



TEKTON MINISTRIES
Encounter Christ on a Catholic Pilgrimage



YOU'RE INVITED ON A PILGRIMAGE TO
WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027
IN SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA

August 1-9, 2027

A TRULY CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE

Tekton Ministries has been leading Catholic pilgrimages for more than 30 years. Working closely with your priest to create a thoughtfully planned itinerary, we help make the Catholic faith more tangible to your daily life, by connecting you with youth from all over the world. World Youth Day is a joyous expression of the young Church of today that will truly help you understand the universality of the Catholic Church..

We use only experienced Christian or Catholic guides, so you receive truthful explanations of scripture and the places we encounter. When the disciple Philip asked the Eunuch (who was reading Isaiah) if he understood what he was reading, the man responded, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" (Acts 8:35) Just as Philip guided the Eunuch with "the good news of Jesus," your Tekton pilgrimage will guide you into a deeper understanding of the our Faith. Our prayers, service, and love of our Lord go with you.

- **Day 1 – Sunday, August 1**
Depart USA

Our pilgrimage begins today as we depart on our overnight flight bound for Seoul. We carry with us the intentions of our parish and the hope of all that lies ahead; to travel not as tourists but as pilgrims, setting out by one road and trusting that we will return home changed. Meals and drinks served aloft.

- **Day 2 – Monday, August 2**
Arrive Seoul

Upon arrival at Incheon International Airport, we are met by our Pilgrimage Manager, who will accompany us throughout our days in Korea. This afternoon we complete our World Youth Day registration and collect our pilgrim packets. After transferring to our hotel and settling in, we gather this evening for a welcome dinner. This is our first evening together as a pilgrim community on Asian soil, on the eve of the first World Youth Day ever held in mainland East Asia. (D, Mass if time allows)



- **Day 3 – Tuesday, August 3**
World Youth Day – Opening Mass

Today the pilgrimage we have so long prepared for opens before us. With hundreds of thousands of young people drawn from every corner of the earth, we take our place for the World Youth Day Opening Mass, celebrated by the Archbishop of Seoul. The theme chosen for these days – "Take courage! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33) – will echo through every Mass, every song, and every silence in the days to come. (B, D, Mass)

- **Day 4 – Wednesday, August 4**
World Youth Day – Catechesis

This morning we join one of the catechetical sessions offered across the city, where bishops from around the world teach, lead prayer, and open the Scriptures with the young pilgrims gathered before them. The afternoon and evening bring the Youth Festival – music, witness, cultural encounter, and the quiet grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, offered freely to all who seek it. (B, D, Mass)



- **Day 5 – Thursday, August 5**
World Youth Day – Stations of the Cross

Another morning of catechesis gives way to one of the most moving moments of the week. This evening we gather with the universal Church and the Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, for the Stations of the Cross – walking the road of the Lord's Passion together through the heart of Seoul, our prayers rising with those of pilgrims from every language and land. (B, D, Mass)



• **Day 6 – Friday, August 6**
World Youth Day – Festival

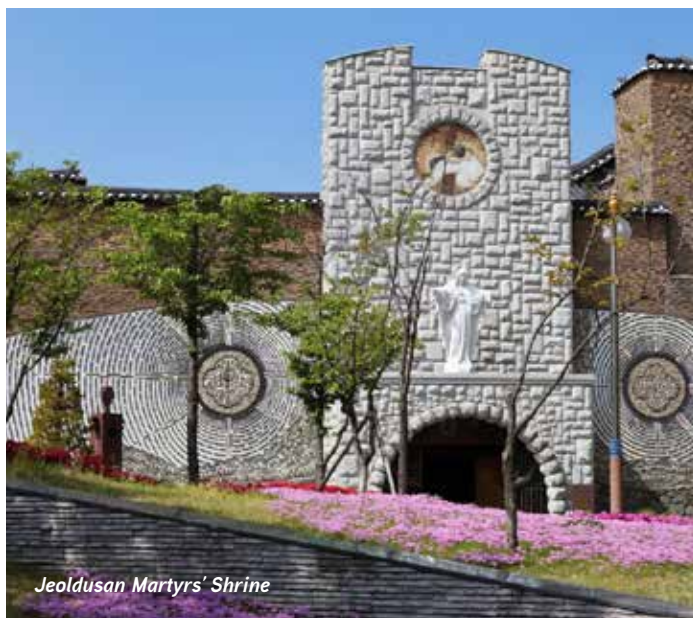
The festival continues with further catechesis and a full day of cultural and prayerful activities throughout the city. These are days to encounter the Church not as an idea but as a living family – to make friendships that cross oceans, and to discover that the courage of the Korean martyrs still beats in the young Church of today. (B, D, Mass)



St. Andrew Kim Taegon Statue

• **Day 7 – Saturday, August 7**
World Youth Day – Papal Vigil

The morning is ours until we begin the journey on foot to the vigil site – a walking pilgrimage undertaken rain or shine, in the company of the whole gathered Church. As night falls we keep watch with Pope Leo XIV in a candlelit vigil and, like pilgrims of every age, sleep beneath the open sky, our hearts turned toward the Mass that will crown these days. (B, D, Mass)



Jeoldusan Martyrs' Shrine

• **Day 8 – Sunday, August 8**
World Youth Day – Closing Mass

This morning we take part in the great closing liturgy, the Papal Missioning Mass, at which the Holy Father sends the young people of the world home as missionaries of hope. We are sent, as the Magi once were, to return by a different way – carrying home not souvenirs but the seeds of grace planted in these days. This evening we gather for a farewell dinner to give thanks for all we have received. (B, D, Mass)



• **Day 9 – Monday, August 9**
Depart Seoul

Today our pilgrimage draws to a close as we transfer to the airport for our return flight home. We leave Korea filled with the memory of her martyrs and the joy of a Church gathered from the ends of the earth – returned, by a different way, changed and not merely traveled. (B)

****NOTE: All dates, sites, and World Youth Day events/meals are subject to confirmation as the official WYD Seoul 2027 schedule and registration details are released.**

B=Breakfast D=Dinner



Saenamteo Martyrs' Shrine

PRICE PER PERSON

\$1,000.00

Base price is \$1,000.00 and the remainder of the funds per person will be provided by the parish and parish fundraising efforts.

Note: This is a private group and only open by invitation

- **Rooming:** Quad accommodations for students; double occupancy for chaperones and clergy.
- **Land-only option:** Available, but no discounts apply.

Final Payment Due

April 1, 2027

BASE RATE INCLUDES:

- Daily Mass at holy sites
- Roundtrip economy class airfare from Indianapolis/Cincinnati
- 7 nights' accommodations, including taxes and service charges
- World Youth Day registration
- Portage of one piece of luggage at airports and hotels
- Meals per itinerary (excluding drinks)
- Farewell dinner at a local restaurant on day 8

Base rate does not include some meals, gratuities, air taxes/fuel surcharges*, drinks with meals (* added to final invoice)*

Reservations and Payment: Tekton Ministries requires a non-refundable deposit of \$300.00 per person at the time of booking. This deposit forms part of your final payment which is due 120 days prior to departure - after receiving the final invoice. All pilgrimage registrations must be made online through our website. Reservations made within 119 days of departure (or after the final invoices are sent) must be accompanied by payment in full. Any credit card payments other than the deposit will incur a convenience fee. Any reservations received within 45 days of departure will incur a late booking fee of \$100.00 per person. Late payments may be subject to a late fee and/or possible removal from the pilgrimage. Pilgrimage prices are based upon a minimum number of 40 total pilgrims. Surcharges may be assessed for smaller group sizes.

Cancellations: All cancellations must be received in writing (email or letter). The following per person cancellation charges will apply in addition to any airline penalties and charges incurred by our suppliers: If canceled 121 days or more prior to departure, \$300 will be charged. If canceled 120-91 days prior to departure, \$1000.00 will be charged. If canceled 90-46 days prior to departure, \$2000.00 will be charged. No refunds will be made within 45 days of departure. In addition, once the airline tickets have been issued, 100% of the airfare is non-refundable unless you have been advised otherwise at the time of your booking.

Travel Documents: A passport which is valid for 90 days past the date of your entry into The Republic of Korea is required of all U. S. citizens. In addition, all U.S. citizens must apply for the Korean Electronic Travel Authorization (K-ETA). If you are not a U.S. citizen, please double-check to find out if you need a visa or K-ETA. Tekton Ministries is not responsible for individual passports, visas, or travel authorizations.

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 TBD. 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 or cancellations made within 120 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: Basic travel insurance is required for all pilgrims. Registration information will be provided upon receipt of your deposit.

Not included in base price: Airline taxes/fuel surcharges (currently TBD 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.

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.

Trust Account Disclosure: California law requires certain sellers of travel to have a trust account or bond. George's International Tours has such a trust account.

Travel Consumer Restitution Corporation ("TCRC"): George's International Tours is a participant in the Travel Consumer Restitution Corporation ("TCRC"). You, the passenger, may request reimbursement from TCRC if George's International Tours was registered and participating in the TCRC at the time of sale and the passenger is located in California at the time of payment. Please be advised that passengers purchasing from outside of California are not covered by the TCRC. Eligible passengers may file a claim with TCRC if the passenger is owed a refund of more than \$50 for transportation or travel services which George's International Tours failed to forward to a proper provider or if such money was not refunded to you when required. The maximum amount, which may be paid by the TCRC to any one passenger is the total amount paid on behalf of the passenger to George's International Tours, not to exceed \$15,000. A claim must be submitted to the TCRC within six months after the scheduled completion date of the travel. A claim must include sufficient information and documentation to prove your claim and a \$35 processing fee. You must agree to waive your right to other civil remedies against a registered participating Seller of Travel for matters arising out of a sale for which you file a claim with the TCRC, if you were located in California at the time of the sale. You may request a claim form by writing to: Travel Consumer Restitution Corporation, P.O. Box 6001, Larkspur, CA 94977-6001; or by faxing a request to 415-927-7698.

Responsibility Clause: Tekton Ministries, George's International Tours and/or their cooperating selling agents and/or their suppliers of services offer these tours for sale only on the express understanding that they themselves do not perform or in any way assume liability for the performance of the individual components, transfers, hotels, flights, car, motorcoaches, etc. of these tours and act only to combine these components into a single unit of sale for the convenience of the general public, and are not responsible therefore, either directly or indirectly, for any loss, accident, or injury which may result from any act, omission, negligence in or responsible for performing or providing these component services. The transportation companies concerned take no responsibility for any act, omission, or event during the time the passengers are not aboard their conveyances. The passenger contract issued by the transportation company shall constitute the sole contract between the transportation company and the passenger. Additional expenses incurred as a result of delay, change of schedules, illness, weather, strikes, hostilities, quarantine, government requisition of hotel space or any other reasons beyond the control of the tour operator or travel agent shall be borne by the passenger. Tour operator reserves the right to substitute hotels of similar category if necessary and to alter itineraries. Your deposit certifies that you agree with the above terms and conditions.



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