



Irish Bells ringing out to welcome You!



50th INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS - Dublin-June 10 – 17, 2012

To Ireland in June 2012 (Land Program)

To really get a feel for the Church in Ireland and the world come to Dublin during the 50th International Eucharistic Congress as the Church celebrates the 50th Anniversary of the inauguration of Vatican II.

The wonderful presentations, liturgies and cultural events will be outlined on their website. People of all religious backgrounds will find the Congress events very sensitive to ecumenical realities, especially in light of the Irish efforts in reconciliation.

The attendance of Pope Benedict XVI will not be confirmed by the Vatican until his pastoral visits are confirmed in the new year. Watch & visit: www.iec2012.ie

On this historic occasion Ministry to Tourism, Diocese of Saskatoon, under the leadership of Rev. Ralph Kleiter, Diocesan Delegate to the IEC, three Pilgrim Journey Land Packages are offered, including an optional post-Congress tour of the “Emerald isle” (See itinerary over).



Pilgrim Journey I - June 8-26, 2012

19 Days. Full Congress, Excursions to Belfast & Dublin area+ 9 day post Congress all inclusive tour of the “Emerald isle”.

Cost per person sharing \$4185.00 Single Supplement \$1660.00



Pilgrim Journey II – June 12-26, 2012

15 Days. Partial Congress. Excursions Dublin & area +9 day post Congress all inclusive tour of the “Emerald isle”.

Cost per person sharing \$3648.00 Single Supplement \$1521.00



Pilgrim Journey III –June 8-18, 2012

11 Days. Full Congress, Excursions to Belfast & Dublin Area. Opportunity for independent Air arrangements & private time in Ireland &/or Europe.

Cost per person sharing \$1858.00 Single Supplement \$768.00

*3-4 Star Hotels Berkeley & Towers Ballsbridge near the Congress Venue with daily Irish Breakfast

**Detailed information available at time of booking.

***All prices quoted are based on small group of 15-20 persons and are subject to change without notice.

Booking Deposit: \$500.00 Includes \$250.00 advance deposit if applicable. (Payable to Ministry to Tourism). Travel Insurance (cancellation, trip interruption & health) to be purchased at this time. See Rhonda- Thomas Cook Travel .

First Payment (minus above Booking Deposit) due Dec. 5, 2011- 50 % of the Package

Final Payment- Remaining balance including any necessary currency adjustments due March 5, 2012

AIR Portion is not included and is due upon confirmation. For e.g. Special group rate for Saskatoon-Dublin return June 8 departure \$1202.00 + taxes \$439.54.

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Pilgrim Journeys – Ministry to Tourism
Exclusive 9 Day Post Congress Tour of the “Emerald Isle”
18th – 26th June 2012

18th June 2012 – Dublin to Waterford Depart Dublin this morning for Waterford stopping en route to visit Kilkenny City, 123 km from Dublin. It is the best example of a medieval town in Ireland. The name Kilkenny comes from the Gaelic for "Canice's Church", which nowadays is the splendid Church of Ireland, St Canice's Cathedral. You will enjoy a guided tour of the impressive Anglo-Norman stone castle. Opposite **Kilkenny Castle** are the elegant former castle stables, and the **Kilkenny Design Centre**, where you can find all manner of quality Irish crafts and artwork for sale. Avail of a lunch stop at the 14th century Kyteler's Inn, named after the infamous Dame Alice Kyteler who was burned at the stake for the alleged poisoning of four of her husbands. Also a must is a visit to **St. Canices Cathedral** - famous for its beautiful wooden hand-carved ceiling. Continue on to Waterford 50km for dinner and overnight.

19th June 2012 – Waterford - Cork First, you will visit **Blarney Castle** where you will have time to kiss the famous stone, and enjoy some free time before returning to Cork for a city tour and some free time for your own exploring. See all of **Cork's famous sights** such as the Cork City Gaol, St. Finbarr's Cathedral, City Hall and Cork Opera House. Overnight with dinner in Cork.

20th June 2012 – Cork to Killarney – Ring of Kerry An early start, the tour travels west from Cork to Killarney, taking in the famous **Ring of Kerry**. Must see sights include the Gap of Dunloe, Cahersiveen and a stop on Valentia Island to visit the **Skellig Experience Centre**. Here you can experience many aspects of the offshore Skellig Islands through their recreations and models. These islands are world famous as an archaeology site of a well preserved monastic outpost of the Early Christian period – now designated a World Heritage Site. From here travel through Waterville, Caherdaniel on to Sneem and back to Killarney through Moll's Gap. Evening at leisure to explore **Killarney town** itself and experience Killarney's quaint tradition with contemporary style and service. The jaunting cars carry visitors around the scenic highlights and the picturesque cobbled laneways are as bright and colourful as ever, making the town a great base to enjoy some renowned Irish hospitality.

21st June 2012- Dingle Peninsula The tour travels from Killarney to the **Dingle Peninsula**. Descending from the incredible Conor Pass, Ireland's highest mountain pass, you will arrive at the bustling cosmopolitan town of Dingle, the peninsula's main hub. The Dingle Peninsula has the most rugged Atlantic coastline in Kerry and is scattered with forts and pre-historic huts. Our next stop will take in the **Riasc Monastic Settlement**, home to the impressive ruins of a 6th-century monastery and important carved stone. Back on the coach for a short drive to the **Gallarus Oratory, an early Christian church, dating sometime between the 600's and 1100's AD**. From here we will continue our drive back to Killarney for overnight with

dinner. **Optional evening of traditional Irish dinner and entertainment available.**

22nd June 2012 – Killarney – Galway – Cliffs of Moher

Travelling via Limerick this morning today's highlight is a visit to the **Cliffs of Moher** 177km. The Cliffs of Moher in County Clare stretch for 8km & rise up to 214 metres above the Atlantic Ocean. From the cliffs you can see the Aran Islands, Galway Bay, as well as The Twelve Bens and the Maum Turk Mountains. The area was designated as a Refuge for Fauna in 1988. The area was also designated a Special Protection Area for Birds (SPA) under the EU Birds Directive in 1989. The Cliffs are home to a major colony of cliff nesting seabirds---the Atlantic Puffin, Razorbill, Chough and Common Gull. You will continue to Galway from the Cliffs of Moher 75km for some free time, dinner and overnight.

23rd June 2012 – Aran Islands After breakfast, Pilgrims will take a short coach journey to Rossaveal 37 km from Galway city. The journey begins with a must see boat trip to **Inis Mór** on the Aran Islands, where you will enjoy a mini bus tour of the Island. The **Aran Islands** are located about 48km from the mouth of Galway Bay. Inis Mór is the largest of the three islands which measures just 14km in length and 4.8km at its widest point. The islands are famous for their prehistoric and Christian monuments including the spectacular **Dún Aengus** fort. After a day out on the Atlantic Coast, return to **Galway** for an overnight and dinner and time to experience the many Galway pubs and some traditional Irish music.

24th June 2012 – Knock Today we will travel to **Knock** a small town in County Mayo, that has received international fame after local people reported seeing the Virgin Mary, St. Joseph and St. John the Evangelist at their parish church on August 21, 1879. The Catholic Church has declared the visions trustworthy and in 1979 Pope John Paul II made a personal pilgrimage to Knock. Mother Teresa visited in 1993. Today, over one and a half million pilgrims visit the Knock Shrine every year. The Tour takes you through the beautifully landscaped Knock Shrine grounds visiting all places of interest including the Apparition Chapel and original Gable Wall, Papal Cross, Basilica, and Chapel of Reconciliation. Pilgrims will get the opportunity to attend Mass during the day. The full day will be spent in Knock with a return coach transfer to your Galway hotel for an overnight and dinner.

25th June 2012 – Galway – Kingscourt A more relaxed start this morning for the journey to Tullamore, Co. Offaly 129km. Here you will visit the Tullamore Heritage Centre, the home of Tullamore Dew Irish whiskey. From here you will travel to Kingscourt, Co. Cavan 103km for our farewell dinner and overnight in Cabra Castle.

26th June – Departure

Depart Kingscourt this morning for transfer to Dublin Airport.