Walking in the Footsteps of Jesus
~ A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land ~

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Dear Friends and Pilgrims,

The Holy Land is sometimes called the “Living Bible,” since getting to know the land where Jesus lived and preached helps us to understand his teachings more clearly, to know and love him more intimately, and to follow him more faithfully.

For centuries, Christians have traveled to the Holy Land to see the sites where Jesus was born and lived, taught and healed, suffered, died, and rose again. They have visited the places where his followers received the Holy Spirit, preached, healed, and established the first churches.

Now imagine yourself walking in the footsteps of Jesus, from Nazareth and the other villages of Galilee, to Jerusalem and the surrounding region of Judea. Imagine yourself retracing the steps of Peter and Mary and the other disciples.

We invite you to join us on a 14-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land in May 2011. Together, we will visit many of the sites that we hear about in the Sacred Scriptures. We will have many opportunities to read and reflect on the Bible, and to pray and celebrate Mass daily at many sacred sites associated with Jesus’ life.

The first week of our pilgrimage will be centered in Tiberias, on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. During the second week, we will stay in a hotel right inside the Old City of Jerusalem. We will have plenty of time for personal prayer, biblical reflection, conversation, dining, and shopping. We will also meet some people whose families have lived in the Holy Land for thousands of years.

Space on this pilgrimage is limited, so please sign up soon! We hope you will join us in exploring the land of Jesus, reflecting on the Word of God, and renewing our lives of faith.

Yours in Christ,

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Mary, the Mother of Jesus, visited Elizabeth, her cousin, following the news that Mary was with child by the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:39-56). We continue on and stop at Shepherds’ Field (Luke 2:8-20).

Next, we visit Bethlehem, beginning at Manger Square which stands in front of one of the oldest Christian churches, the Church of the Nativity. Bending low, we enter the Church and descend into the Grotto of the Nativity. Beneath the altar is a 14-pointed silver star, surrounded by the Latin inscription: HIC DE VIRGINE MARIA JESUS CHRISTUS NATUS (Here Jesus Christ was born to the Virgin Mary). Here we celebrate Mass.

We enjoy lunch, prepared by the students at Bethlehem University, where we will have an opportunity to interact with Palestinian students and professors and hear of their dreams and hopes for the future. There is time for shopping before returning to Jerusalem. Dinner and the evening are at our accommodations. (B, L, D)

TUE, MAY 24, DAY 9: JERUSALEM: EXCURSION TO JERICHO, QUMRAN, DEAD SEA & BETHANY: Today we travel down to the Jordan Valley and the city of Jericho, which Jesus also visited with His disciples (Mark 10:46-52). Here we view the remains of the ancient walled city, one of the oldest cities in the world. We continue with a visit to the ruins of the Essene Monastery at Qumran, where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found. We stop at the Dead Sea for an optional swim (bring your swimsuit and flip flops, since this is a very rocky beach). A final stop in Bethany gives us an opportunity to visit the traditional tomb of Lazarus (John 11), where we celebrate Mass. We return to Jerusalem for dinner and the evening. (B, D)

WED, MAY 25, DAY 10: JERUSALEM: WESTERN WALL, OLD CITY & DEAD SEA SCROLLS: Today, our first stop is at the Western Wall of the ancient Temple, which was destroyed in AD 70. This is the most sacred place for Jews and a place of prayer. From there we visit the Church of St. Anne and the Pool of Bethesda, where Jesus healed a paralytic (John 5), and the Shrine at the Ecce Homo Arch, the site of the scourging of Jesus (Matt 27:26-31), where we celebrate Mass.

After lunch, we visit the Shrine of the Book, the museum where the Dead Sea Scrolls are kept, to learn about their importance in understanding Jewish thinking and life at the time of Jesus. We return to our hotel for dinner and the evening. (B, D)

THU, MAY 26, DAY 11: JERUSALEM: MT. OF OLIVET, GETHSEMANE & MT. ZION: Today begins with a trip to the Mount of Olives to celebrate Mass in a beautiful little church called Dominus Flevit ("Our Lord wept"), which commemorates the time when Jesus wept over Jerusalem prior to his death (Luke 19:41). We then walk down the Mount of Olives to the Garden of Gethsemane, visit the garden and the Church of All Nations located there.

Next, we visit Mt. Zion and the Church of the Dormition of our Lady and, next door, the Upper Room—the place of the Last Supper, the appearances of the risen Jesus, and the Pentecost (Acts 2). Then we make our way to the Palace of Cæphas, where Jesus was interrogated by the High Priest (Matt 26:57) a site known today as St. Peter in Gallicantu ("crowing rooster").

We return to the hotel for dinner. In the evening we go back to the Garden of Gethsemane for prayer and meditation at the site where Jesus spent his last few moments before he was arrested and taken to be crucified. (B, D)

FRI, MAY 27, DAY 12: JERUSALEM: VIA DOLOROSA, HOLY SEPULCHRE & OLD CITY: We begin the morning early as we gather at the Antonia Palace to walk the Via Dolorosa, the Way of the Cross (Luke 23:26-32). Following the Via Dolorosa, we return to the hotel for breakfast and orientation. After breakfast, we return to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre for Mass and a tour of Calvary and the Tomb of Jesus. Much history is connected with these sites, as will be explained by our guide. Following the visit to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre, pilgrims are free to walk through the Old City and return at their leisure to our hotel in the Old City. Dinner is at a local restaurant at the Ambassador Hotel. (B, D)

SAT, MAY 28, DAY 13: JERUSALEM / EMMAUS / CAESAREA MARITIME / JOPPA / TEL AVIV: This morning we visit Emmaus to celebrate the Mass of the Resurrection. It was on the road to Emmaus that Jesus appeared to his disciples following his resurrection and revealed himself in the breaking of the bread (Luke 24:13-35). We will have time for lunch on our own.

From here we make our way to Caesarea Maritime to view the Roman aqueduct and the remains of the ancient theatre. We continue on to Joppa where Peter lodged with Simon the Tanner, and during his stay, raised Tabitha from the dead (Acts 9–10). In Joppa, Peter also received a vision that led him to respond to Cornelius’ invitation to come to Caesarea—the very vision which led to the decision to open Christianity to the Gentiles. We enjoy dinner at a local restaurant before proceeding to the airport in Tel Aviv to check-in for our return flight to the USA. (B, D)

SUN, MAY 29, DAY 14: RETURN TO USA: We arrive in Los Angeles this morning filled with memories of our life-changing pilgrimage to the Holy Land.

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