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IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST. JOHN PAUL II & ST. FAUSTINA - IN THIS YEAR OF MERCY TO: POLAND, PRAGUE, GERMANY, AUSTRIA & BUDAPEST

JUNE 7TH - JUNE 23RD / 2016 (17 DAYS)

**VISITING: WARSAW, CZESTOCHOWA, WADOWICE, KRAKOW, AUSCHWITZ,
LAGIEWNIKI (DIVINE MERCY), SWINICE WARCKIE, VIENNA,
PRAGUE, ALTOTTING, SALZBURG, MARIAZELL, BUDAPEST & MORE**

Day 1 TUESDAY JUNE 7TH Depart for Warsaw

Depart Canada for your overnight flight(s) to WARSAW. Your meals will be served on board.

Day 2 WEDNESDAY JUNE 8TH Warsaw

Welcome to Warsaw, Poland! Make your way to the Bus where your group will transfer to your hotel. Following check-in at your hotel, your pilgrimage will officially begin with Mass. It will be celebrated at 3/9 Zytnia Street, the site where Helena Kowalska (St. Faustina) entered the convent (Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy). Following Mass, you will enjoy a delicious dinner and have the opportunity to explore the city of Warsaw before retiring for a well deserved rest.

Day 3 THURSDAY JUNE 9TH Warsaw

Your day will begin with breakfast followed by Mass at St. James Church, iconic for its tower and square base. This church is where Helena Kowalska prayed extensively upon entering Warsaw. Your group will explore the Old Town, comprised of beautiful maze-like cobblestone streets and picturesque architecture that are symbols of Poland's successful rebuild following its destruction during World War II. Some of the sites will include the Market Square, the Barbican, defense-like structures that have been rebuilt following World War II, and the Warsaw Ghetto monument that commemorates the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising of 1943 during World War II. You will also take in the Lazienki Park, a beautifully landscaped park, the Chopin Statue (*a large bronze statue of musician, Frederic Chopin*),

and the Royal Castle (*the official residence of the Polish monarchs*). In the afternoon, you will visit the Stanislaw Kostka Church and view a special exhibit dedicated to Fr. Jerzy Popieluszko. This priest was a great personality of the Catholic Church, and killed by communists in 1984. In 1987, St. John Paul II visited here to pray in front of Fr. Popieluzko's tomb. Your tour of Warsaw will conclude by returning to the hotel for a delicious meal, followed by an overnight at your hotel.

Day 4 FRIDAY JUNE 10TH Warsaw – Niepokalanow - Swinice Warckie – Czestochowa

This morning, you will enjoy a hearty breakfast followed a by a transfer to Niepokalanow (*approximately forty-five minutes*). This Franciscan Monastery is in the community of Teresin, and was founded by martyr, St. Maximilian Kolbe. This remarkable saint was arrested by the Nazis and died in Auschwitz, giving his life for the life of another prisoner. Following your visit to this Holy Monastery, you will transfer to the village of Swinice Warckie. In Swinice Warckie, you will visit the church of St. Casimir. This historically rich parish is the site of baptism for St. Faustina (*formally known as, Helena Kowalska*). Little Helena received her first confession, and First Holy Communion, at this parish. Additionally, she and her family attended Sunday Mass and other services at this church. After visiting this simple, yet elegant church, you will continue your transfer to Czestochowa (*approximately two and a half hours*). Upon arrival in Czestochowa, you will check-in to your hotel, enjoy a magnificent dinner, and a restful overnight.

Day 5 SATURDAY JUNE 11 Czestochowa - Wadowice – Zakopane

Today, you will awake in the home of the grandest pilgrimage shrine of Poland since the 14th century! You will begin your day with breakfast and Mass at Jasna Gora Monastery. This hill-top monastery is home to the beloved icon of the Black Madonna. Additionally, St. John Paul II is said to have made frequent visits to this monastery throughout his life. Tradition tells us that this icon was painted by Luke the Evangelist, discovered by St. Helen, and later enshrined. While here, you will have the opportunity to venerate not only the Holy Icon, but also many other priceless treasures that are contained within. Following your prayerful visit to the Chapel of the Black Madonna, you will continue on to Warsaw (*approximately two hours*), the birthplace of Karol Wojtyla (St. John Paul II). While in the small city of Wadowice, you will have the opportunity to visit the church of where this beloved Saint was baptized, and attended Mass as a child. Following this historically captivating experience, you will continue your transfer to the resort village of Zakopane (*approximately one hour and forty minutes*). Upon arrival in Zakopane, you will enjoy dinner at your hotel before resting up for the next day of activities.

Day 6 SUNDAY JUNE 12TH Zakopane – Krakow

Today you will awake in the breathtaking, yet small and remote village of Zakopane! After breakfast, you will take a cable car ride to the nearby mountaintop. At the top, you will truly experience God's magnificent Glory when you look out at the magnificent panoramic view. Following the many photos captured atop the mountain, your group will head to the Jaszczorowka Chapel. This architecturally distinct chapel was visited many times by the young, Karol Wojtyla (*St. John Paul II*). As a young boy, Karol Wojtyla often used the walking paths surrounding the Jaszczorowka Chapel for much prayer and reflection. After you experience this beautiful site that assisted in St. John Paul II's Holy journey, you will continue your tour to the colorful, Krupowki Street. While on this street, you will have the opportunity to do some shopping at the local bazaar before transferring to Krakow. On the way to Krakow, your group will stop at the Wieliczka Salt Mines (*approximately one hour and forty minutes*), where you will find magnificent chapels and religious sculptures that are carved in salt. Following this interesting visit, you will continue on to Krakow

(approximately twenty-five minutes). Upon arrival in Krakow, you will enjoy a beautiful dinner and an optional stroll through the old city before retiring for the evening.

Day 7 MONDAY JUNE 13TH Krakow - Auschwitz - Krakow

After breakfast, you will explore Krakow's Market Square as the sound of the silver trumpet from St. Mary's Tower fills the air. The captivating beauty of this square is largely due to the fact that it has remained unchanged for almost 700 years. It contains a number of buildings that hold important historic value such as, the Town Hall Tower, the Cloth Hall, and the Burgher's houses. Following your time in this longstanding square, you will make your way to Wawel Hill, where you will visit the beautiful Cathedral, and Coronation Chapel. These are among the most important sites in Poland as the Cathedral has been the coronation site of the Polish monarchs and has held numerous pieces of Gothic, Renaissance, Baroque, Classicist and Modern art. Also at this site, you will have the opportunity to pray at the tomb of the patron saint of Poland, St. Stanislaus. Your tour continues with a transfer to Auschwitz *(approximately one hour)*. Auschwitz is notoriously known as a Nazi concentration camp during the Second World War. Upon arriving at the former camp, you can feel the darkness and sorrow that overtakes the atmosphere as there were numerous unspeakable atrocities that occurred at this site. Additionally, while on this visit, you will have the opportunity to view the cell that imprisoned the Christ-like, St. Maximilian Kolbe, and visit the Martyrdom Museum. After this reflective day, you will return to your hotel in Krakow for dinner and a restful overnight.

Day 8 TUESDAY JUNE 14TH Krakow - Divine Mercy - Lagiewniki - Krakow

On your last day of touring, you will depart for your excursion to Lagiewniki, the capital of the Divine Mercy *(approximately three hours)*. Through the mediation of St. Faustina, Christ passed on the message of Divine Mercy at Lagiewniki. While here, you will have the opportunity to visit the Shrine of Divine Mercy that contains images of the Merciful Jesus, relics of St. Faustina, as well as, the Saint's convent chapel and her Tomb. Also, you will visit and celebrate Mass at the Shrine of Divinity, which was recently visited by St. John Paul II in 2002. Following Mass, you will pray by a relic of St. John Paul II before returning to Krakow for dinner and overnight.

Day 9 WEDNESDAY JUNE 15TH Krakow - Prague

After breakfast we depart for our scenic motorcoach ride to the enchanting city of Prague, a city of domed rooftops, soaring steeples, and countless spires. Dinner and overnight.

Day 10 THURSDAY JUNE 16TH Prague

After breakfast, we begin our tour of beautiful Prague. We will celebrate Mass at the Church of Our Lady Victorious and see there the renowned statue of the Infant Jesus of Prague. We visit Old Town by way of Golden Lane and then go to the Lesser Town to see the medieval Charles Bridge that is adorned with many baroque statues. We will also see St. Nicholas Church, the Astronomic Clock, and the Prague Castle district where we tour St. Vitus Cathedral, St. George Basilica, Loreto Church, Strahov Monastery, and Wenceslas Square. Dinner and overnight.

Day 11 FRIDAY JUNE 17TH Prague - Altotting - Salzburg

Leave Prague for Altotting, one of Germany's most celebrated shrines. It is the national shrine of Bavaria dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is known for the many healings which are said to have taken place there, and is commonly called the Lourdes of Germany. The chapel houses a 13th century statue of the Blessed Virgin to which numerous miraculous cures are credited. While there, we have the opportunity to visit the Basilica, the Panorama of the Crucifixion and St. Konrad's Monastery. Continue to Salzburg, the lovely birthplace of Mozart, Salzburg the city of great houses, mansions,

Festival Hall, and the Mirabelle Gardens. Hear the bells of the great Glockenspiel Tower, performed to a melody of Mozart's. Dinner and overnight in Salzburg.

Day 12 SATURDAY JUNE 18TH Salzburg

After breakfast, our full day tour begins with Mass at St. Peter's Churchyard. Salzburg is compact and best explored on foot. Narrow, winding lanes and secluded passageways are evidence of its medieval roots. The heritage of the Catholic Church is evident in the Archbishop's Residence and the decoration of the State Rooms, available for viewing. Visit the mighty Romanesque Cathedral, the Nonnberg Convent of Benedictine nuns, and the Fortress Hohensalzburg. We stop at Hellbrunn Palace to enjoy its gardens and hidden trick fountains. Dinner and overnight.

Day 13 SUNDAY JUNE 19TH Salzburg - Mariazell – Vienna

After breakfast, we motor east through Austria to Mariazell, the most important pilgrimage places in Austria. We will stop and see the miraculous statue, which is housed in the Lady Chapel or Chapel of Miracles, built directly over the place where Magnus established his monastic cell in 1157. We continue onto to Vienna, Austria's capital. Dinner and overnight.

Day 14 MONDAY JUNE 20TH Vienna

After breakfast we will enjoy a sightseeing of Vienna, home of Strauss and Mozart and one of the most beautiful cities in the world. We see the spectacular St. Stephen's cathedral, where we celebrate Mass. At St. Stephen's, we'll see the miraculous image of Our Lady of Mariapocs, tour the Cathedral and its catacombs, and those strong and brave may climb the 343 steps to the top of the Cathedral spire. Visit of the Schonbrunn Royal palace and summer house with 1,441 rooms including a Hall of Mirrors where Mozart performed at the age of six before a young Marie Antoinette. View of the Belvedere palace well known by its beautiful gardens. Back in the city center, we go to Karlsplatz with its Church of St. Charles Borromeo and Otto Wagner's Stadtbahn pavilions. Somewhere along the way we will have a little coffee break to enjoy the famous Vienna pastries such as Sacher cake. Dinner and overnight in Vienna.

Day 15 TUESDAY JUNE 21ST Vienna - Budapest

After breakfast, we depart for Budapest., often compared with Paris, this glamorous city has something to offer every visitor. Enjoy free time to explore Budapest or rest before dinner and a restful overnight.

Day 16 WEDNESDAY JUNE 22ND Budapest

After breakfast, we will tour the older section of the city. After celebrating Mass at the 13th-century Cathedral of St. Matthew, we will see the Citadel on Mount Gellert, the Royal Castle, Fisherman's Bastion, the Parliament, Heroes' Square, and the Church of St. Stephen. Dinner and overnight.

Day 17 THURSDAY JUNE 23RD Budapest – Home

Transfer to the airport for our flight home. Our pilgrimage to Poland, Prague, Germany, Austria & Budapest has come to an end, but our faith is deepened and the cherished memories will remain with us forever.

INCLUDED IN THE PRICE

- Return Airfare from Departure point to WARSAW / BUDAPEST/ HOME (including air transportation taxes)

- Private deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach.
 - Accommodation in 3***Superior / 4**** Hotel accommodations.
 - BREAKFAST & DINNER DAILY. (bottled water and wine at dinners)
 - English speaking Catholic Tour Escort all along the Pilgrimage.
 - Entrance fees to all sites as per itinerary.
 - Baggage Handling at the Hotels (1 piece of luggage per person)
 - Hotel taxes, Hotel tips.
 - Tips to Driver and Guide
 - Holy Mass daily
- PILGRIMAGE SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR - FR. PIUS SCHROH (from St. Pauls Co-Cathedral, Saskatoon, SK)**

EXCLUDED FROM THE PRICE

- Lunches
- Cancellation, Medical Insurance (Contact us for rates)
- Love offering for our Priest /Spiritual Director collected at end of pilgrimage.
- Personal extras.
- All what is not specifically mentioned in the paragraph "Included in the price."

**** YOU WILL NEED A VALID CURRENT PASSPORT. Passport must be valid for at least six months beyond return date. ****

COST

\$5985.00 CDN. PER PERSON (Double Occupancy)

DEPARTURES FROM: VANCOUVER, VICTORIA

\$5935.00 CDN. PER PERSON (Double Occupancy)

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** Single Room Supplement - \$1150. CDN.

A deposit of \$500.00 is due at the time of Booking. Balance is due by April 20, 2016
 Seats are limited, so please book early.

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