

Pilgrimage to *Ireland*

In the Footsteps of St. Patrick,
with Father Michal Rosa

April 18 – 28, 2024

Embark on this transformative pilgrimage to Ireland and experience a spiritual journey that will connect you with the country's rich religious heritage and breathtaking landscapes.

From the ancient monastic sites and medieval towns, to the awe-inspiring Cliffs of Moher and the tranquil Kylemore Abbey, you'll discover the profound beauty and serenity of Ireland while strengthening your spiritual connection with God.

++ 11 day pilgrimage

++ Beautiful scenery

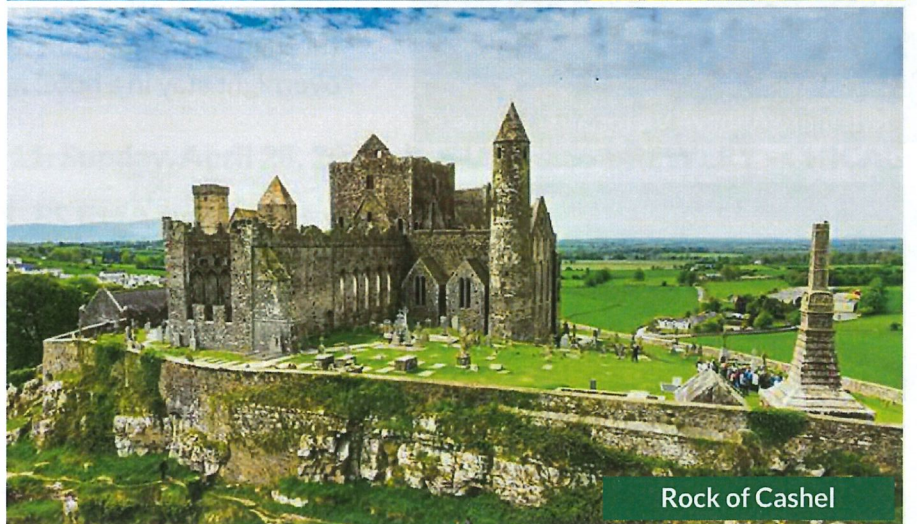
++ Spiritual enrichment including daily Mass and stops at many holy and sacred locations



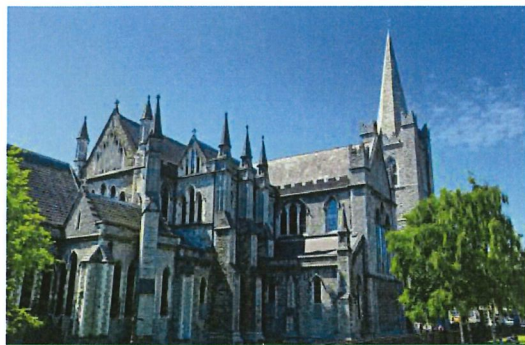
Wicklow Mountains



Cliffs of Moher



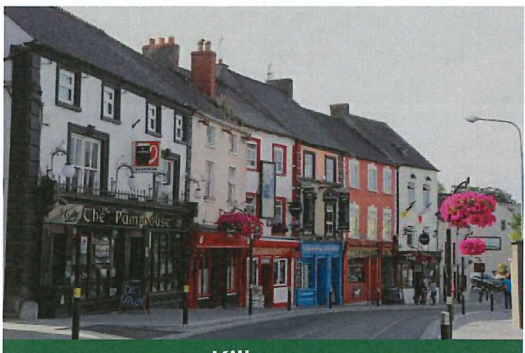
Rock of Cashel



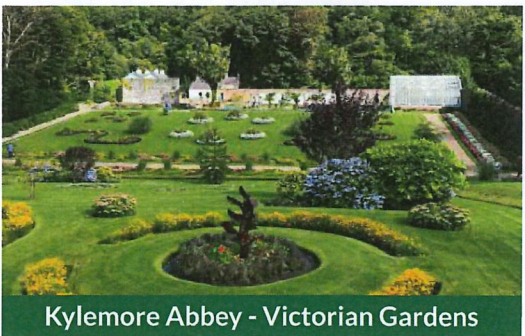
St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin



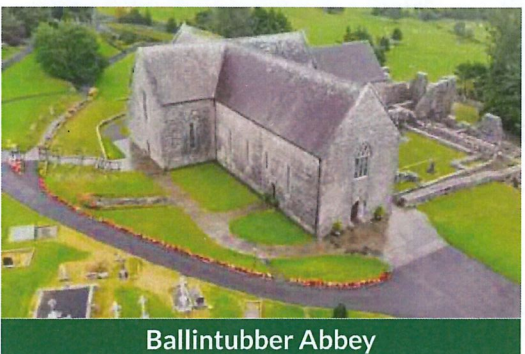
Glendalough Abbey - St. Kevin's Church



Kilkenny



Kylemore Abbey - Victorian Gardens



Ballintubber Abbey

Day 1: Thursday, April 18, 2024 || EFFINGHAM – CHICAGO

Mass at noon at Sacred Heart Church in Effingham. Following Mass, we will enjoy a quick lunch and then board a bus to Chicago. Dinner on your own at the airport. Depart from Chicago's O'Hare Airport at 8:55pm.

Day 2: Friday, April 19, 2024 || CHICAGO – DUBLIN

Arrive at 10:35AM in Dublin. Enjoy an afternoon panoramic tour of the city, visiting the 12th-century St. Patrick's Cathedral, the largest church in Ireland. Then check in at hotel, dinner, and overnight stay.

Day 3: Saturday, April 20, 2024 || WICKLOW MOUNTAINS – KILKENNY

After breakfast, travel south to the picturesque Wicklow Mountains, to the Glendalough Abbey – touring the remains of the medieval monastery (including St. Kevin's Church, the stone round tower). It is one of the most significant Christian abbeys in Ireland, founded by St. Kevin in the 6th century. Then, travel to Kilkenny, Ireland's smallest city, one of the country's most beautiful medieval towns. City walk, visit to Kilkenny Castle. Dinner and overnight stay in a hotel near Kilkenny.

Day 4: Sunday, April 21, 2024 || CASHEL – CLIFFS OF MOHER

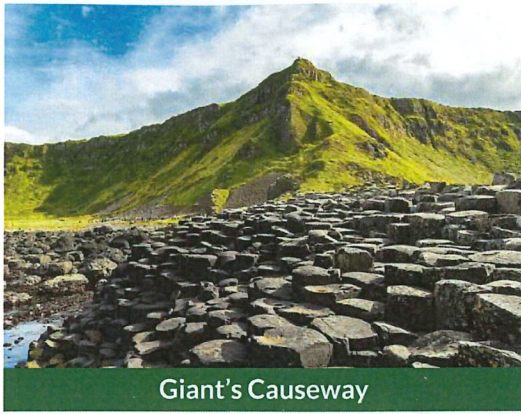
After breakfast, travel to Cashel – sightseeing of the complex of medieval sacral and defensive structures. On the site of the Rock of Cashel is the original St. Patrick's Cross. Journey westward, visiting Bunratty Castle and the Bunratty Folk Park open-air museum. Then, travel to the Atlantic coast to admire the spectacular 200-meter-high Cliffs of Moher. Dinner and overnight stay in a hotel in the vicinity of Galway – the city known as the capital of Celtic Ireland.

Day 5: Monday, April 22, 2024 || KYLEMORE ABBEY - KNOCK

After breakfast, travel through the scenic Connemara region to Kylemore Abbey – touring the oldest Benedictine abbey in Ireland. Near the abbey is a charming Gothic church, referred to as a "miniature cathedral". Walk through the Victorian Gardens. Then, travel to Knock. Dinner and overnight stay in a hotel near Knock.

Day 6: Tuesday, April 23, 2024 || NATIONAL SHRINE OF THE IRISH - BALLINTUBBER ABBEY

After breakfast, visit the national shrine of the Irish, regarded as one of the most important Marian shrines in the world, where in 1879 the Marian Apparitions took place. Holy Mass. Sanctuary tour. In the afternoon, visit Ballintubber Abbey which was founded by the King of Connacht in the 5th century, dedicated to St. Patrick, and where Mass has been said for the past 750 years. Dinner and overnight in Knock.



Giant's Causeway

Day 7: Wednesday, April 24, 2024 || LONDONDERRY - GIANT'S CAUSEWAY

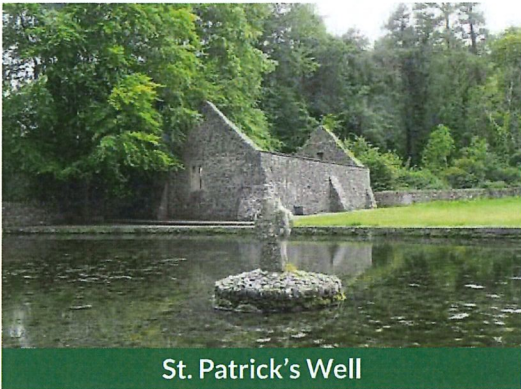
After breakfast, head north, visit the Belleek Pottery center. Journey to Northern Ireland, with a brief stop in Londonderry. Then, travel to the coast to marvel at the Giant's Causeway, formed by tens of thousands of hexagonal basalt columns descending into the sea. Dinner and overnight stay in a hotel in the Belfast area.



Belfast

Day 8: Thursday, April 25, 2024 || BELFAST - ST. PATRICK'S WELL - ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

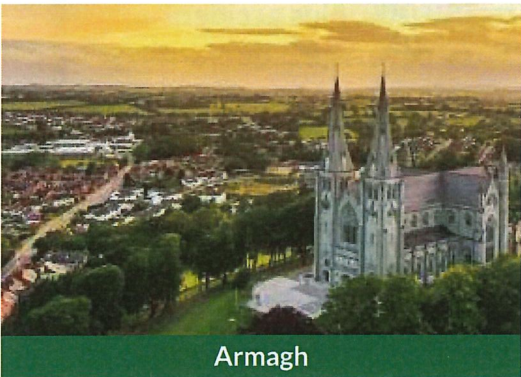
Breakfast followed by a brief tour of Belfast: the Belfast City Hall, Belfast Castle, Stormont – seat of the Northern Ireland government, and West Belfast – the famous district of riots with the Peace Line dividing Belfast into Catholic and Protestant parts. Continue to Downpatrick, a place associated with the patron saint of Ireland. We will see the hill called Saul, where, according to tradition, the first conversion by the saint took place. Next, visit Struell Wells, where the famous St. Patrick's well is located. Followed by a tour of St. Patrick's Cathedral, next to which, according to tradition, St. Patrick, St. Brigid, and St. Columban are buried. Holy Mass. Dinner and overnight stay in a hotel in the Belfast area.



St. Patrick's Well

Day 9: Friday, April 26, 2024 || ARMAGH - DUBLIN

After breakfast, travel to Armagh – the city chosen by St. Patrick as his episcopal seat, from where he made missionary journeys across the entire Green Island. Holy Mass. Touring the two cathedrals dedicated to St. Patrick and St. Patrick's Fold, the site of the first church in Armagh. Travel back to Dublin, en route visiting the neolithic corridor tombs, older than the Egyptian pyramids, located near Knowth and Newgrange (dependent on availability). Dinner and overnight stay in a hotel in the Dublin area.



Armagh

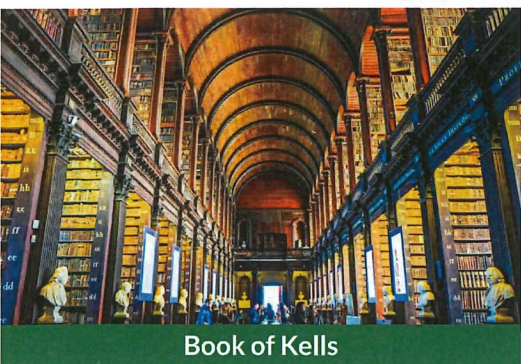
Day 10: Saturday, April 27, 2024 || DUBLIN

Breakfast. Holy Mass. Tour of Dublin: Christ Church Cathedral, Trinity College including "The Book of Kells" and Phoenix Park. Free time and return to hotel in late afternoon. Dinner and overnight stay.

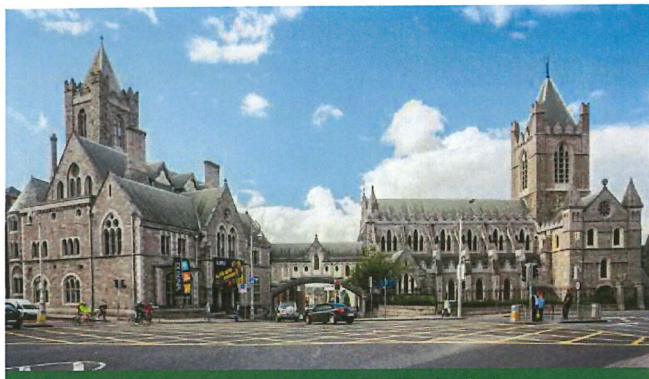
Day 11: Sunday, April 28, 2024 || GUINNESS BREWERY - CHICAGO

After breakfast, visit the Guinness Brewery. Then transfer to Dublin Airport, check-in, and return flight to Chicago at 4:40pm.

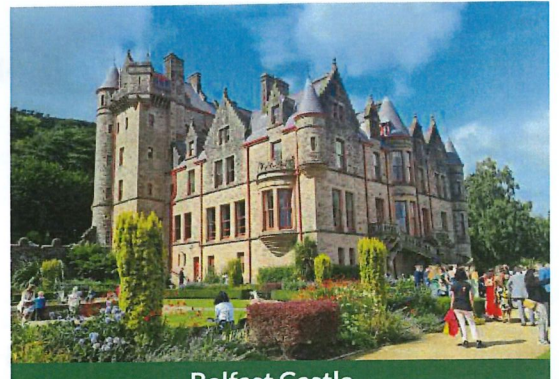
Arrive at Chicago's O'Hare Airport at 7:05pm on Sunday, April 28. Travel by bus back to Effingham, arriving before midnight.



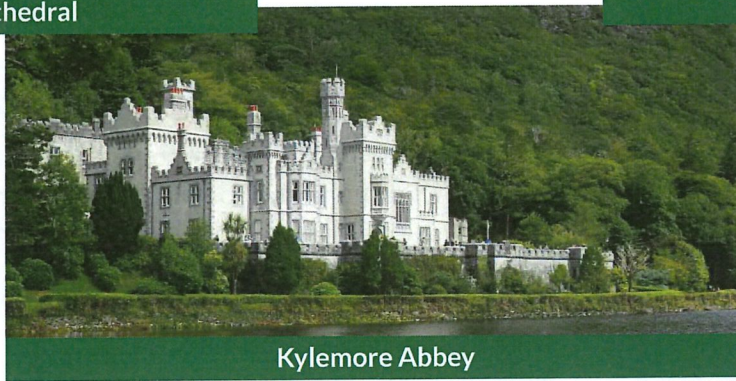
Book of Kells



Christ Church Cathedral



Belfast Castle



Kylemore Abbey

PRICING
\$4,900/person
for a double room

+\$950 single supplement
if you prefer a single room

PRICE INCLUDES:

- Flight tickets
- Baggage 50 lb + 17 lb of hand baggage
- Travel by bus to/from airport and to destinations
- Accommodation in 3-4 star hotels
- Local English-speaking tour guides
- Daily breakfast and dinner
- Tickets for all destinations
- Health insurance up to \$30,000, plus accident insurance and COVID-19 coverage if quarantine is needed while in Ireland

Non-refundable down payment - \$1,000 due with reservation

Second payment - \$2,000 paid by December 31, 2023

Last payment – remaining balance (\$1,900 or more) paid by January 31, 2024

Checks payable to Sacred Heart Parish – Memo: Ireland

If you need to cancel for any reason, please contact the Sacred Heart Parish office ASAP.

A valid passport is required for traveling.

Only 35 spots available! First come, first serve.

Contact the Sacred Heart Parish office at 217-347-7177 to sign up for the trip.

Reservation Agreement

Pilgrimage to Ireland with TBP Travel Agency – Dates: April 18-28, 2024

Traveler Information (Please enter information exactly as it appears on your valid Passport – please use ALL CAPS)

Given Name	Surname	Gender
DOB	PSPT Cntry.	PSPT #
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Contact Information	Street	City
State	ZIP	
Email(s)	Phone(s)	
Emergency Contact #1	Name	Phone(s)
Emergency Contact #2	Name	Phone(s)
Room (check one ●)	<input type="radio"/> Double (1bed)	<input type="radio"/> Double (2beds)
	<input type="radio"/> Single (shared room) ¹	<input type="radio"/> Single (private room)

¹ Pay only the double cost by checking “Single(shared room)” to share accommodations with the roommate. In the circumstances that no roommates are available, you will be responsible for the single cost.

I am traveling with: Name Phone(s)

Cancellation insurance

Travel is one of life’s great joys, but even the most carefully planned trip can be complicated by unforeseen events. I want (select one●):

☐ Additional insurance in case of emergency prior to the trip that prevents you from going (+\$350) ☐ I don’t need additional insurance.

Deposit & Signature

Make checks payable to: Sacred Heart Parish. 405 S Henrietta St. Effingham, IL 62401 Memo: Ireland trip

Enrollment & payment constitutes your acceptance of the terms of service of this agreement. Due upon booking **\$1000/person**

I have read and understand the terms of service below and look forward to traveling with TBP. Full payment due on **January 31, 2024**

Signature

Date

Signature

Date

Terms of Service

Itineraries: Itineraries are prepared and scheduled in advance according to the best information available at the time and are subject to change by the date of the pilgrimage.

Pricing: TBP reserves the right to adjust pricing should the following occur; (1) Rise in Airfare due to higher fuel costs, etc. (2) Rise in ground costs due to increases in hotel charges, bus fares, fees, taxes and other costs due to the fluctuating value of the U.S. dollar against foreign currency.

Deposits and final Payments: A deposit of \$1000 per person is required to hold your reservation which is non-refundable. Final payment is due January 31, 2024. Payment can be made by cash or check.

Cancellation fees: If cancellation in writing is received by TBP more than 75 days prior to departure all payments made toward the price of the tour will be refunded, less a \$1000 processing fee. For cancellations received less than 75 days prior to departure, the initial deposit of \$1000 plus any applicable charges imposed by the airlines, hotels, and bus companies on TBP will be non-refundable. Please note that the amount may vary with each pilgrimage and the vendors we work with. TBP retains the right to cancel any pilgrimage up to the departure date in which case all funds received will be returned within 10 business days.

Baggage: Please follow the general rule of traveling light- If you cannot carry it do not bring it. Passengers are permitted one piece of luggage per person. Baggage handling is included for one suitcase per person only, whenever possible, in the cost of the pilgrimage. The airlines for international flights will not allow a suitcase exceeding 50 pounds (subject to change). If over 50 lbs., the fees can be costly. Every effort will be made to handle luggage carefully, however TBP will not assume any liability for lost or damaged luggage or items inside luggage carrier. (Travel insurance may apply)

Travel insurance: We provide travel insurance in amount in the itinerary. If you want to increase insurance coverage for personal accident/baggage insurance we recommend to buy additional insurance. TBP cannot accept responsibility for trip cancellations, or handling of baggage not under our control (If you don’t buy additional insurance).

Not Included: Gratuities, room service, laundry, telephone calls, and all personal expenses.

Liability: TBP and their employees, shareholders, officers, and directors do not own or operate any entity which is to or does provide goods or services for your pilgrimage including, for example, lodging facilities, transportation companies, local ground operators, including, without limitation, various entities which may utilize the TBP name, guides, sightseeing companies, entertainment, food or drink service providers, equipment suppliers, etc. As a result, TBP is not responsible for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any person or entity. In addition, TBP is not responsible for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any person or entity they do not own or control, nor for any act or inaction of any other third party not under their control. Without limitations TBP is not liable for any direct, indirect, consequential, or incidental damage, injury, death, loss, accident, delay, inconvenience or irregularity of any kind which may be occasioned by reason of any act or omission beyond their control, including, without limitation any willful or negligent act, failure to act, breach of contract or violation of local law or regulation of any third party such as an airline, train, hotel, bus, taxi, van, local ground handler or guide, whether or not it uses the TBP name, financial default or insolvency of any supplier which is to, or does supply any goods or services for this trip. Similarly, TBP is not responsible for any loss, injury, death or inconvenience due to delay or changes in schedule, overbooking of accommodation, default of any third party, attacks by animals, injury or death while on activities sponsored by lodging facilities or by other third parties, sickness, the lack of appropriate medical care, evacuation to same, if necessary, weather, strikes, acts of God or government, acts of terrorism, or the threat thereof, force majeure, war, quarantine, epidemics, or the threat thereof, criminal activity, or any other cause beyond its control. Should any of the persons listed in the tentative itinerary and schedule of speakers be unable to participate in this event, every effort will be made to secure a substitute. Regardless of the participation of persons listed in the tentative itinerary and schedule of speakers the pilgrimage tour will proceed as scheduled on the dates listed. By signing this form to participate in this pilgrimage tour, you agree that the terms of the cancellation penalty will be binding upon you regardless of whether persons listed in the tentative itinerary and schedule of speakers are able to participate. TBP will not be responsible for any loss incurred by traveler, including lost days of the scheduled tour, due to a cancelled flight or other means and modes of transportation. Please investigate purchasing travel insurance as recommended, to cover any type of loss associated with cancelled air or other transportation.