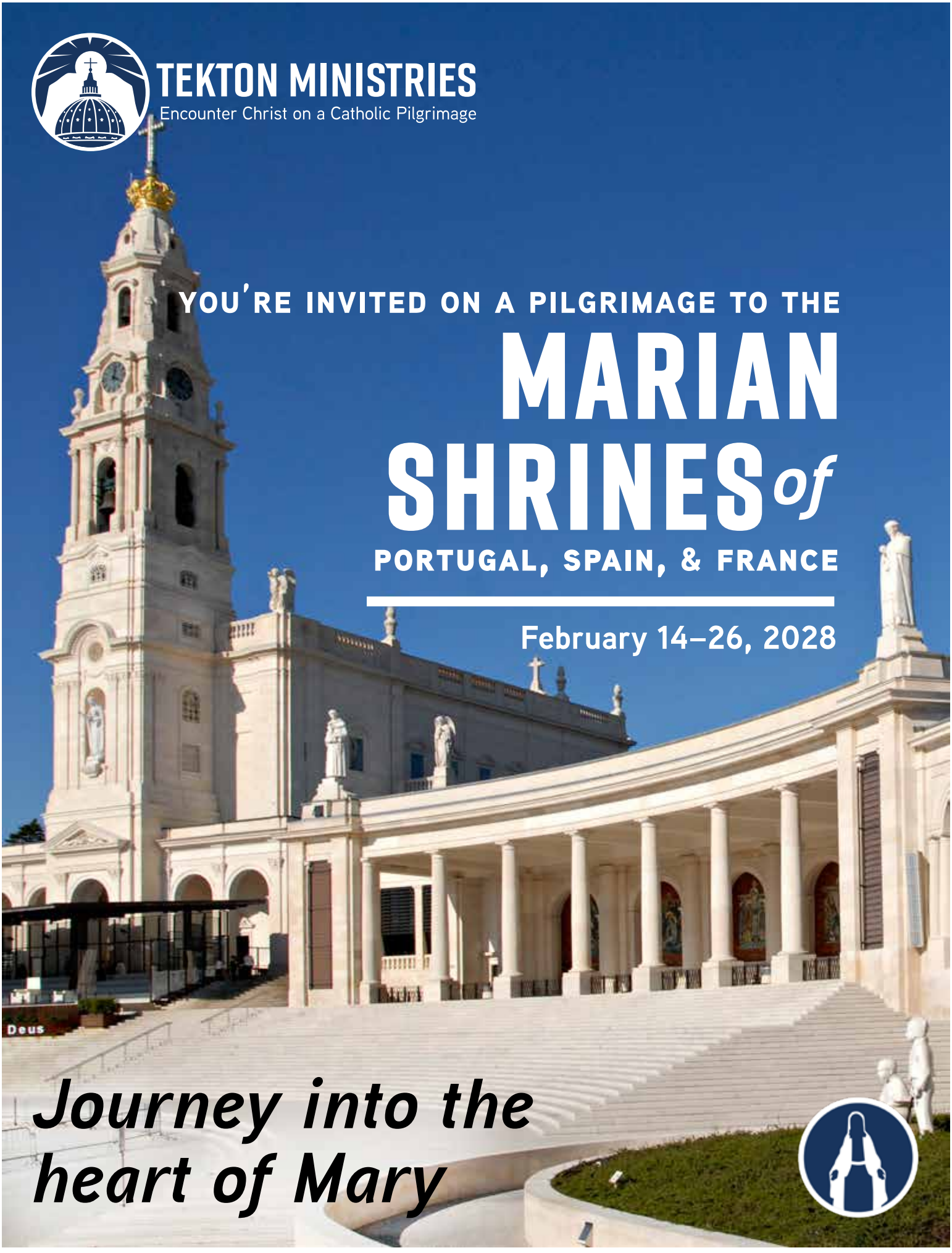

TEKTON MINISTRIES
Encounter Christ on a Catholic Pilgrimage
YOU'RE INVITED ON A PILGRIMAGE TO THE
MARIAN SHRINES of
PORTUGAL, SPAIN, & FRANCE
February 14–26, 2028
Journey into the heart of Mary

A TRULY CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE

Tekton Ministries *has been leading Catholic pilgrimages all over the world for more than 30 years. Working closely with your priest to create thoughtfully planned itineraries, we help make the Catholic faith more tangible to your daily life. By visiting holy sites and shrines where Our Lady has appeared through the centuries, we hope your faith and relationship with the Blessed Mother will be reinvigorated and renewed by this pilgrimage. Although we visit numerous sites and shrines, 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. 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 Scriptures. Our prayers, service, and love of our Lord go with you.

- **Day 1 – Monday, February 14**
  Depart
  Our pilgrimage begins today as we depart on our overnight flight to Lisbon. Meals and drinks served aloft.

- **Day 2 – Tuesday, February 15**
  Arrive Lisbon / Santarem / Fatima
  Upon arrival in Lisbon, we will be met by our Pilgrimage Manager who will remain with us for the duration of our pilgrimage. Journey north to the Church of the Holy Miracle in Santarem to see one of the greatest Eucharistic Miracles, "The Bleeding Host." In the 13th century, a woman stole the Host to take to a fortune-teller, but as she was taking it out of church the Host began to bleed profusely. Afraid, she put it in a trunk at her home only to be awakened in the middle of the night to a bright light coming from the trunk. She took the Host back to the priest, who put it in a wax pyx. Another miracle happened the next morning when they found that the wax had turned into its own crystal pyx, where it can be venerated to this day. After time for prayer here, continue to Fatima, our home for the next three nights. *(D) Overnight Fatima*

- **Day 3 – Wednesday, February 16**
  Fatima
  A full day is ours in Fatima, where in 1917 three young shepherd children were graced with apparitions of the Virgin Mary. The message of Fatima has inspired generations of Catholics to pray the rosary daily for peace and reparation. Visit the Chapel of Apparitions before praying at the graves of Sts. Francisco and Jacinta, and Venerable Lucia. Explore the tiny village where the three children lived and continue to Valinhos where Our Lady appeared to the children after they were unjustly imprisoned. It is here that she encouraged them and told them they must still come every 13th of the month to see her. This evening, we participate in a beautiful Stations of the Cross along the Via Sacra or the candlelight rosary procession in the heart of the shrine. *(B, D, Mass) Overnight Fatima*

- **Day 4 – Thursday, February 17**
  Fatima
  Today we will take an excursion outside of Fatima. We travel to the town of Alcobaca to visit the 12th century Monastery of Alcobaca, the largest church in Portugal and one of the most prestigious monasteries in medieval Europe. After time for prayer, return to Fatima where we will have the balance of the afternoon free. This evening we will again participate in a beautiful Stations of the Cross along the Via Sacra or the candlelight rosary procession in the heart of the shrine. *(B, D, Mass) Overnight Fatima*


Monastery of Alcobaca

- **Day 5 – Friday, February 18**
  Fatima / Porto / Braga / Santiago de Compostela
  Depart Fatima this morning and drive north to Porto where we will visit the soaring Cathedral and admire the richly decorated Church of Sao Francisco. Then proceed to Braga which contains over 300 churches and is the religious center of Portugal. Our sightseeing here will include visits to Braga's Sé Cathedral which is the oldest in Portugal and the Bom Jesus do Monte which is an important pilgrimage shrine. Then continue to Santiago de Compostela where we will check into our hotel for dinner and overnight.
  (B, D, Mass) Overnight Santiago

- **Day 6 – Saturday, February 19**
  Santiago de Compostela
  This morning we will enjoy a complete tour of Santiago de Compostela. Visit the impressive Cathedral which is considered to be one of the finest pieces of architecture in Europe. After Mass, climb the stairs behind the altar to embrace the statue of St. James, then descend to the crypt, where a silver urn holds his relics. See the Portico de la Gloria (Gateway to Heaven), an unparalleled masterpiece. Walk to the top of the Cathedral for a panoramic view of this glorious city.


Fatima Shrine

We will also visit the museum in the cloister adjoining the Cathedral. Enjoy another evening in this charming city.
(B, D, Mass) Overnight Santiago

- **Day 7 – Sunday, February 20**
  Santiago de Compostela / Oviedo / Garabandal
  This morning we depart for Oviedo where we will stop for lunch and visit the Cathedral of San Salvadore. This is a stunning Gothic church famous for its single tower, the 9th-century Holy Chamber (Cámara Santa), and sacred Christian relics. Then on to Garabandal, the location of alleged apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Michael the Archangel that occurred in the 1960s and our home for the next two nights. *(B, D, Mass) Overnight Garabandal*

- **Day 8 – Monday, February 21**
  Garabandal
  After breakfast, visit "The Pines," where many of the apparitions are said to have taken place. Walk the village and spend time reflecting on the messages of conversion, penance, and the importance of the Eucharist in our lives. After some free time, head back to our hotel for dinner and overnight. *(B, D, Mass) Overnight Garabandal*

- **Day 9 – Tuesday, February 22**
  Garabandal / Lourdes
  Depart Garabandal for San Sebastian. After lunch in this charming oceanside city, cross the border into France on our way to Lourdes. Upon arrival, celebrate Mass. Visit the Grotto of Massabielle, where Our Lady first appeared to St. Bernadette in 1858 and had her dig for the spring that is now known the world over for its healing waters. It is also where the Blessed Mother announced she was the Immaculate Conception. After we check into our hotel and have dinner we will join other pilgrims in the torchlit rosary at the grotto. Lourdes will be our home for the next two nights. *(B, D, Mass) Overnight Lourdes*


Lourdes

- **Day 10 – Wednesday, February 23**
  Lourdes
  Enjoy a full day on your own in the peaceful setting of Lourdes. Visit the humble home where St. Bernadette lived during the apparitions or revisit a favorite site from yesterday, explore somewhere new, or just sit in awe and wonder and contemplate the events that happened here and the miracles that still occur. We will participate in the Stations of the Cross then spend some time at the spring. We will have the opportunity to drink at the springs and wash ourselves there. Participate once again in the evening pilgrim activities. *(B, D, Mass) Overnight Lourdes*

- **Day 11 – Thursday, February 24**
  Lourdes / Zaragoza
  This morning we depart Lourdes and cross the border back into Spain on our way to Zaragoza. Upon arrival we will break for lunch before we visit the Basilica of Our Lady of the Pillar. It was here the Blessed Mother appeared to St. James the Greater in 40 A.D. This is the only known instance of the Virgin Mary appearing to someone while she was still alive—bilocating from Jerusalem—to encourage St. James in his preaching of the Gospel in Spain. We then check into our hotel before we enjoy a dinner out together. *(B, D, Mass) Overnight Zaragoza*


Our Lady of the Pillar

- **Day 12 – Friday, February 25**
  Zaragoza / Madrid
  This morning we will visit the Cathedral of the Savior of Zaragoza and the Basilica of Santa Engracia. Time permitting we will take a walk through the historic center of Zaragoza, known as the Casco Antiguo; a compact and highly walkable district where 2,000 years of history are layered together. This afternoon we make our way to Madrid where we will check into our hotel for dinner and overnight. *(B, D, Mass) Overnight Madrid*

- **Day 13 – Saturday, February 26**
  Madrid / USA
  Today marks the end of a marvelous experience as we transfer to the airport for the return trip home, filled with memories and graces of this pilgrimage that will last a lifetime.

B=Breakfast D=Dinner



MARIAN SHRINES PILGRIMAGE

REGISTER ONLINE AT TektonMinistries.org

PRICE PER PERSON

Double occupancy with base airfare	**$5,200.00**
Current airline taxes/fuel surcharges *(subject to change until final ticketing)*	**$750.00**
ESTIMATED COST	**$5,950.00**
Gratuities to guide, driver, hotel/restaurant staff *(estimated/pre-collected with final invoice)*	**$200.00**

OPTIONS:

- For a single room: TBD
- Land-only option: TBD *(no flights or gratuities included)*

Final Payment Due **November 2027**

BASE RATE WILL INCLUDE:

- Daily Mass at holy sites
- Roundtrip economy class airfare from Lincoln
- 11 nights' accommodation, including taxes and service charges
- Porterage of one piece of luggage at airports and hotels
- 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)

Rates do not include: *lunches, drinks with meals*

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 90 days prior to departure - after receiving the final invoice. All pilgrimage registrations must be made online through our website. Reservations made within 89 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 21 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 91 days or more prior to departure, $300 will be charged. If canceled 90 - 61 days prior to departure, $1000.00 will be charged. If canceled 60 - 31 days prior to departure, $2000.00 will be charged. No refunds will be made within 30 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 6 months past the date of your return flight home is required of all U.S. citizens. U.S. citizens may also be required to apply for ETIAS (start date TBD) to enter Europe. However, U.S. citizens do not require visas. If you are not a U.S. citizen, please check 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 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: 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: Airline taxes/fuel surcharges (currently estimated at $750.00 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.

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