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Your Pilgrimage Includes:

- Round-trip airfare
- Airport taxes and fuel surcharges
- Accommodation at centrally located first class hotels as follows: (or similar)
 - 5 nights: May 05 10: Barcelo Reforma Hotel, Mexico City
- Optional Post Tour to Guanajuato and Guadalajara
 - o 2 nights: May 10 12: Hotel Indigo Guanajuato, an IHG Hotel, Guanajuato, Mexico
- 2 nights: May 12 14: Krystal Urban Guadalajara, Guadalajara, Mexico
- Breakfast and Dinner daily at your hotel or local restaurants
- Lunch every day at local restaurants (except on day of arrival/departure)

- Mineral water with dinners
- Free Wi-Fi at Hotels
- Transfers as per itinerary
- Transportation by air-conditioned motor coach
- Whisper headsets where needed
- Assistance of a professional local Catholic Guide
- Sightseeing and admissions fees as per itinerary
- Mass daily & Spiritual activities
- Luggage handling (1 piece per person)
- Flight bag & Digital confirmation of all travel documents

Sample Daily Itinerary

Day 1, Mon, May 05: Arrive in Mexico

This morning, make your way to your local airport for your flight(s) to Mexico City. You will begin your stay with the holy sacrifice of the Mass either at the hotel or a church, depending on the time of your arrival. Enjoy dinner with your fellow pilgrims and staying overnight at the hotel.

Day 2, Tue, May 06: Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe - Teotihuacan Today you will go to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Patroness of the Today you will go to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Patroness of the Americas. This Shrine was built in response to Our Lady's request to the apparition's seer, St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatoatzin. When St. Juan relayed her request to the bishop he asked for a sign. Our Lady provided St. Juan with culturally significant flowers that miraculously bloomed in the middle of winter on Tepeyac Hill. When the seer returned to the bishop with his cloak (tilma) full of flowers, he poured the flowers on the floor, revealing a stunning image of Our Lady which many studies have proven could not have been made by human hand. Upon arrival at the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, you will celebrate Mass as you marvel at the brilliantly colored basilica made in her honor. Following Mass, you will have the opportunity to kneel in front of St. Juan's tilma, on which Our Lady's image was miraculously imprinted. We will continue to San Juan Teotihuacan, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Enjoy lunch at a nearby restaurant, followed by a guided tour of the archaeological zone. View the pyramids of the Sun and Moon, the Temple of Quetzalcoatl, and local art markets. Dinner and overnight. art markets. Dinner and overnight.

Day 3, Wed, May 07: Mexico City - Blessed Miguel Pro - Santo Domingo Church - Blessed Conchita Cabrera This morning after breakfast you will depart for Holy Family Church, where you

will view the tomb of the Jesuit martyr Blessed Miguel Agustin Pro. During the Mexican Revolution, Fr. Pro was exiled from Mexico due to the great amount of religious persecution. He bravely returned to Mexico and was aided by a clandestine group that helped him hide from the authorities. He assisted many individuals with their spiritual and temporal needs during the persecution. Although he helped many, he was eventually arrested and killed. At Holy Family Church, you can venerate this saint's relics and ask for his intercession. We will also celebrate Mass here and visit the small yet inspiring museum dedicated to Fr. Pro's life, mission, and sacrifice. Continue to the Church of Santo Domingo, which stands on the same site where the first temple was built after the conquest of the Dominicans. Inside the church you will see several chapels, and you will have the opportunity to pray the rosary in the chapel dedicated to the Virgin of the Rosary. Another chapel is dedicated to the Spanish Virgin of Covadonga (patroness of the Asturian Immigrants), and another is dedicated to the "Lord of the Rebozo." This church is also significant for the historical characters buried here, such as Francisco Vazquez de Coronado. Next, we will have lunch near the city center before continuing to the Church of San José del Altillo to see the crypt where Blessed Conchita Cabrera is buried. Blessed María Concepción Cabrera Arias de Armida, known as Conchita, was a model of holiness as a wife, mother, widow, grandmother, and founder. Because of the depth of her writings, Conchita is recognized as a great mystic of the 20th century. In addition to her voluminous writings, Conchita founded several apostolates under the banner of "Works of the Cross." Pope Saint John Paul II declared her Venerable on December 20, 1999, and Pope Francis confirmed a miracle that was attributed to Conchita on June 8, 2018. She was beatified in Mexico City on May 4, 2019. Time for prayer will be provided. Your day will conclude with another delicious dinner and overnight stay at your hotel.

Day 4, Thu, May 08: Excursion to Puebla
This morning following breakfast you will enjoy a spectacular drive to what is known as Mexico's most beautiful city: Puebla. Our ride will climb to over 10,000 feet above sea level, where we will view two magnificent peaks: an active volcano and a mountain topped with snow. Visit the cathedral dedicated to the Immaculate Conception and the Church of St. Dominic to admire the Chapel of Our Lady of the Rosary built in 1690. This is an outstanding example of Mexican Baroque, with dazzling use of gilded stucco and onyx stonework. Then we will see the Church of St. Francis of Assisi, where you will view the incorrupt body of Blessed Sebastian of Aparicio, patron saint of travelers. Born to Spanish peasants, this field worker is a model of simplicity and chastity Though he grew to accumulate a lot of wealth as a farmer, he distributed his goods among the poor and became a Franciscan brother at the age of 72. He collected alms for the friary and was charitable to everyone he met for 25 years, earning him the name "Angel of Mexico." You will have time to venerate his body, miraculously incorrupt since his death in 1600. Enjoy a traditional poblano lunch and mole tasting at a local restaurant. This afternoon you will have time in Puebla's largest traditional handcraft market, El Parián, to shop its colorful glazed pottery. Return to Mexico City for dinner and an overnight.

Day 5, Fri, May 09: Church of Tulpetlac - Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe

After breakfast, we will head to the Church of the Fifth Apparition, where the Blessed Virgin Maria de Guadalupe appeared to and healed Juan Bernardino, Juan Diego's uncle. Here you can find a well of healing water from which the locals drink. You can pause at the well and reflect on the consoling words of our Mother Mary. We will celebrate Mass before we return to the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe for one last prayer before the miraculous image of the Mother of God. You will have time for leisure and fun for our final afternoon before enjoying a fantastic last dinner out complete with live Mariachi music.

Day 6. Sat. May 10: Return Home

This morning, you will make your way to the airport for your return flight(s) from Mexico City to your final destination.

For pilgrimage taking Optional Post-Tour:

Day 6, Sat, May 10: Mexico City – Querétaro - Guanajuato
After breakfast, check out from your hotel as we will depart early for
Queretaro City. We will celebrate Mass at the Church of the Cross and have
a short visit to the Franciscan Monastery where Fr. Junipero Serra started
his evangelization and founded the Franciscan Missions (some of them being in California). We will also learn more about the life of Fr. Antonio Margil de Jesus, who was stationed at the missionary college of Santa Cruz Queretaro and the miraculous tree associated with him. Next, there will be time for lunch. Enjoy the beautiful city of Queretaro with the Parish of the Sacred Heart of Jesus "of St. Claire." Visit the Temple of Santa Rosa de Viterbo, which is a magnificent example of Mexican Colonial Baroque. Finally, we will depart to Guanajuato for dinner and a restful overnight.

Day 7, Sun, May 11: Guanajuato - Cerro Del Cubilete – Guanajuato After breakfast, we will have an early departure to the Cerro del Cubilete to celebrate Mass. The Cerro of Cubilete is a special emblematic site for the Cristeros. It was bombed in 1928 by the Mexican government which led to the famous refrain of the Cristero Revolution: "Viva Cristo Rey!" It was reconstructed after the Cristero revolution in 1944 and finished in 1950. At the base of El Cerro del Cubilete is the Shrine of Santa Maria de los Martires where we will see the relics of three Cristeros: Fr. Jose Trinidad Rangel Montano, Fr. Andres Sola y Molist, and Sr. Leonardo Perez Larios. After lunch we will visit Guanajuato and admire from outside the architecture of the Juarez Theater, Plaza Baratillo, and Guanajuato University. We will also see the Templo de la Compañia de Jesus, the orange-yellow Basílica de Nuestra Señora de Guanajuato, the beautiful San Fernando Square and the Church of Belen. Dinner and overnight at your hotel.

Day 8, Mon, May 12: Guanajuato - San Juan De Los Lagos – Santa Ana de Guadalupe - Guadalajara

After breakfast, we will depart for San Juan de Los Lagos. We start with a After breakfast, we will depart for San Juan de Los Lagos. We start with a visit to the Cathedral Basilica of Nuestra Senora de San Juan de los Lagos, the second most visited Catholic center in Mexico (after the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe). The image of the Immaculate Virgin of the Conception was brought here by Fr. Miguel de Bolonia. Thousands of pilgrims come to the city to pay tribute to a small image of the Virgin Mary titled "Our Lady of San Juan de los Lagos." Mass will be celebrated at the Basilica. Our journey will follow to Santa Ana de Guadalupe and visit the house and the Shrine of San Toribio Romo, a martyr. San Toribio is known as the patron of migrants, and we will have time to pray in front of his relics. We will continue to the city of Guadalaiara for dinner and an overnight. city of Guadalajara for dinner and an overnight.

Day 9, Tue, May 13: Sahuayo - Guadalajara After breakfast, we will depart for Sahuayo. We will dedicate this morning to St. Jose Sanchez del Rio, the youngest of the Cristero martyrs. He was canonized on October 14, 2016. We will celebrate Mass at the Church of St James where St. Jose (Joselito) was taken prisoner by the federal troops. We will have time to pray in front of his relics. Next, we visit the cemetery where St. Joselito bravely declared his loyalty to Christ. We will have lunch, then return to Guadalajara. In Guadalajara, we visit the Cathedral with the ossuary consisting of a glass cabinet that exhibits the bones of 23 of the martyred saints of the Cristero Revolution, followed by a visit to the city centér. Dinner and an overnight in Guadalajara.

Day 10, Wed, May 14: Guadalajara - Return Home

This morning you will make your way to the airport for your return flight(s) from Guadalajara's Airport to your final destination.