### Healing Pilgrimage to France with Father Kent Pollman

Lourdes & Basilica of the Immaculate Conception

Blessed William Joseph Chaminade & Basilique Saint-Martin de

Tours & The Oratory of the Holy Face & Cathedral of Saint

Julian of Le Mans & Sr. Mary of St. Peter

Basilica of St. Therese Lisieux

Saint-Denis Basilique & Lisieux

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February 10: This morning, we transfer from Amsterdam to Toulouse, France. Here, we collect our baggage and meet our in-country Tour Manager. Soon, we find ourselves in the foothills of the Pyrenees Mountains at Lourdes. Lourdes is the site of the 1858 apparitions of Our Lady under the title of her Immaculate Conception. After lunch we will Celebrate HOLY MASS at the very GROTTO, where the Blessed Mother first appeared to the saintly peasant girl, Bernadette, and where she unearthed the miraculous spring of water. A time will be arranged to view the Lourdes video that gives the history of the apparitions. In this holy place of spiritual and physical healing, we have the opportunity to take the "Baths" in the waters of Lourdes. This day in prayer in Lourdes can include the Way of the Cross, time spent in Eucharistic Adoration and other personal devotions. At 5:00 PM is the daily Procession of the Blessed Sacrament with the Blessing of the Sick. Candlelight Procession is available this evening.



February 11: This morning at 9:30 AM we will celebrate MASS in the CHAPEL OF ST. ANNE in the BASILICA OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION. We can go on a walking tour of Lourdes to visit the places where St. Bernadette lived: at the Boly Mill and the Cachot, an abandoned prison which was their family home at the time of the apparitions. We can see the parish church and font of Bernadette's baptism. Again there is ample time for devotion during our "mini-retreat" in Lourdes. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is offered throughout the day. This evening we can participate once again in the Candlelight Procession.

B & D Lourdes



February 12: We have early breakfast, and then at 7:00 AM this morning we celebrate Holy Mass in St. Anne Chapel in the Basilica of the Immaculate Conception. Soon, we are on our way due North to the Bordeaux region. Our first stop is at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Afflicted. In the year 1112, Geraud de Graves, a knight, returned home from the First Crusade. He chose to retire here in Verdelais and live as a hermit. He built a chapel to house a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary.....one that is said that he brought back from Bethlehem. In 1185, a blind man was miraculously cured here....the first of many such miracles to take place here. Following, we enter the town of Bordeaux where we reach the Carthusian Cemetery and grave of Blessed William Joseph Chaminade, founder of the Society of Mary (the Marianists). After a short time, our final destination is Saint Eulalie Church. Here, a Eucharsitic Miracle took place. Abbot Delort, substituting for Fr. Noaille at Mass, consecrated the host, and when he looked at the host, Jesus appeared in the Host. The great number of faithful present were able to contemplate, for more than twenty minutes, Jesus, imprinted on the Host. Someone also testified to having heard Jesus say: "I am He who is". This event was approved by the ecclesiastical authorities, among whom were the Archbishop of Bordeaux- Monsignor D'Aviau - who heard personally the witness of the faithful who attested to the marvel. B & D Tours



**February 13:** After our breakfast, we board our motorcoach and make our way to the **Basilique Saint-Martin de Tours.** The First Church, established in the 5th Century was built over the Tomb of St. Martin. After the destruction of the original Basilica in the French Revolution, a new Basilica was built starting in 1886. Here, **we will Celebrate our daily Mass at the Tomb of St. Martin.** After, we have a guided tour of the Basilica and time for veneration of the Saints Relics. After time for prayer and reflection, we have a light lunch.

B&D Tours

**February 14: Sr. Mary of St. Peter**, a young Carmelite Nun in Tours France, was given a series of revelations over a five year period (1843 - 1847), directly from Our Lord about a powerful devotion He wished to be established worldwide--the devotion to His Holy Face. The

purpose of this devotion was to make reparation for the sins which offend God the most. Around that same time in 1849, the Holy Father Pope Pius IX, fled during a revolution which threatened Catholic France and Rome itself. At that time, the Holy Father ordered public prayers to be offered in all of the churches of Rome to implore God's mercy on the Papal States. Complying with this, a three-day exposition of the Relic of Veronica's Veil was held for public veneration at St. Peter's Basilica. On the third day of that showing, a miracle occurred.

The Canons of the Basilica and a number of the faithful who were praying there, noticed a remarkable change on the Veil of the Holy Face (the original impression of which was so faint as to be scarcely visible). The Divine Face now appeared distinctly, as if living, and was illuminated by a glowing light; "the features assumed a deathlike hue, and the eyes, deep sunken, wore an expression of great pain." That same evening, the Pope ordered detailed engravings of the effigy to be made on Holy Linen. Each image was touched to the Holy Veil of Veronica, touched to the True Wood of the Cross, and touched to the Lance which pierced Christ's side. The images were then given to dignitaries and notables to be sent out into the world for veneration.

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Leo Dupont became a dear friend of Sr. Mary of St. Peter during the time she was receiving the revelations from Our Lord. He was given two of the Holy Face images that were created in the Vatican. He gave one away, and kept the other for himself. He hung the image on the wall above a dresser in his parlor. As a sign of veneration, he kept an oil lamp burning continuously in front of the image. Leo began privately praying the Holy Face of Devotion prayers that Sr. Mary had given him. Friends and acquaintances began praying the devotional prayers with him. Soon afterward, miraculous healings began to occur. Word quickly spread of these miracles, and hundreds began arriving to ask for healing of their illnesses and injuries. Leo would pray the prayers of devotion with each person, and anoint them with oil from the lamp. Thousands of healing miracles took place over a thirty year period, even past the death of Leo Dupont. The Oratory of the Holy Face Devotion still remains where he is buried in Tours, France. His original Holy Face image still hangs there, and the oil lamp continues to burn day and night. Today, we spend our day at two sites; The Oratory of the Holy Face The site was originally the drawing room of Venerable Leo Dupont and location of the original image. Here we will have time for a tour, veneration and spiritual exercises with Father Pollman. After, we have a light lunch. Nearby the Oratory is the Carmelite convent where Sr. Mary of St. Peter was a religious nun. In the Chapel, we Celebrate Holy Mass. After, we are given a tour and time for contemplation at the direction of Father Pollman. After we retire to our hotel for dinner and overnight.





B & D Tours

**February 15:** This morning after our breakfast, we check out of our hotel and make our way back to the **Oratory of the Holy Face**. Here, we **Celebrate Holy Mass** and spend more time in prayer and reflection. After, we drive North to Le Mans. After a lite lunch, we have a tour of the **Cathedral of Saint Julian of Le Mans**. The current cathedral was built gradually over the course of the 11th through 15th centuries. **Pope Urban II** consecrated the cathedral (in its early stages) when he came to Le Mans to preach the first Crusade in the year 1096.



Among the many highlights in the **Cathedral of Saint Julien** is the stained glass window of the Ascension. Dating from the early 12th century, it is the oldest stained glass window in its original setting in all of France, and perhaps even in all the world.

Another highlight is the vaulted ceiling of the **Chapel of the Virgin Mary**. Forty-seven angel musicians are depicted. The paintings, which date from the 14th century, had been covered over and were only rediscovered in 1842. After, we reboard our motorcoach for our final destination **Lisieux**. Here, we check in to our hotel for dinner and overnight. **B & D Lisieux** 



**February 16:** After breakfast, we drive to **Saint-Pierre Cathedral in Lisieux**. Saint-Pierre de Lisieux is a Cathedral whose origins are lost in the darkness of the 12th century. Before she became a saint, Thérèse Martin went to mass with her family at the Cathedral of Saint-Pierre in Lisieux. It was her local church. It was in the axial chapel that she decided to become a nun.

Today, there is a chapel in the choir dedicated to her. After, we visit **Les Buissonnets**, (Outside only. Under Construction)the family home of **St. Therese of Lisieux**. Her "little way" of loving God and others in the simple things has inspired Catholics since her death in 1897. Her parents, **Sts. Louis and Zélie Martin**, raised five daughters, all of whom entered religious life. They were canonized saints in October 2015, becoming the first spouses in the church's history to be canonized as a couple. We visit the **Carmelite Monastery Chapel and there venerate the Tomb of St. Therese.** On the edge of town is the place where we will celebrate **HOLY MASS in the BASILICA OF ST. THERESE.** Inside this magnificent church we ponder her life, depicted on the beautiful mosaic interior, and reflect on how this young woman of faith and **Doctor of the Church**, called the Little Flower, reached sainthood. Before leaving, we visit the tombs of her parents, located in the **Crypt behind the Basilica**.

B & D Lisieux

February 17: After a nice rest and early breakfast we board our motorcoach for a ride to Saint-Denis, France located in a Northern Suburb of Paris. As we arrive through the Countryside we come upon the Imposing 12 century Gothic Cathedral, Saint-Denis Basilique overlooking the Seine River. Here, we find the final resting place of the kings and queens of France. Built on the grave of Saint Denis, a Bishop of Paris who died in 250 AD, the royal abbey of Saint-Denis was the burial place of 43 kings, 32 queens and 10 servants to the monarchy. We take particular interest in one of the Tombs. That of St. Louis IX, King of France, who is the patron of the Church of St. Louis. Louis IX was born in Poissy, France in 1214 to Louis VIII and Blanche of Castille. He succeeded to the throne at the age of twelve under the regency of his mother. On his twenty-first birthday he assumed full kingship. He was well known for protecting the French clergy from secular leaders and for strictly enforcing laws against blasphemy. St. Louis is a patron of the Holy Face devotion due to his zeal in uprooting sins of Blasphemy during his reign. Crusade leader during the 6th & 7th Crusade. Here we Celebrate Mass, have time for prayer and reflection as well as a guided tour. Afterwards, we check into a local hotel for our final night and farewell dinner.

**February 18**: Upon completion of breakfast, we head to the Charles de Gaulle Airport for our return to flight to St. Louis which arrives the same day.

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