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DAY 1 ~ DEPARTURE, U.S.A. / WARSAW ~ Sun., Sep. 5, 2010

This afternoon, depart on a Trans Atlantic flight to Warsaw. Dinner and beverages served on board. (D)

DAY 2 ~ WARSAW ~ Sep. 6

Witajcie w Polsce ~ Welcome to Poland! Arrival Warsaw, where you will be met outside the restricted customs area by our professional tour escort. The group will be assisted to your private deluxe motor coach. Transfer to your hotel. Mass at the Holy Spirit Church (Holy Ghost). Welcome dinner at the hotel and overnight in Warsaw. (D)

DAY 3 ~ WARSAW - NIEPOKALANÓW ~ Sep. 7

After breakfast, enjoy an excursion to Niepokalanów, (City of the Immaculate) is a Catholic religious community near Warsaw, Poland founded in 1927 by Franciscan Friar Maximilian Kolbe. We will celebrate Mass and tour the Basilica of St. Mary Immaculate (Shrine of St Maximilian Kolbe). Return to Warsaw for lunch and a guided tour including famous Royal Way with its embassy district, Łazienki Royal Park Complex with the beautiful Palace on the Water. The Royal Way leads then to the Old Town of Warsaw via Nowy Świat Street – famous for its shops and restaurants. In the Old Town you will see the Royal Castle and St. John's Cathedral (the oldest church in Warsaw). Dinner and overnight in Warsaw. (B/L/D)

DAY 4 ~ WARSAW - TORUN - MALBORK - GDANSK ~ Sep. 8

Today after breakfast, depart Warsaw for a guided tour of Torun, unique example of Gothic architecture of the XIII Century. Time for lunch (on your own). We then continue with a guided tour of Malbork, with the largest Teutonic fortress, and continue to Gdansk for dinner and overnight. (B/D)

DAY 5 ~ GDANSK - GDYNIA & Sopot (TRI CITY) ~ Sep. 9

After breakfast, start the day with mass at St. Brygida Church, famous for its Amber Altar. Enjoy a morning guided tour of Gdansk to include the Green Gate, Golden Gate, Ulica Mariacka – regarded as the finest street in Gdansk, the Church of St. Mary, Gdansk Crane, and the Arsenal. Time for lunch (on your own). This afternoon we travel through Gdynia, the Solidarity movement center at the Docks, to Sopot. Enjoy free time at the Sopot pier along the shores of the Baltic. Return to Gdansk for dinner and overnight. (B/D)

DAY 6 ~ GDANSK - LICHEN - CZĘSTOCHOWA ~ Sep. 10

This morning, breakfast followed by departure to Lichen. Upon arrival, visit the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lichen, located in a village called Stary Lichen, near Konin. Enjoy a guided tour of the highlights of the historical centre such as, main market (Karls Square), the Jewish ghetto, St. Bartholomeus Church dating back from the 13th Century. Continue onto Czestochowa, the most important pilgrimage Shrine in Poland and often called the spiritual capital of the country. Czestochowa attracts pilgrims and tourists from the whole world! Dinner and overnight Czestochowa. (B/D)

DAY 7 ~ CZĘSTOCHOWA - KRAKOW ~ Sep. 11 ~ Annual Mass for the Deaf ~

Today after breakfast, we attend the Annual Mass for the Deaf at the Shrine of Our Lady of Czestochowa, on Jasna Góra (Bright Mountain). The shrine contains a chapel with a miraculous icon of the Virgin Mary, known as the Black Madonna, which attracts millions of pilgrims every year. The monastic museum houses several art pieces and votive offerings. Afternoon departure for Krakow for dinner and overnight. (B/D)

DAY 8 ~ AUSCHWITZ - WADOWICE - WIELICZKA ~ Sep. 12

After breakfast we depart for a guided tour of Auschwitz. Step back into recent history when we visit Auschwitz concentration camp, where events were so chillingly evoked in 'Schindler's List', which reminds us of the Holocaust. We then continue onto Wadowice, birthplace of Pope John Paul II. Mass celebrated and followed by lunch (on your own). This afternoon visit the Wieliczka Salt Mines (13th Century): One of the UNESCO List of World Heritages. We then return to Krakow for dinner and overnight. (B/D)

DAY 9 ~ KRAKOW, BASILICA OF THE DIVINE MERCY ~ Sep. 13

Today after breakfast, we celebrate mass at the Krakow Cathedral, which houses the relics of St Stanislaw. We continue with a guided tour of Krakow, one of the oldest and most beautiful cities in Central Europe. The Old Town Complex along with the Wawel Hill was entered on the UNESCO World Cultural Heritage List. Kraków has a unique charm created by centuries of history and cultural wealth. Walk on the Old Market Square - European largest Mediaeval Square, with the Renaissance Cloth Hall SUKIENNICE, Wawel Hill, Royal Castle and the Wawel Cathedral, visit St Mary's Basilica with its unique altar carved in wood in the 15th Century; then walk along Kanonicza street stopping by house number 21 "Deanery" where the Pope resided while living in Krakow; the Royal Route, Grodzka Street; you will also see the Barbican, Florian Gate and visit the Kazimierz - former Jewish District. We then continue to the Basilica of the Divine Mercy, the home of the Sanctuary of the Divine Mercy, located in Krakow's Lagiewniki District, south of the city centre, which houses a painting of Jesus Christ, as He appeared to Sister Faustina in the 1930's. Thousands of pilgrims visit this shrine every year. This evening dinner is at a local restaurant, and overnight in Krakow. (B/D)

DAY 10 ~ KRAKOW - ZAKOPANE ~ Sep. 14

Today, after breakfast, enjoy a full day trip to Zakopane – one of the most popular Polish centers for summer hikes. This morning we visit the Sanctuary of the Holy Virgin of Fatima, a chapel built in 1999 in gratitude for Pope John Paul II's survival of an assassination attempt. We celebrate Mass and then we continue our tour with an optional cable car ride to the heights of Mt. Gobuwlka for a stunning view of the Tatas Mountains and the town of Zakopane. Time for lunch on your own, followed by free time to browse or relax in the central mall lined with restaurants, cafes, boutiques, and souvenir shops. Return to Krakow and tonight you are free for dinner in Krakow. (B)

DAY 11 ~ KRAKOW - KALWARIA - KALKOW ~ Sep. 15

After breakfast depart for Kalwaria Zebrzydowska, known as the Little Jerusalem ~ which was built with 345 chapels featuring the topography of Jerusalem with its shrines; visit the Icon of the Weeping Madonna. We then continue onto Kalkow to visit the Deaf Cultural Center and the Church with the Sanctuary of Our Painful Lady of Krakow. Continue onto Warsaw for dinner and overnight. (B/D)

DAY 12 ~ DEPARTURE, WARSAW/U.S.A. ~ Thurs., Sep. 16, 2010

This morning after breakfast transfer to Warsaw airport for the return flight home. Lunch and beverages served on board. (B)



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Warsaw • Niepokolanow • Torun • Malbork • Gdansk • Gdynia • Sopot
Kalkow • Lichen • Czestochowa • Krakow • Auchwithz • Wadowice
Wieliczka • Shrine of the Divine Mercy • Zakopane • Kalwaria

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INCLUDES:

- Round Trip Air from Chicago O'Hare, New York or Atlanta
- Quality Hotel Accommodations
- Buffet Breakfast Daily (B)
- Dinner Daily (D) / 1 Lunch (L)
- Sightseeing and Entrance Fees per Itinerary
- Private Deluxe Motor Coach
- Luggage Handling /Transfers
- Professional Tour Escort/Licensed Local Guides
- Passport Case and Luggage Tags
- Mass Schedule

\$2560.00 + Air Tax

Per Person / Double Occupancy

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Enclosed is my (our) reservation and deposit to secure my (our) place in the amount of \$250 per person. Travel insurance premium (optional) will be invoiced. I understand the price is based on a group departure of 40 paying people minimum. I have read and understood the tour conditions and the deposit policy.

Pilgrimage Date: September 5 ~ 16, 2010

Pilgrimage Price: \$2560.00 + Air Tax

Departure: **Chicago (ORD)** **New York (JFK)**
 Atlanta (ATL) **Other** _____

Other U.S. Departures Available, Call for Air Quote

Prices are per person/double occupancy. Air taxes and travel insurance not included. Prices are based on Euro-Dollar Exchange rate of \$1.45 per €. Round trip air cost quoted at \$772 (not including air tax, approx. \$310) and is subject to change until ticketed.

Signature: _____ BCP-2029

Name(s) as it appears on your passport: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: () _____

Work / Cell: () _____

E-mail: _____

Roommate: _____

I prefer single accommodation at an additional cost: \$495.00

\$250 INITIAL DEPOSIT DUE NOW TO RESERVE YOUR PLACE

CHECK ENCLOSED: Payable to **Best Catholic Pilgrimages**

CREDIT CARD PAYMENT AUTHORIZATION:

I hereby authorize Best Catholic Pilgrimages & Tours to charge the initial deposit with my credit card as my form of payment: Balance of payment will be charged to my credit card per invoice due date or no later than 60 days prior to departure.

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An initial deposit per person as stated in the brochure is required to confirm your reservation. Balance is due on the date stated on the brochure, or no later than 60 days prior to departure. For reservations made less than 60 days prior to departure, full payment is due immediately. A \$100 per person late fee will be applied to any final payment not received timely. Airline tickets will not be issued until full payment is received. Any additional cost for airline tickets will be the responsibility of the individual.

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Personal Checks are acceptable, if received 60 days prior to departure. Every reservation must be accompanied by a signed Reservation Form. We reserve the right to re-invoice, in the event of human or computer error, euro increase, airline fuel/security surcharge increase, or under the minimum number of participants printed on the brochure.

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Cost of passports, visas where required, portage at home airport, portage at airports where baggage handlers are unavailable, tips to motor coach drivers and guides, optional tours and any other items of a personal nature including beverages with included meals and mini-bar charges incurred in your hotel room. No responsibility is incurred by BCP for loss or damage to baggage or any of the passengers' belongings, or for lost airline tickets.

CANCELLATION BY BCP:

BCP reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to departure for any reason, including insufficient number of participants, in which case a full refund will be given. This does not include air or land services booked on your own separate from the published tour package. The above does not apply to insufficient participants due to a majority of participant cancellations, for reasons beyond our control. Please read changes in itinerary and/or hotels.

ADDITIONAL CHARGES:

BCP reserves the right to charge a \$50.00 per person administrative fee to anyone wishing to customize additional personal arrangements outside our published package and/or the published optional extension. Any airline penalties or fees charged for any changes for individual tickets, lost tickets, or re-issued tickets, are the responsibility of the passenger. Certain separate fees may apply to cancellation.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS:

Your right to a refund if you change plans is limited. If you cancel up to 91 days before departure, a travel certificate good for future travel will be issued equivalent to the required deposit amount. Deposits are non-refundable

within 90 days prior to departure. Cancellations will be accepted by phone but MUST be confirmed in writing to be considered for a refund. Once under deposit and confirmed, cancelled reservations are subject to a \$100 per person fee, plus any actual expenses incurred, including hotel charges, and/or any applied airline cancellation penalties. No refund can be made for cancellations less than 35 days prior to departure. Travel insurance is non-refundable.

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Once the tour is in progress, no refund will be made by BCP for ANY unused portion of the tour. BCP also reserves the right to withdraw your membership at any time if your actions impose upon or disturb other members of the tour. All additional cost to send a tour member home will be borne by the tour member.

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HOTELS:

We use the Government rated Hotels that are chosen on the basis of locations, cleanliness, services, and when possible, are typical of the local area. All rooms have private bath and toilet facilities. In all cases, hotel management assigns your room. Location, view, and size

may vary. Rooms assigned are on a "Run of the House" basis. Because air conditioning is not a standard feature of most hotels abroad, we cannot guarantee it.

SINGLE ROOMS:

A limited number of single rooms are available at supplements for each tour. We cannot guarantee a single room will be available. It is your responsibility to have a roommate or you will be billed a supplement for single occupancy. If your roommate cancels and we do not have another person requesting to share accommodations, you will be billed for the single supplement and are required to pay it. Occasionally there may be a shortage of single rooms, in which case you may be charged a higher supplement for a twin size room.

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