



TEKTON MINISTRIES
Encounter Christ on a Catholic Pilgrimage

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*Bishop Edward Burns
of the Diocese of Dallas invites you on*

**A PILGRIMAGE IN THE FOOTSTEPS
OF STS. THOMAS MORE AND JOHN FISHER IN**

ENGLAND

June 17 - 24, 2023



St. Thomas More, Patron Saint of Lawyers

***INCLUDING 8 HOURS
OF CLE CREDIT**

A TRULY CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE

Tekton Ministries has been leading Catholic pilgrimages for more than 20 years. Working closely with your bishop to create a thoughtfully planned itinerary, we help make the Catholic faith more tangible to your daily life by taking you to the homeland of saints and martyrs. Although we visit numerous sites in this historic region, daily Mass and time for prayerful reflection are important parts of each day's experience.

We use only experienced Christian or Catholic guides, so you receive truthful explanations of scripture and the places we encounter. Our prayers, service, and love of our Lord go with you.

● Day 1 - Saturday, June 17

Arrive London

Our spiritual journey begins as we arrive in London after our overseas flight and gather at our hotel. The remainder of the day will be free for settling into our hotel and personal activities. (D, CLE)

● Day 2 - Sunday, June 18

London - St. Thomas More's Early and Family Life

This morning we will begin on the Chelsea estate of St. Thomas More, where we can still see the mulberry tree planted by St. Thomas in what is now the garden of Allen Hall, the Seminary for the Diocese of Westminster. Proceed to Crosby Hall and view from the outside More's former London home, relocated and reconstructed in the 20th century. Visit Chelsea Old Church, site of the More family tomb, and the famous statue of St. Thomas More, commemorating him as "saint, scholar, and statesman." This afternoon, we will enjoy a tour of important London sites in St. Thomas More's early life, beginning with a journey down Milk Street, where he was born on February 7, 1478. Visit the church of St. Lawrence Jewry, the parish church of the More family, where St. Thomas lectured on St. Augustine's City of God. Continue to the Guildhall (subject to availability), London's oldest secular building, which sits on top of London's largest medieval crypt, housing a beautiful stained-glass window of St. Thomas. (B, D, Mass, CLE)



Monument to St. Thomas More



London Tower

● Day 3 - Monday, June 19

London - The Tower of London and More's Prison Cell

We begin this morning with a visit to St. Etheldreda's church, the oldest Catholic Church in England, with its beautiful stained-glass depictions of biblical and historic events, including the English martyrs. We will then proceed to Lincoln's Inn, St. Thomas More's law school, and the oldest of the four British Inns of Court, followed by St. Paul's Cathedral, the masterpiece designed by Sir Christopher Wren. Here we will see the outdoor monument dedicated to St. Paul's Cross, the former open-air pulpit where St. Thomas More likely heard lectures, sermons, and debates. This afternoon will be a highlight of our trip as we visit, accompanied by our Beefeater guides, the Tower of London, the castle where More and Bishop Fisher were imprisoned and martyred. For sixteen months, in his damp cold cell overlooking the Thames River and directly over the stagnant water of the fortress's moat, More wrote some of his greatest works. We will spend time in prayer in the Chapel of St. Peter ad Vincula and venerate the burial place of Sts. More and Fisher, followed by a visit to Tower Hill, a plaque and small garden commemorate the famed execution site, as well as all those executed here. (B, D, Mass, CLE)



Canterbury Cathedral

● Day 4 - Tuesday, June 20

London - Day Excursion to Rochester and Canterbury

Today we enjoy a full-day excursion to Rochester and Canterbury. In Rochester, home of St. John Fisher, we will have an outside view of Rochester Cathedral, former seat of the Catholic diocese of Rochester, and visit the chapel built in honor and memory of this courageous bishop - the only Bishop of England to vocally oppose King Henry VIII. We continue to Canterbury, the most important ancient city in England. In 597 Augustine arrived, sent by



Rochester Cathedral



Chapter House



University of Oxford



Windsor Castle

Pope Gregory the Great from Rome. In 598, Augustine established a Benedictine monastery which became the burial place of the Kings and Archbishops. St. Dunstan's Church (now belonging to the Church of England) houses the burial crypt of the Roper family (St. Thomas More's daughter and family), which also contains the head of St. Thomas More. In Canterbury Cathedral, St. Thomas a Becket was martyred by the Knights of Henry II in 1170 while praying vespers and three years later was canonized. It was to his tomb where Chaucer's pilgrims were traveling in *The Canterbury Tales*. We will have a guided tour of this marvelous cathedral with some time at leisure before returning to London. (B, D, Mass, CLE)

● **Day 5 - Wednesday, June 21**
London - Parliament and Westminster Abbey

Our day begins with a tour of Parliament by a Catholic Parliamentarian (subject to availability), where we will have the opportunity to view the life-size mural of *Sir Thomas More Refusing to Grant Wolsey a Subsidy* (sometimes known as *Sir Thomas More Defending the Liberty of the House of Commons*), one of eight murals in the "Building of Britain" series. Westminster Hall is the oldest building on the Parliamentary estate and was the legal and administrative center of the kingdom for several centuries, beginning in the 12th century. Many notable trials took place there, including William Wallace, St. Thomas More, St. John Fisher, and St. Edmund Campion and companions. Here we shall see where the trials took place, where St. Thomas More worked for decades, and where Pope Benedict spoke in 2010 on St. Thomas More, law, conscience, and religious liberty. Afterwards, we will continue to Westminster Abbey for a tour, including the Chapter House, where Parliament met for a time in the 14th century. There will be ample time to admire the magnificent edifice and for personal prayer and reflection. In the evening, we will join the St. Thomas More Society of London for its annual reception on the eve of the Feast Day of Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher. (B, D, Mass, CLE)

● **Day 6 - Thursday, June 22**
(Feast Day of Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher)
London - Day Excursion to Oxford

Today we take a day-long excursion to Oxford, home of the University of Oxford, the oldest university in the English-speaking world. St. Thomas More studied here for two years, and also served as High Steward in 1524 in addition to writing a letter defending Greek studies at the University. St. John Henry Newman is also closely associated with Oxford University, as he first studied at Trinity College, and then earned a fellowship at Oriel College. Newman was an influential member of the Oxford Movement, which sought to reinstate former traditions that had been excluded from Anglican liturgy and theology. His studies and work at Oxford eventually contributed to his conversion from Anglicanism to Catholicism. Enjoy a tour of the university and some free time before returning to London. (B, D, Mass, CLE)

● **Day 7 - Friday, June 23**

London - Day Excursion to Runnymede and Windsor Castle

After breakfast, we depart on our last day-long excursion of our pilgrimage, to the site of the signing of the Magna Carta in Runnymede, followed by a visit to Windsor Castle. It was here that St. Thomas More served at Henry VIII's court. Our afternoon activities contain a few options around London. Dinner will be on your own. (B, CLE)

● **Day 8 - Saturday, June 24**

London / USA

This morning we transfer to the airport to catch our return flights home, taking with us all the graces and blessings of this pilgrimage with St. Thomas More and other Saints of England. (B)

B=Breakfast D=Dinner CLE = Continuing Legal Education

CLE: Thomas More Scholars David Oakley and Lou Karlin will offer daily legal lectures relevant to that day's events, usually over breakfast. CLE credit will be sought in all states requested by a tour participant before the registration deadline.

* Please note that all rates and services are subject to availability and confirmation. We cannot be responsible for any increase in these rates or changes in services or land arrangements in the event that government regulations change due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



ENGLAND PILGRIMAGE DETAILS (LAND ONLY)

REGISTER ONLINE AT
TektonMinistries.org

LAND-ONLY BASE PRICE PER PERSON

Double occupancy **\$3,895.00**

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL EXPENSES *(applied to final invoice)*

Gratuities to guide, driver, hotel/restaurant staff **\$105.00**

OPTIONS:

- For a single room: **add \$883.00**

Final Payment Due

March 2023

BASE RATE INCLUDES:

- Daily Mass at holy sites
- 7 nights' accommodation, including taxes and service charges
- Porterage of one piece of luggage at hotel
- Knowledgeable, friendly, Catholic/Christian guides; whisper headsets; deluxe motor coach transportation to holy sites; all entrance fees listed on itinerary
- Breakfast and dinner per itinerary (excluding drinks)
- 8 hours of CLE credit in the form of daily seminars

Rates do not include: lunches, drinks with meals, international airfare, any required COVID-19 testing

Reservations and Payment: Tekton Ministries requires a deposit of \$300.00 per person at the time of booking. This deposit forms a part of your final payment which is due 75 days prior to departure. Reservations made within 74 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 28 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 91 days or more prior to departure, a \$150.00 administrative fee will be charged. If canceled 90 - 31 days prior to departure, \$300.00 will be charged. If canceled 30 - 15 days prior to departure, \$1000.00 will be charged. No refunds will be made within 14 days of departure.

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 England. 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: Airfare is not included in this pilgrimage.

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 in Base Price: International airfare, gratuities to guide, driver, and hotel staff, passport/visa fees, personal travel insurance, any required COVID-19 testing, laundry, beverages and items not on the regular menu of included meals, excess baggage charges, optional sightseeing and expenses of a personal nature.

Refunds: Subject to the foregoing Cancellation Terms, upon cancellation of travel related services, all sums paid to Tekton Ministries/George's International Tours for such services will be promptly returned to the passenger, provided the passenger has not caused such cancellation and is not in violation of any of the terms and conditions previously, clearly and conspicuously disclosed and agreed to by the passenger. This refund provision does not apply where Tekton Ministries/George's International Tours has remitted the payment to another registered seller of travel or a carrier and they default in providing the agreed-upon transportation or service without providing a refund. In such a situation, Tekton Ministries/George's International Tours agrees to provide passenger with a written statement accompanied by a copy of the bank records establishing the disbursement of the payment, and if disbursed to a seller of travel, proof of their current registration.

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