#### **REGISTRATION FORM**

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A CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE TOUR TO GREECE & THE GREEK ISLES, LED BY FR. BRENDAN MCCARRICK
May 30 – June 10, 2027
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#### TERMS AND CONDITIONS

**AIR TRANSPORTATION:** Round-trip coach class on American, Delta, United or other International Air Transport Association member. Meals served in flight.

**LAND TRANSPORTATION & SERVICES:** By deluxe airconditioned motor coach with professional driver, services of an English-speaking tour director, local guides, all admission & entrance fees and transfers to and from international airports. Daily schedule with Mass as per your itinerary, however we reserve the right to modify any itinerary if circumstances deem necessary.

**LODGING:** First-class accommodations, based upon double occupancy with <u>limited</u> single accommodations available at an additional charge of \$1,400.

MEALS: Breakfast Buffet and Dinner DAILY.

**ALSO INCLUDED IN PRICE:** All taxes including port taxes, airport taxes, and fuel surcharges. Gratuities for tour guides, cruise escorts, bus drivers, porters, wait staff, housekeeping, and front desk personnel. Shore excursions during the cruise are also included. Tipping will be conducted by a tour leader during the tour.

**NOT INCLUDED IN PRICE:** The cost of obtaining your passport and visa fees to some countries, meals not included in the itinerary, wines, liquors, bottled waters, coffee or tea, personal items, laundry services, room service charges, long-distance phone calls, excess baggage, airport service charges and any sightseeing not included in the itinerary.

**GROUP REQUIREMENT:** The minimum number of passengers needed to assure a group's departure is 15. We reserve the right to cancel up to 30 days from departure should the total number of registered passengers be fewer than 15. If there are fewer than 15 passengers, Pilgrimage Tours will do all that is possible to assure your group's departure without having to resort to charging a supplemental fee for the group. If Pilgrimage Tours cancels, you will receive a full refund.

**DEPOSIT AND FULL PAYMENT:** A deposit/payment of \$800 towards the price of the tour, per person is required to book your reservation. The balance is to be paid in full 75 days prior to departure; March 15, 2027. Balances not paid by this date may be subject to a \$100 late payment fee. Reservations made within 30 days of departure may be subject to a \$100 late reservation fee. Upon receipt of your completed registration form and deposit, a confirmation invoice along with a travel insurance brochure will be mailed to you.

**INSURANCE:** Trip Cancellation and Interruption Insurance is highly recommended. Cancellation fees are covered by CSA Travel Protection's plan, as long as your premium has been paid, your policy is in effect and the reason for your canceling is insurable. Waivers for pre-existing medical conditions are available at no additional cost, but your policy must be purchased before your final payment for the tour.

**CANCELLATION FEES:** Passengers not taking the CSA travel insurance need to be aware of the following cancellation fees. Up until 90 days prior to departure, you may cancel for any reason without penalty and receive a full refund of your deposit. The remaining cancellation fee schedule is as follows: 89-60 days = \$300; 59-45 days = 50% of tour price; 44-30 days = 75% of tour price; 29-15 days = 80% of tour price; 14 days or less = 100% of tour price.

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All deposits by check or money order only.

Please note the "cash price" for the tour is \$6,495.

If paying your final balance by credit card, the price of the tour will be \$6,795.

# You Are Invited To Join FR. BRENDAN MCCARRICK SAC

on a Catholic Pilgrimage Tour to Greece & the Greek Isles

"In The Footsteps of Saint Paul"



Including:
Athens, Corinth, Mykonos,
Ephesus, Patmos, Crete,
Santorini, Delphi, Meteora,
Veria, Thessaloniki, Philippi,
Kavala, Istanbul & more!

May 30 – June 10, 2027

\$6,495 – price estimate

All-inclusive from Detroit, MI

MASS CELEBRATED DAILY

## A CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE TOUR TO GREECE & THE GREEK ISLES

## UNDER THE SPIRITUAL DIRECTION OF FR. BRENDAN MCCARRICK SAC

## May 30, 2027 - Sunday DETROIT / GREECE

Our journey begins as we gather at Detroit Metropolitan Airport for our departing flight to Greece. Meals are served on our transatlantic flight.

#### May 31, 2027 - Monday THESSALONIKI

Today we arrive in Greece. Upon our arrival in Thessaloniki, we are met by our Pilgrimage Tours' tour director. Here in Thessaloniki, where Paul preached and to where he sent his first and second letters to the Thessalonians, we will see the Byzantine Acropolis on our way to visit the Church of Saint Demetrius followed by a visit and celebration of Mass in the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception. Following Mass we arrive at our hotel for check-in. Dinner and overnight in Thessaloniki.

#### June 1, 2027 - Tuesday THESSALONIKI / PHILIPPI / KAVALA

Today we enjoy a panoramic driving tour of Thessaloniki where we will see the White Tower, the Arch of Galerius and the Rotunda standing on the Egnatian Way. We pause at the Old City walls offering a panoramic view of Thessaloniki. In the afternoon we drive to Philippi, where Paul established the first church in Europe. Here we see the ancient forum and jail where Paul & Silas were imprisoned as well as the river where Lydia was baptized. Following Mass at Lydia's Baptistery, we drive to the beautiful port city of Kavala, the ancient city of Neapolis, where Paul landed with his disciples Timothy & Silas when they sailed from Troas. Kavala was later renamed Christoupolis, meaning "City of Christ", and became the first European city to accept Christianity. Late afternoon we return to Thessaloniki for dinner and overnight.

#### June 2, 2027 - Wednesday THESSALONIKI / VERIA / METEORA / KALAMBAKA

This morning we will drive to Veria, (ancient Berea), on the terraced foot of Mount Vermion to see the Bema of the Apostle Paul, from where he preached. Here we pause for our own celebration of Mass. Following Mass, we drive to spectacular Meteora with its thousand-year-old Byzantine monasteries perched precariously on huge finger-like rocks, where we enjoy a wonderful view. We continue on to Kalambaka for dinner and overnight.

## June 3, 2027 - Thursday KALAMBAKA / DELPHI / ATHENS

Today we drive to Delphi, the center of the ancient world, the "omphalos" (navel) of the earth - whose prestige extended far beyond the boundaries of the Hellenic world. On the slopes of Mount Parnassos, in a landscape of unparalleled natural beauty and majesty, lies the archaeological site of Delphi. We visit the Temple of Apollo, the Treasury of the Athenians and the Archaeological Museum containing such masterpieces of ancient Greek sculpture as the bronze Charioteer and the famous athlete Aghias. After our tour we arrive at our hotel for check-in. Prior to dinner this evening, we gather in a private room at our hotel for our celebration of Mass. Overnight in Athens.

#### June 4, 2027 - Friday ATHENS / AEGEAN SEA / MYKONOS

This morning we board our ship for our Aegean Sea cruise. During our sailing to Mykonos, "The Island of the Winds", we pause for a celebration of Mass on board our ship. Late afternoon we enjoy dinner aboard our ship, prior to arriving at our first stop, Mykonos. We will see a hilly, rock-ribbed island of 29 square miles dotted with more than 350 tiny chapels built by 19th-century pirates to invoke the protection of their patron saints. We enjoy a walking tour with our guide including a visit to its fishing harbor where we will see shops and boutiques selling handmade sweaters, dresses, fabrics, jewelry and more at bargain prices. Overnight at sea.

#### June 5, 2027 - Saturday KUSADASI / EPHESUS / PATMOS

Today we arrive at the port of Kusadasi to enjoy a tour of Ephesus, the best preserved of the original Seven Churches of Revelation. Ancient tradition holds that the Blessed Virgin Mary lived here with Saint John. The Apostle Paul spent two years in Ephesus and wrote his First Letter to the Corinthians here. We

celebrate Mass at the House of the Virgin Mary, where Mary spent the final years of her life. Following Mass, we enjoy a sightseeing tour of Ancient Ephesus where we will see among other sites, the Magnesian Gate, the Agora, the Odeon, the Library of Celsus, the Thermal Baths of Scholastica, Trajan's Fountain, the Prytaneum, Hadrian's Temple and the Great Theatre. Following our tour, we enjoy free time for shopping at the Covered Bazaar of Kusadasi. In the afternoon we sail to the Island of Patmos, where Saint John wrote the Book of Revelation. Following dinner on our ship, we disembark the ship for a visit to Patmos, where we will visit Saint John's Monastery and the Grotto of the Apocalypse. We return to our ship for overnight at Sea

## June 6, 2027 - Sunday CRETE / SANTORINI

This morning we dock in Heraklion, the capital of Crete. The Apostle Paul ended up in Crete because of severe winds (Acts 27:7). A short ride takes us to the fantastic ruins of the Palace of Knossos, which is believed to be the mythical Labyrinth of King Minos. At the Archaeological Museum we'll see displays of many of the treasures found during the excavation of this ancient city. We re-board our ship and celebrate Mass en route to Santorini, believed by many travelers to be the most breathtaking of all the Greek Isles. Upon our arrival in Santorini, we enjoy a walking tour and see the beautiful whitewashed houses, narrow streets and open-air cafes that cling to steep cliffs that are accessible only by cable car or mule. An interesting fact about Santorini is that in recent Minoan excavations, evidence was discovered that have led scientists and archeologists to believe that Santorini may be the fabled lost continent of Atlantis. We return to our ship for dinner. Overnight at sea en route to Athens.

## June 7, 2027 - Monday ATHENS

Our ship returns to the port of Piraeus this morning. Following breakfast on board, we disembark our ship and enjoy a guided tour of classical Athens, including a visit the legendary Acropolis to see the spectacular Parthenon and the Temple of Athena and its Winged Victory statue. Adjacent to the Acropolis, we enjoy the classical Greek culture in the Plaka area, with its cobbled stone paths where two-thousand-year-old relics are seen amongst colorful shops and restaurants. We also visit the Areopagus or Mars Hill where Paul was brought before the council and delivered his famous "Men of Athens" sermon on the "Unknown God" (Acts 17:22-31). Following Mass at the Bema Seat of Saint Paul, we continue on with a

driving tour where we see such sites as Constitution Square, the House of Parliament, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, the Temple of Zeus, the Old Olympic Stadium and the neoclassical buildings of Athens. Dinner and overnight in Athens.

#### June 8, 2027 - Tuesday ATHENS / CORINTH / CENCHREA

This morning we drive along the picturesque Corinthian Gulf to Corinth, where the Apostle Paul lived and from where he sent his first and second letters to the Corinthians. We visit the market place where Paul preached to the Corinthians. To stand among the ruins of the Church of Corinth and see the place of public worship where Paul preached, will enhance your understanding and love for Paul's two letters to the Corinthians. We also visit the sixth century BC Temple of Apollo and the Museum of Corinth. Following Mass at the Bema Seat of Saint Paul, we drive to Cenchrea, the ancient seaport from where Apostle Paul set sail for Ephesus across the Aegean Sea. Late afternoon we return to Athens where we enjoy dinner at a local restaurant. Overnight in Athens.

## June 9, 2027 - Wednesday ATHENS

Today we enjoy free time for shopping and lunch on the pedestrian friendly Ermou Street in Athens. In the afternoon we will visit the Nikolaou olive oil farm, where we will learn about olive oil production, followed by a visit to its gift store. Later in the afternoon, we will arrive at Markou Vineyards, a family run winery, where we will witness the process of producing wine "from vineyard to bottle". Following our wine tasting and visit to its gift store, we return to Athens and arrive at the Cathedral of Saint Dionysius the Areopagite, the seat of the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Athens. Following Mass, we enjoy this evening's special "farewell dinner" at Bairaktaris Tavern. Overnight in Athens.

#### June 10, 2027 - Thursday ATHENS / DETROIT

This morning we depart the ancient New Testament land of Greece on our return flight home. Though our pilgrimage draws to a close, its blessings will last a lifetime and its graces are certain to draw us closer to the Lord.