

2024-25



The Holy Land
The Amazing Pilgrimage!

Follow in the footsteps of *Christ!* An amazing and unforgettable Pilgrimage! Walk the real Way of the Cross! Sail the Sea of Galilee! Touch the Jordan Waters, The Rock of Agony and Calvary!! Immerse yourself in the Gospels, visiting sites like the **Annunciation in Nazareth**, the **Nativity in Bethlehem**, the **Last Supper, Calvary and the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem!** Scriptures come alive! A solid spiritual program complements the pilgrimage. **Caesarea, Haifa, Mt. Carmel, Cana, Capernaum, Tabgha, Mt. Tabor, Jericho, Dead Sea, Ein Karem, Emmaus and still so much more!!!** No words are good enough to describe this pilgrimage!! The Mass, Rosary, and Bible will never be the same!

2025 planned departures: Jan 6 - 17; Feb 17 - 28; Mar 3 - 14; Jun 16 - 27; Jul 1 - 11; Sep 1 - 12; Oct 12 - 23; Oct 2 - Nov 7; Nov 10 - 21, 2025



Marian Shrines or Carmelite Saints
(PORTUGAL, SPAIN & FRANCE)

Mater Dei invites to either our exclusive and popular "Shrines of Our Blessed Mother" pilgrimage, or our unique "Carmelite Pilgrimage".

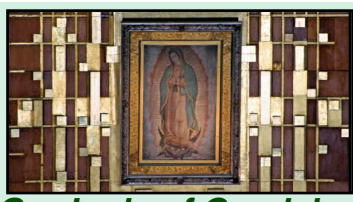
The Marian Shrines pilgrimage visits **El Pilar, Zaragoza, Spain; Sonsoles, Spain; Lourdes, France; Miraculous Medal, France!** This pilgrimage also visits **Santarem** site of the **Eucharistic Miracle**.

Both pilgrimages visit **Fatima, Portugal**, and also feature **Carmelite visits** to spiritual giants like **St. Teresa of Avila**, including **Alba de Tormes**, site of St. Teresa's death and resting place of her incorrupt body. Both trips visit **Avila** and its amazing medieval Walls, and the **Encarnacion Convent**, site of **transverberation of St. Teresa!** Also the **Convent of Santa Teresa de Jesus**, site of her birthplace). Both trips visit **Segovia**, with its imposing Alcazar Castle and massive Roman Aqueduct, and the **Convent of St. John of the Cross** (housing his incorrupt body).

The Carmelite pilgrimage additionally visits **Lisieux, France**, home of **St. Therese of Lisieux (Sainte Therese de l'Enfant Jesus)**, site of her home, the Carmel and her tomb. This pilgrimage also visits the **Normandy Beaches (Omaha Beach, D-Day Invasion sites and the American Cemetery)**.

Many of these places are **Patrimonies of Humanity!** Adore the **Blessed Sacrament** in a **Eucharistic Miracle** and pray before the remains of incorruptible saints as well as visionaries! Stay in accommodations in superb locations including the 16th century palace which once belonged to St. Teresa's mother's family (now a beautiful hotel).

Departures from Chicago: Trips are also available as a Land-Only version
Marian Shrines: March 3 - 14, 2025
Carmelite Saints: June 16 - 27, 2025



Our Lady of Guadalupe
(Mexico)

An inspirational Marian Pilgrimage visiting fascinating places where we learn about the early stages of our faith in the Americas. Experience the gorgeous colonial city of **Puebla**. Visit the **largest pyramid in the world in Cholula**. See **St. Michael's Miracle and Our Lady of Ocotlán**. Experience all the beautiful and cultural places of the western world's largest city, **Mexico City**, including the home of **St. Juan Diego**, the remains of **Blessed Miguel Pro**, **Ancient Teotihuacán** and of course, visit the **Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe**. See the only real image of Our Lady that is **Supernaturally created!**

Departs Denver & Chicago:
Sept. 14 - 21, 2024
Departs Chicago:
Nov. 16 - 23, 2024
Depart Chicago & Orlando:
February 7 - 14, 2025



Mater Dei returns to Italy! Each pilgrimage has different destinations, but all usually have **Assisi** and a top-notch visit of **Rome's treasures (and Vatican City!)** **Departures:**

October 21 - 31, 2024 (Minneapolis/St. Paul)
April 22 - May 3, 2025 (Chicago, O'Hare)
August 11 - 22, 2025 (Chicago, O'Hare)
October 20 - 27, 2025 (Chicago, O'Hare)
Oct. 27 - Nov. 7, 2025 (Minneapolis/St. Paul)

* Other departure cities may be available.

Shrines of France

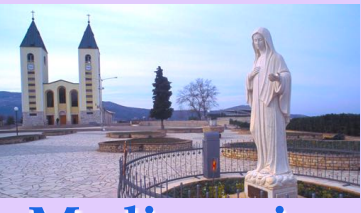
SPRING FOR 2025 Mater Dei returns to France for this unforgettable pilgrimage featuring **Lisieux (St. Therese), Normandy (Omaha Beach & American Cemetery), Mont Saint-Michel, Tours (St. Martin), Nevers (incorrupt St. Bernadette), Paray Le Monial (Sacred Heart, St. Margaret Mary), Ars (incorrupt St. John Vianney), Lourdes (Marian Apparitions), and also Paris (Rue de Bac: Marian Apparition, incorrupt St. Catherine Laboure, St. Vincent de Paul, Sacre Coeur Basilica, Louvre Museum, Cruise of the Seine River, and panoramic tours including Arch de Triomphe, Champs Elysees and Eiffel Tower and much more).** Departure: T.B.A.
April of 2025. See 2023's sample trip!



POLAND LITHUANIA
Join us on one of these amazing **Divine Mercy** pilgrimages following the lives of great Saints like **St. John Paul II, St. Maximilian Kolbe, St. Faustina Kowalska, Blessed Fr. Jerzy Popieluszko**, and many others! Immerse yourself in the story of the **Divine Mercy** by visiting the **Birthplace of St. Faustina** and also her **Baptismal Church**. Pray at the place where she first saw **Jesus of the Divine Mercy!** Pray a **Chaplet** where she entered the **Convent in Warsaw**, and also at the **Divine Mercy Shrine (site of the Tomb of St. Faustina)**. Pray before the original **Icon of Our Lady of Czestochowa** in **Jasna Gora!** Visit **Wadowice**, the birthplace of **St. John Paul III!** Visit **Auschwitz & Birkenau**, the former nazi concentration camps (place where **St. Maximilian Kolbe** and **St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross** were martyred). Learn about the life of **St. Maximilian Kolbe** at the **City of the Immaculata in Niepokalanow**. Visit the unique **Salt Mines of Wieliczka** with its underground Church. Tours of **Warsaw** and **Krakow** are included and much more! See for yourself why **St. John Paul II** loved his **Tatra Mountains** by visiting Poland's **Zakopane* Area (July)**.

* **July's pilgrimage** includes **Lithuania**, to witness the **original Painting of Divine Mercy**, the site of the **1st Chaplet**, the **Apparition of Our Lady of Siluva**, the famous **Hill of Crosses** and the icon of **Our Lady, Gate of the Dawn**.

July 1 - 12, 2024* (Chicago)
May 18 - 29, 2025 (Chicago) M.I.



Medjugorje + Dubrovnik or + Ireland
Join **Juan Landa, President of Mater Dei Tours**, on this wonderful pilgrimage to **Bosnia & Herzegovina**. One pilgrimage includes **Croatia**, visiting the pearl of the Adriatic Sea, **Dubrovnik**, and beautiful **Kravica Falls**. The second pilgrimage includes **Ireland (Our Lady fo Knock)**. The third one is only **Medjugorje**. Main purpose of our **Marian Pilgrimages** is to have a spiritual retreat at **Medjugorje**. The Vatican has cleared the way for **Catholic Pilgrimages** to visit **Medjugorje** and **Mater Dei** has answered the call. **Will you join us?** As with all the **Mater Dei** pilgrimages, a solid spiritual program accompanies the pilgrimage. Daily Mass, Daily Rosary, Daily Chaplet, Daily Meditations and Talks, and more. Answer the call! Come to **Medjugorje** with **Mater Dei!**
Depart Chicago: September 2 - 12, 2024
Depart Chicago: May 7 - 16, 2025
Depart Chicago: July 14 - 25, 2025

Ireland
Land of Martyrs & Saints
See for yourself the unique beauty and deep historical faith of Ireland by joining our **Emerald Faith!**

Ireland is an amazing pilgrimage destination for many reasons: **spectacular landscapes, rich with culture, history and a most unique Marian apparition**, where we go to greet **Our Lady of Knock**, give her thanks for her maternal protection. **Spectacular beauty awaits!** Departing from **Chicago & Minneapolis/St. Paul:**



July 15 - 26, 2024
October 7 - 18, 2024
May 7 - 16, 2025 (with Medjugorje)
June 30 - July 11, 2025

CAMINO DE SANTIAGO



Join us on this amazing and most unique pilgrimage following the footsteps of the **Apostle St. James the Greater, evangelizer of Spain, brother of St. John the Evangelist, son of Zebedee.** One of the most

spectacular journeys you'll ever experience! Our pilgrimage will be walking the famous **Camino de Santiago (The Way of St. James)** across **Spain**, the **second oldest pilgrimage route in Christendom**. The walk will also include the **last 100 kilometers (66 miles approximately)** of the itinerary on foot, required to obtain the **coveted pilgrimage certificate of The Camino**, given by the **Diocese of Santiago de Compostela.** * This program includes the **Marian Shrines of Lourdes, Torreciudad & El Pilar!**
Chaplain: Most Reverend Donald Hying, Bishop of Madison, WI

September 22 - October 4, 2025
Camino & Marian Shrines
Departure Cities: Chicago, IL, & Madison, WI



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