A Pilgrimage of Peace to the Holy Land
Prayer - Solidarity - Peace

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Under the Spiritual Direction of Rev. Msgr. David Hoefler, VG
Group Coordinators: Deacon Patrick O’Toole & Ms. Cheryl Sommer

12-Days: November 26 to December 7, 2018

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Dear Friends,

One of the great dreams of every Christian disciple is to someday walk in the footsteps of Jesus in his homeland. To see and feel the scriptures come to life, to touch the place of Jesus’ birth, to stand at the site of the miracles and the great sermons, and to visit the tomb and kiss the stone on which his body was laid after his crucifixion awaiting the resurrection, are experiences more powerful than can be described.

In Advent of 2018 I would like to invite you to share this experience with me as I lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. This pilgrimage will include visits to all the Holy Places, the “Ancient Stones,” important to the People of God. We will walk where Jesus walked, and pray where Jesus prayed. We will also take time to visit the descendants of the people with whom Jesus lived, the “Living Stones;” Palestinian Christians who live in Israel. Each day will be steeped in scripture reflections, prayer times, and liturgy.

It is my hope that the Pilgrimage will bring us closer to Jesus, increase our understanding of the scriptures and instill in us the zeal of the first missioners who went forth from the Holy Land to bring the Good News to the world.

May the peace of Christ be with you!

Monsignor David Hoefer currently serves as Vicar General and Moderator of the Curia for the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois. He was ordained in 2002 and traveled to the Holy Land for the first time in 2006. He also led a pilgrimage to the Holy Land in 2015. He looks forward to returning to the land where Jesus was born, lived, preached, suffered, died and rose again. In his experience, a pilgrimage to the Holy Land is always a life-changing event.

Cheryl Sommer is Coordinator for Catholic Relief Services and Director of the Catholic Campaign for Human Development for the Catholic Diocese of Belleville. She is also a spiritual director and especially enjoys guiding retreatants to know Jesus better through the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Prior to her current ministry, she worked in parish ministry for 29 years, primarily in the areas of adult faith formation and initiation as well as parish social ministry. Cheryl looks forward to joining with fellow pilgrims in getting to know Jesus better through this pilgrimage.

Deacon Patrick O’Toole completed his Master’s Degree in Theological Studies at Quincy University in May of 2008 and was ordained to the permanent diaconate in the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois in June of 2009. Deacon Patrick serves the Diocese of Springfield as the Director of the Villa Maria Catholic Life Center, and regularly speaks throughout the Midwest at conferences, parish missions, and retreats. He made his first trip to the Holy Land in December of 2015 and has termed it one of the greatest spiritual experiences of his life. He is looking forward to leading a new group of pilgrims through the joy of walking where Jesus walked as the pages of Sacred Scripture come alive in the hills of Galilee and the streets of Jerusalem.

**AN INVITATION TO JOIN US**

**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26, DAY 1: DEPART USA:** We depart Chicago en route to Tel Aviv, Israel via Frankfurt. Complimentary meals and beverages are served on our overseas flight.

**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, DAY 2: ARRIVAL / TRANSFER TO TABGHA:** Upon our mid-afternoon arrival in Tel Aviv, we are met by our Catholic Travel Centre guide and transfer to our accommodations along the Sea of Galilee. Dinner is served at our accommodations.  (D)

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, DAY 3: TABGHA: EXCURSION TO NAZARETH:** This morning we travel to Nazareth, where we visit the Church of St. Joseph and the Basilica of the Annunciation with time to pray at the Grotto, followed by Mass. We continue to the nearby the excavations of a street of Nazareth from the 1st century which is located under the Convent of the Sisters’ of Nazareth. After our included lunch, we visit the synagogue where Jesus began his ministry. His inaugural address, found in Luke chapter four, will focus our journey. We then visit the church of St. Gabriel and the Mary’s Well. We return to our accommodations along the Sea of Galilee for dinner and the evening. (B, L, D)

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29, DAY 4: TABGHA: SEPPHORIS, SHEFA-AMR & CANA:** This morning we visit the ruins of Sepphoris, a major town during Jesus’ day, which is only three miles from Nazareth. After lunch, we depart for Shefa-Amr where we celebrate Mass at St. Peter & St. Paul’s Melkite Catholic Church. We meet with Palestinian Christian peacemaker Fr. Fouad Dagher at his church and visit the school (based on availability). We continue to Cana, where Jesus performed His first miracle at the request of His mother (John 2:1-11). In Cana, we visit the Franciscan chapel where Jesus began His public ministry in the Gospel of St. John. Here we invite couples to renew their wedding vows. We end the day with reflection and prayer. Dinner is served at our accommodations in Tabgha. (B, L, D)

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30, DAY 5: TABGHA: CAPEernaum, Mount of Beatitudes & The Sea of Galilee:** This morning, we make our way to Capernaum where Jesus spent two and a half years of his life. Here we explore the synagogue which dates to the time of Christ and see the Apostle Peter’s home. We celebrate Mass in the church which has a glass-floor and is constructed over the site, allowing us to peer down into the excavated ruins of Peter’s house. After an included lunch at Tanureen Restaurant, we continue our day by going to the Mount of Beatitudes where we consider the Kingdom of God. After some reflection and sharing, we board the “Jesus Boat” for a peaceful journey across the Sea of Galilee. Before ending the day we visit Tabgha and the shore of the sea. Our last stop of the day is known as “Peter’s Primacy.” Dinner is served at our accommodations. (B, L, D)

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1, DAY 6: TABGHA: MT. TABOR / JORDAN RIVER, BAPTISMAL VOWS RENEWAL / JERUSALEM:** Today we visit Mt. Tabor, where Jesus was transfigured while he was in prayer with Peter, James and John. The Holy Spirit upon us, we travel south through the wilderness to the Mount of Temptation. We pause to see where Jesus was tempted in the wilderness. We make our way to the Jordan.
River where, wading into the waters, we renew our baptismal vows. After our included lunch at a local restaurant, we visit a pottery shop before we continue our journey up to Jerusalem. Mass is celebrated at our accommodations. Dinner is served at our accommodations, the Notre Dame Guest House in Jerusalem. (B, L, D)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2, DAY 7: JERUSALEM: WAILING WALL, MASS WITH A LOCAL COMMUNITY, VISIT OF THE CITY, CHURCH OF ST. ANNE & TAYBEH BREWERY COMPANY: This morning we visit the Western or Wailing Wall of the Temple, the Temple Mount, and view the Dome of the Rock (a Muslim Shrine) from the outside. We continue to St. Stephen's Gate and the Church of St. Anne. We see the Pool of Bethesda where Jesus healed the paralytic. Later, we join with the local community of St. Savior Latin Parish Church in the celebration of Mass (11:00 am Sunday mass). After our included lunch, we drive to Taybeh to visit the Brewery Company then back to our accommodations in Jerusalem. After dinner at our hotel there will be a Jewish speaker to help us understand more about the religious landscape of the Holy Land. (B, L, D)

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3, DAY 8: JERUSALEM: EXCURSION TO BETHLEHEM: We start our day by celebrating Mass at the Shepherd's field. Afterward we stop for a prayerful visit at the Church of the Nativity. We have our included lunch at Bethlehem University where we interact with Palestinian students and professors, and hear their stories of pain and their dreams of hope. In the afternoon we shop at a local Palestinian shop in Bethlehem. Prior to dinner this evening we meet with representatives from the Jerusalem office of Catholic Relief Services. Dinner is served at our accommodations. (B, L, D)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4, DAY 9: JERUSALEM: LATIN PATRIARCH & CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES: Today we celebrate Mass at the (Co-Cathedral) and then meet with Chancellor from Latin Patriarch's office (subject to his availability). We are hosted by the staff of Catholic Relief Services of Jerusalem and visit the projects in the West Bank. We immerse ourselves in the realities of their life and witness their efforts for peace, justice and development. After lunch, we visit the Women's Craft Project and the Palestinian Dheisheh Refugee Camp. We end the day with reflection. Dinner is served at our accommodations. (B, L, D)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5, DAY 10: JERUSALEM: MT. OF OLIVES, GETHSEMANE, ST. PETER IN GALLICANTU, CHURCH OF THE UPPER ROOM: Today we begin on the Mt. of Olives where we take in the panoramic views of Jerusalem. We visit Bethpage, the traditional starting point of the Palm Sunday procession, and follow the path that Jesus took that day. At Dominus Flevit we remember where Jesus wept over Jerusalem. Before leaving we celebrate Mass as we pray for the peace of Jerusalem. After lunch, we visit the Garden of Gethsemane and the Church of All Nations. We have an afternoon of reflection at the Church of St. Peter in Gallicantu where Peter denied Christ; we reflect upon our own faithfulness and pray for grace to fulfill the new commitments we have made to Christ during this pilgrimage. We also visit the Cenacle Church and commemorate Pentecost. We continue to the Holocaust Museum, Yad Vashem. Dinner is served at our accommodations. (B, L, D)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, DAY 11: JERUSALEM: HOLY SEPULCHRE & EMMAUS: Early this morning we walk the Way of the Cross. Dawn's first light finds us celebrating Mass at Christianity's holiest site, the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher inside the Empty Tomb of Jesus Christ. We return to our accommodations for breakfast. We travel to Emmaus then return to Jerusalem for lunch and shopping. Dinner is served at our accommodations. (B, L, D)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7, DAY 12: RETURN TO USA: We transfer to the Tel Aviv airport early this morning to board our return flight en route home, our hearts full from this life-changing pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

Note: While no changes are anticipated, there may be unforeseen occasions when certain alterations become necessary to this itinerary, either due to changes in airline schedules or for other reasons. All Masses are subject to local church schedules and substitution with alternate Mass sites if churches mentioned are not available.

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**Tour Number:** 18-017-1126
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