



TEKTON MINISTRIES
Encounter Christ on a Catholic Pilgrimage



PILGRIMAGE TO
IRELAND

August 20th -
September 1st, 2018



WORLD
MEETING of
FAMILIES

PILGRIMAGE ITINERARY

• Day 1 – Aug. 20: Depart USA

Our spiritual pilgrimage begins today as we board our transatlantic flight to Dublin. Meals and refreshments will be served aloft.

• Day 2 – Aug 21: Arrive Dublin

Upon arrival in Dublin we will be met by our guide and take an excursion to Glendalough. Tucked away in the Wicklow Mountains, Glendalough was established by St. Kevin in the 6th century. This most romantic of monastic sites was one of Ireland's greatest pilgrimage centers up to the middle of the 19th century. After Mass in Glendalough we will then return to Dublin where we will check in to the World Meeting of Families with pilgrims from around the world.

• Day 3 to 7 – Aug 22 to 26: Dublin

Today we begin the "World Meeting of Families". In the mornings, we will have a chance to visit other pilgrimage sites in Dublin. In the afternoons, we will attend the keynote address for the day, Mass, dinner out at a restaurant, ending with a panel discussions and workshops. Saturday the only WMOF item is the Festival of Families in the evening. On Sunday, we will attend closing Mass for the congress where Pope Francis will hopefully be in attendance.

During our morning time in Dublin, we will visit the following pilgrimage sites:

- Trinity College – famous books of Kells
- Our Lady of Lourdes Church – Shrine of Matt Talbot
- Carmelite Church on Whitefriar Street – Shrine of St. Valentine.



- Old Town Dublin
- St. Patrick's Cathedral
- St. Mary's Pro-Cathedral
- St. Francis Xavier's Gardiner Street Church - tomb of Bl. Fr. John Sullivan

• Day 8 – Aug 27: Dublin / Killarney

This morning, we depart Dublin and drive to Kildare where we will see St. Brigid's Cathedral. We will then continue on to the Rock of Cashel which is the site of the conversion of the King of Munster by St. Patrick in the 5th century. We will then continue on to Killarney, situated in a spectacular location amidst mountains, glens and lakes. Overnight in Killarney.

• Day 9 – Aug 28: Killarney / Sneem

This morning we celebrate Mass at the Franciscan Friary in Killarney. Most of today will be a journey along the "Ring of Kerry" road that winds around the Iveragh Peninsula. Here bogs, mountains, valleys, lakes and sea blend into a beautiful landscape that speaks to the grandeur of God. Even the names of the towns seem to whisper their beauty: Cahirciveen, Glenbeigh, Killorglin and Sneem. Overnight in Sneem.

• Day 10 – Aug 29: Sneem / Killarney / Galway

After Mass this morning we will depart Sneem and drive north to Tarbet where we will take a ferry across the River Shannon to Killimer. Then proceed on to the Cliffs of Moher, a dramatic great sheer rock face rising 700 feet from the Atlantic Ocean. Continue to Galway for the night.

• Day 11 – Aug 30: Galway / Knock

This morning we will enjoy a look around Galway including Eyre Square, the Collegiate Church of St. Nicolas and the Cathedral of St. Nicholas. We depart Galway and travel through



Connemara, a mystical area where Gaelic is still the everyday language. Visit and celebrate Mass at Kylemore Abbey, a neo-Gothic mansion occupied today by the Benedictine community of nuns who came from Belgium because of World War I. We end today at Knock, where 14 people saw a vision of Our Lady with St. Joseph and St. John the Evangelist in 1879.

● **Day 12 – Aug 31: Knock / Mullingar**

This morning we celebrate Mass in the magnificent Basilica next to the original church where our Blessed Mother appeared in 1879 and where Pope John Paul II announced that the Church would be known as the Basilica of Our Lady, Queen of Ireland. After a free day of retreat, prayer, adoration, and exploring Knock we will proceed to Mullingar where we will spend our last night in Ireland.

● **Day 13 – Sept 1: Mullingar / Dublin / USA**

Transfer to the airport in Dublin to catch our return flight home.



Galway Cathedral



Knock Shrine

PILGRIMAGE PRICE: \$3,685.00

per person/double occupancy
For a single occupancy please add \$1,036.00
For land only, please subtract: \$600.00

These rates include:

- Arrangements for daily Mass
- Roundtrip economy class airfare from Cincinnati on Delta
- Registration & Attendance to the 3 day Congress, Guarantee ticket for Festival of Families and Ticket for the Final Mass
- 11 nights accommodation
- All hotel taxes and service charges
- Breakfast and dinner daily
- Professional local guide
- All entrance fees as per itinerary
- Land transportation by deluxe motor coach
- Arrival and departure transfers
- Porterage of one piece of luggage at airports and hotels
- Whisper headsets

These rates do not include:

- Airline taxes/fuel surcharges (currently \$401.54 per person, but subject to change until the time of ticketing)*
- Gratuities to guide, driver, and hotel staff*
- Lunches, drinks with meals, extras at hotels and any expenses of a personal nature

**added to your final invoice*
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Reservations and Payment: Tekton Ministries requires a deposit of \$300.00 per person at the time of booking. A second deposit of \$800 is due by March 20th, 2018. These deposits form part of your final payment which is due 90 days prior to departure. Reservations made within 90 days of departure must be accompanied by payment in full. Payments made by credit card will incur a convenience fee. Any reservations received within 45 days of departure will incur a late booking fee of \$100.00 per person. This pilgrimage is based upon a minimum of 21 total pilgrims. Surcharges may be assessed for a smaller group size.

Cancellations: All cancellations must be in writing. The following per person cancellation charges will apply in addition to any airline penalties and charges incurred by our suppliers: If canceled prior to March 20th, 2018 or earlier prior to departure, a \$250.00 fee will be charged. If canceled March 21st-April 30th, 2018, \$800.00 will be charged. If canceled May 1st-20th, \$1,100.00 will be charged. If canceled 90 days prior to departure \$1,500.00 will be charged. No refunds will be made within 15 days of departure. In addition, once the airline tickets have been issued, 100% of the airfare is non-refundable.

Travel Documents: A passport which is valid for 6 months past the date of your return flight home is required of all U. S. citizens. However, U.S. citizens do not require visas for Ireland. If you are not a U.S. citizen, please call to find out if you need a visa. Tekton Ministries is not responsible for individual visas or passports.

Hotels: Accommodations are based on double occupancy rooms with private facilities. A limited number of single rooms are available at the supplement quoted and should be requested at the time of booking.

Air Transportation: Air travel is in economy class on Delta Airlines. Fares are based upon levels in effect at the time of printing and fares and flight schedules are subject to change without notice. Note that any ticketing changes made within 90 days of your departure date will incur airline penalties.

Baggage: Each passenger is allowed one checked bag and one carry-on. Tekton Ministries is not responsible for lost, damaged or stolen baggage.

Travel Insurance: We strongly recommend that you purchase comprehensive travel insurance for your trip. Registration information will be provided upon receipt of your deposit.

Not Included: Airline taxes/fuel surcharges (currently \$401.54 per person, but subject to change until the time of ticketing), gratuities to guide, driver, and hotel staff, passport/visa fees, personal travel insurance, laundry, beverages and items not on the regular menu of included meals, excess baggage charges, optional sightseeing and expenses of a personal nature.

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