Cross along the Via Dolorosa concluding at the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. After some free time in the Old City we return to the hotel for dinner and overnight. **Friday, February 22 - Chair of Peter - Day 7 - JERUSALEM.** Today, we visit the famed Archeological dig at the City of David in Jerusalem where we will be an archaeologist for a short time and participate in a national project to save important artifacts from the Temple Mount. We first receive a fascinating few minute crash course on the history of the Temple Mount and the Temple before joining the staff in sifting through the rubble in search for a coin from the Temple period, an arrowhead from the Crusader period or maybe a Mamluk mosaic stone. For those not interested in the Archeological dig, we will be free to wander the various quarters of the Old City and shop in the bazaars, bartering and "tasting" the culture of this ancient city. This afternoon we will be free for personal adventure. Dinner and overnight at hotel.

Saturday, February 23 - Day 8 -

JERUSALEM/EMMAUS/JAFFA/TEL AVIV

(AIRPORT) - This morning, we enter the New City passing by the Knesset and Hebrew University. We visit the Model City of Jerusalem in Jesus' time and Ein Karem, where John the Baptist was born, and Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth to utter the words of the Magnificat. We celebrate our closing Holy Land Mass here. Afterwards, we drive northwards along the Mediterranean to Caesarea and visit the Roman and Crusader remains, where St. Peter and Paul stayed. We return to Jaffa, the city of Jonah, where Peter had his rooftop experience, where we ride through the quaintly restored area. We celebrate our farewell dinner nearby before we head to Ben Gurion Airport for our overnight flight home.

Sunday, February 24 - Day 9 - USA - We arrive home today with unforgettable memories to cherish always. Knowing we have walked in the footsteps of Jesus and the early Christians bring new meaning to our Scripture reading and celebration of Mass.

"Have questions about this pilgrimage? Ask us! Go to www.Unitours.com/questions." To book online copy and paste the following link into your web browser <http://bit.ly/DioceseLIT>

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Please reserve ___ seats on this Holy Land Pilgrimage - February 16-24, 2019

Enclosed please find deposit of \$500 per person (Payable to Unitours, Inc.)

PLEASE ENCLOSE A COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT (Passport MUST be valid until August 24, 2019 or later.)

Name(s) as appears on passport) _____

My Roommate: _____

Address _____

City, State & Zip _____

Daytime Telephone _____

Email Address _____

Name(s) as you'd like them to appear on nametags: _____

Charge my deposit to ___ Visa ___ MasterCard ___ Amex ___ Discover

Card # _____

Exp. Date _____

I understand that certain charges such as air taxes, fuel surcharges and rates of exchange can affect the final cost and I agree to pay such costs should adjustments be necessary. I have read and understand the Deposit and Cancellation Fees.

Signature _____

TOTAL TOUR PRICE: The tour price is based on airfare, cruise, land rates and rates of exchange in effect **December 20, 2017**. All rates are subject to change without prior notice. Should the rates go up or down, an adjustment would be made prior to departure. Refunds CANNOT be granted for any accommodations, services or events that are not used nor if you deviate from the tour. If fewer than 45 pilgrims participate a price adjustment may be necessary.

PASSPORT AND VISA REQUIREMENTS: A valid passport is required. At the time of printing, U.S. citizens holding valid passports DO NOT REQUIRE visas or immunization for the country or countries being visited. Passport MUST be valid until **August 24, 2019** or later. Citizens of countries other than U.S. - please contact the consulate of the country or countries being visited to determine visa requirements.

AIR TRANSPORTATION: International flight reservations are being held on **United Airlines**. No stopovers are permitted. Any changes after ticket is issued, carries a mandatory charge of \$200. Once the tickets are issued, they are **NON-TRANSFERABLE AND NON-REFUNDABLE**. Any requests to change a ticket once issued will incur a reissue fee of \$200 plus any fare differential will apply. Cancellation of air seat within 90 days of departure will incur a \$200 penalty.

DOMESTIC AIRFARE: For those who make domestic air arrangements to the originating city of this tour, your tour host and Unitours strongly recommend the purchase of tickets that can be changed without heavy fees and penalties as international flight schedules are always subject to change.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS: Specially selected hotels based on twin occupancy with private bath. Single Room supplement of \$561 will be charged where requested and available. If you do not have a roommate and Unitours is unable to arrange one, you will be billed for the single room supplement. All singles are subject to availability.

MEALS: Breakfast and Table D' Hote dinners are provided daily except where noted in the itinerary. An extra charge will be made when coffee, tea or other beverages are not included in the menu of the day with the dinner meal.

TIPS AND TAXES: Tips and taxes normally appearing on hotel and restaurant bills as service are included, as are all government and local taxes on hotels and meals, portage of one suitcase per person. International departure taxes of \$107 plus current fuel surcharges of \$598 are included (subject to change). **TIPS TO TOUR MANAGER/GUIDES, DRIVERS OR DINING ROOMS STAFF OF \$79 ARE NOT INCLUDED**. One average sized suitcase not exceeding 50 lbs total weight and 62 linear inches (height plus width plus depth) is permitted throughout the trip.

NOT INCLUDED: Expenses and items not specifically mentioned in this brochure are NOT covered, including but not limited to: passport and visa fees, meals not listed and items of a personal nature such as laundry, wines, liquors, mineral waters, after dinner coffee or tea, sightseeing or services other than those specifically mentioned, tips and taxes mentioned above, excess baggage and insurance, etc.

DEPOSITS AND CANCELLATIONS: A deposit of \$500 is required to secure reservations. Any balance is to be paid in full no later than 60 days before departure of tour. Final payments received at Unitours after 45 days before departure must include a \$25 late payment fee. (This does not apply for new reservations made after

45 days of departure.) Reservations made within 60 days of departure must include full payment. Amex, Discover, Visa and MasterCard are accepted with signed reservation form. Final payments will be applied to same credit card on final payment due date including insurance. Cancellations made from time of reservation to within 61 days prior to departure - - \$100 processing charge plus any air penalties noted above. In the event of a cancellation from 60 to 31 days of departure - - \$150 processing charge plus up to 50% of the land cost, plus any air penalties noted above. There can be no refund for any services for cancellations received within 30 days of departure. All cancellation and refund claims must be in writing to Unitours, Inc.

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DEVIATIONS: A service charge of \$50 pp will be applied for any deviations made in tour, (where possible), PLUS any additional air or land charges incurred.

TRAVEL INSURANCE: Optional Travel Insurance is strongly recommended for your trip. See www.Unitours.com/TravelInsurance for full details. Cost of travel insurance for this trip starts at \$199. To cover preexisting conditions, insurance must be purchased with your reservation. (See reservation form). If paying by check, add insurance cost to your deposit. Insurance can also be purchased at the time of your final payment.

LAND ARRANGEMENTS: The tour operator reserves the right to change the itinerary due to unforeseen emergencies.

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