

**GEORGE'S**  
INTERNATIONAL TOURS



# **PILGRIMAGE TO IRELAND**

**April 17-26, 2024**

Escorted by

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*Saint Katharine Drexel Parish*



## ITINERARY

### Day 1 - April 17: Depart USA

Our tour begins today as we depart on our overnight flight to Ireland. Meals and drinks served aloft.



### Day 2 - April 18: Arrive Dublin

Upon arrival in Dublin, we will be met by our local Irish tour manager, who will remain with us for the duration of our pilgrimage. We proceed into Dublin proper, the vibrant capital of Ireland, with a romantic aura of Old-World Europe, for a half-day tour. Beginning at the church of Our Lady of Lourdes, we venerate the tomb of Venerable Matt Talbot, 20<sup>th</sup> century commoner known for overcoming his alcoholism through the power of faith. We continue to St. Mary's Pro Cathedral – the Catholic Cathedral of Dublin. Our final stop before checking into our hotel will be at Trinity College to see the famous Book of Kells, the 9<sup>th</sup> century illuminated manuscript of the four Gospels.



### Day 3 - April 19: Dublin / Glendalough / Dublin

This morning we will take an excursion to Glendalough. Tucked away in the Wicklow Mountains, Glendalough was established by St. Kevin in the 6th century. This most romantic of monastic sites was one of Ireland's greatest pilgrimage centers up to the middle of the 19th century. After Mass we will return to Dublin and visit Christchurch Cathedral, St. Patrick's Cathedral and the Guinness

Storehouse where we will enjoy a pint of Ireland's favorite beer!

### Day 4 - April 20: Dublin / Clonmacnoise / Galway

Depart Dublin this morning for the early Christian monastery of Clonmacnoise, founded by St. Ciaran on the banks of the River Shannon. Here we have the opportunity to explore the ruins, including the cathedral, two round towers, and numerous churches. We can take time to examine the various crosses and medieval writings, along with the largest collection of Early Christian grave slabs in Western Europe, before continuing to Galway where we will visit the Spanish Arch, the Quays, the Collegiate Church of St. Nicolas and the Cathedral of St. Nicholas. Overnight in Galway.



### Day 5 - April 21: Galway / Knock

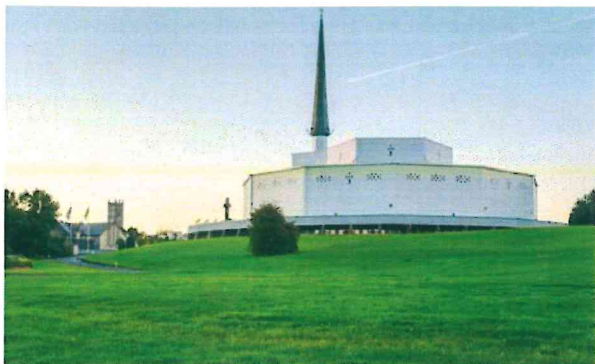
This morning we will depart Galway and drive through Connemara, an area of outstanding scenic grandeur. There is a brooding sense of Ireland's ancient culture and traditions in this haunted and mystical area where Gaelic is still the everyday language. Continuing on, visit Kylemore Abbey, a castellated neo-Gothic mansion, occupied today by the Irish Benedictine community of nuns who came from Ypres after World War I. Then proceed to the village of Murrisk located at the foot of the holy mountain of Croagh Patrick on whose summit Saint Patrick fasted for forty days in 441 AD. After hearing the story of St. Patrick we will see the National Famine Memorial which commemorates the Great Famine of the 1840s. Then continue on to Knock, where 14 people saw a vision of Our Lady with St. Joseph and St. John the Evangelist in 1879.

### Day 6 - April 22: Knock / Donegal

This morning we celebrate Mass in the magnificent Basilica next to the original church where our Blessed Mother appeared in 1879 and where Pope John Paul II



announced that the Church would be known as the Basilica of Our Lady, Queen of Ireland. After spending the morning at Knock we will drive to Donegal, one of Ireland's most attractive counties, for overnight.



#### **Day 7 - April 23: Donegal**

Today we will visit the Franciscan Friary at Rossnowlagh, the fishing village of Killybegs and Glencolmcille which was named after St. Columba where we will visit the folk village and see the famous decorated stone slabs which mark one of Ireland's oldest pilgrimage routes.



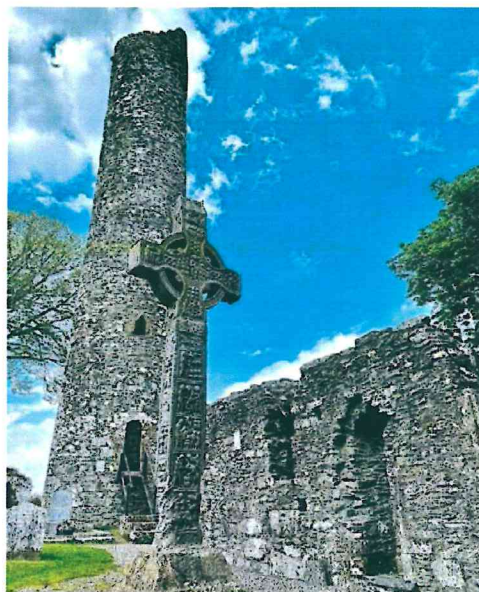
#### **Day 8 - April 24: Donegal**

This morning we will visit Donegal Castle and Abbey. Then drive via Letterkenny to Lough Derg, a renowned pilgrimage place, where St. Patrick had the vision of purgatory which is believed to have influenced Dante. Here we will take a boat trip around island, tour the visitor center and celebrate Mass in St. Brigid's Chapel on the lake shore. Return to Donegal for overnight.

#### **Day 9 - April 25: Donegal / Dublin**

We leave Donegal this morning and travel to south to Monasterboice, famous for its sculptured Celtic crosses and round towers, and then on to Drogheda to visit St. Peter's Catholic Church containing the embalmed head of Oliver Plunkett, an archbishop martyred in 1681. Continue to Newgrange, the pre-historical burial site of the High Kings of Ireland and then to the Hill of Slane where St. Patrick is said to have lit an Easter fire as a challenge to

the pagan High King of Tara. Then return to Dublin where we will spend our last night in Ireland.



#### **Day 10 - April 26: Dublin / USA**

Following breakfast transfer to the airport to catch our return flight home.

#### **TOUR COST**

**\$4,198.00**

*per person based upon double occupancy*

*For single occupancy please add \$958.00.*

#### **This price includes:**

- ✘ Roundtrip motorcoach from Mechanicsburg to Washington Dulles Airport
- ✘ Roundtrip airfare from Washington Dulles
- ✘ Airline taxes/fuel surcharges as currently levied
- ✘ Accommodation for 8 nights
- ✘ All hotel taxes and service charges
- ✘ Breakfast and dinner daily
- ✘ Arrival and departure transfers
- ✘ Baggage handling at hotels
- ✘ Land travel by deluxe motorcoach
- ✘ Comprehensive sightseeing with a professional local guide
- ✘ All entrance fees as per itinerary
- ✘ Daily Mass

*Gratuities to the guide, driver and hotel/restaurant staff are an additional \$150.00 per person and will be included on your invoice.*



## GENERAL INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS

**Reservations and Payment:** Please complete the attached Reservation Application and return it with your deposit of \$300.00 per person at the time of booking. Final payment is due 65 days prior to departure.

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**Tour Cost:** All quoted prices are based upon airfares, tariffs and currency exchange rates at the time of printing and are subject to change at any time. Should the minimum number of 20 tour members not be reached, the right is reserved to increase the tour cost accordingly.

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**Air Transportation:** Airfare is in economy class on United Airlines (or any other IATA carrier). Fares are based upon levels in effect at the time of printing and fares/flight schedules are subject to change without notice.

**Hotels:** Accommodations are based on double occupancy rooms. A limited number of single rooms are available at the supplement quoted, and should be requested at the time of booking.

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**Not Included:** Gratuities (\$150.00 per person will be included on your invoice), COVID-19 testing (if required), passport and/or individual visa fees, personal travel insurance, laundry, beverages and items not on the regular menu of the included meals, additional baggage in excess of airport allowance, optional sightseeing tours, and all expenses of a purely personal nature.

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