St. Paul Diocese, Alberta Holy Land Pilgrimage

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Day 01 Feb 25 Toronto - Tel Aviv

Depart Lester B. Pearson airport to the Holy Land. Complimentary meals served on board.

Day 2 Feb 26 Arrive in Israel – Galilee Shalom! Arrive at Ben Gurion Airport where we will be met by our Israeli guide. Drive north along the Mediterranean Sea, on the old ancient route known as the Via Maris. Continue to our hotel in the Galilee for dinner and overnight.

Day 03 Feb 27 Nazareth – Cana - Mt. Tabor Following breakfast, drive to Nazareth and visit the Church of the Annunciation celebrating Mass where the "Word became Flesh". Drive to Cana where Jesus turned water into wine. Married couples may renew their vows. Ascend to the top of Mt. Tabor, site of the Transfiguration.of our Lord. Enjoy the panoramic view. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

Day 04 Feb 28 Mt. Arbel – Mt. of Beatitudes Boat ride on Sea of Gailee - Capernaum

Following breakfast, travel to Mt. Arbel to learn, on location, how topography and theology intertwine against the backdrop of Galilee where the figure of Jesus emerges as a compassionate man. Drive to the Mt. of Beatitudes where Jesus taught the Sermon on the Mount, the central expression of his teachings. Enjoy a boat ride on the Sea of Galilee where Jesus walked on the water and quieted the storm. Visit Capernaum, Jesus' "home town" where he called his disciples, taught about God's Kingdom and performed mighty works. Dinner/overnight in our hotel.

Day 05 Feb 29 Bethsaida - Tabgha - Primacy of Peter - Jordan River

Following breakfast, our day begins at Bethsaida, a fishing village on the Sea of Galilee and home of the disciples. Drive to Tel Hadar where Jesus fed the four thousand. Continue to Tabgha, recalling the feeding of 5000. After lunch visit the Primacy of Peter, the "Mensa Christi" where the Risen Jesus prepared a meal for his disciples. Celebrate Mass on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. Our day ends at the River where we will renew our Baptismal promises Dinner and overnight in our hotel.

Day 06 Mar 01 Jordan Valley – Jericho – Bethlehem

Following breakfast, drive south through the Jordan Valley, past Jericho, the oldest city in the world. Travel westward into the Judean Hills, reciting the Psalms of Ascent. Continue to Bethlehem; kneel at the place of the birth of Christ in the Grotto of the Nativity. Celebrate Mass in St. Jerome's Grotto. Time for shopping. Dinner and overnight in our hotel.

Day 07 Mar 02 Mt. Scopus – Pater Noster
Dominus Flevit – Gethsemane — Ein
Kerem – Church of Visitation - Yad Vashem
After breakfast, drive to the top of the Mount

Scopus and enjoy the magnificent view of Jerusalem, the jewel in God's crown, where old and new converge in ageless splendor. Travel to the Mt. of Olives and visit the places of Jesus' days in Jerusalem; Pater Noster Church where Jesus taught the Lord's Prayer, the "Palm Sunday Road" to the Dominus Flevit, where Jesus wept over the city. In Gethsemane, we will celebrate Mass at the Church of All Nations. Continue to the village of Ein Karem. Visit the Church of the Visitation where Mary proclaimed the Magnificat; and the Church of John the Baptist. Visit Yad Vashem, memorial to the victims of the Holocaust, a sober reminder of man's inhumanity to people. Dinner and overnight at our hotel.

Day 08 Mar 03 Wilderness of Judea Qumran - Masada - Ein Gedi

Following breakfast, drive to Mt. Zion and celebrate Mass at the Chapel of the Last Supper. View the Judean desert where Jesus spent 40 days. Continue into the Judean wilderness to the Dead Sea, the lowest spot on the earth's surface. At Masada, ascend to the summit by cable car. View the terrain and visit the magnificent excavations. Continue to the Dead Sea float on the Dead Sea. Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight

Day 09 Mar 04 Upper Room – Dormition St. Peter in Gallicantu – Bethseda Pool – Church of St. Anne – Ecce Homo – Via Dolorosa – Holy Sepulchcre – Western Wall

After breakfast, Drive to Mt. Zion and visit the Upper Room and Dormition Abbey where Mary "fell asleep". Continue to St. Peter in Gallicantu where Peter denied Jesus. From Lion/St. Stephen's Gate walk to t the Church of St. Anne and the Pool of Bethseda where Jesus cured a cripple. Continue to Ecce Homo, Sisters of Sion, and the Judgment Hall of Pilate. Walk along the Via Dolorosa to the Holy Sepulchre, the holiest Christian site where Jesus died and was raised to life by the power of God. Celebrate Mass. Walk through the Old City to the Western (Wailing) Wall. Return to our Jerusalem hotel for our farewell dinner and overnight.

Day 10 Mar 05 Jerusalem – Tel Aviv – Toronto

Lehitra'ot! Our journey comes to an end as we board our flight to Toronto with unforgettable memories to cherish, knowing we have walked in the footsteps of Jesus, Mary and the Apostles.