

# THE YEAR OF BERNADETTE: 2009

## U.S. NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL ROSARY PILGRIMAGE

VISITING:

*LOURDES, NEVERS, LISIEUX, PARIS*

*JULY 01 - JULY 11, 2009*



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Fr. Pius is helping to lead a youth pilgrimage to Lourdes in France this Summer. The pilgrimage is open to all young people - from those who will enter High School in the fall to those who will have just graduated. We are hoping that at least six (6) people from the parish (including a few adult chaperones) will attend. If anyone would like to donate to help lower the costs for students to attend, please contact Fr. Pius.

### Itinerary:

**July 1, Wednesday:** Depart Hometowns for Washington/Dulles for your International Flight to Lourdes via Paris

**July 2, Thursday:** Arrive Lourdes – transfer to Youth Village and or Hotel. Evening gathering with welcome, review of guidelines, icebreakers, division into small groups and special Mass for high school pilgrims.

**July 3, Friday:** “Orientation to the day for the youth.” Meet some of the sick and handicapped pilgrims being assisted during the week. Opening Mass U.S. National Rosary Pilgrimage at the outside altar of St. Bernadette; followed by an orientation tour of the Domain and video: “The Life of Bernadette and the Message of Lourdes.” Afternoon gathering of group members, Garden of the Galia Londre Hotel. Hike to the Chateau Fort to take in an aerial view of Lourdes. Dinner. Evening participate in the Torchlight Procession of Lourdes.

**July 4, Saturday:** Mass at the Grotto. followed by a walking tour of Lourdes, visiting the places associated with the life of St. Bernadette, the Boly Mill where Bernadette was born, the Locade Mill, Residence of her parents after 1864, the “Cachot,” formerly used as a jail where she lived at the time of her apparitions, the Hospital and chapel where Bernadette received her first Holy Communion and the Parish Church containing the Baptismal Font where Bernadette was baptized. Afternoon participate in the Eucharistic Procession, Benediction and Blessing of the Sick. *Evening:* Torchlight Procession followed by Marian Holy Hours at the Rosary Basilica led by the Comunita Cenacolo ([www.comunitacenacolo.it](http://www.comunitacenacolo.it)). Join the remainder of the Group for 4<sup>th</sup> of July Celebrations.

**July 5, Sunday:** Participate in the International Mass of Lourdes. Lunch. Depart by motor coach into the Pyrenees Mountains for a scenic excursion to Gavarnie. Gavarnie was the first village in France in the middle Ages on the Old Route to the Tomb of St. James at Santiago de Compostella. The Cirque Gavarnie is the most famous place in the Pyrenees and is home to the highest waterfall in Europe. There will be a tour hour visit in Gavarnie which will allow you time to take a walk along the river, shop in the craft shops or perfumery and enjoy a local café. Return to Lourdes. Dinner. Evening gathering at the Youth Village.

**July 6, Monday:** Walk to the Cite Secours. Mass for the children and youth, at the Cathedral De Verdue, (outside altar) followed by a group picnic. *Afternoon:* Penance Service and Sacrament of Reconciliation. *Evening:* Participate in the Torchlight Procession of Lourdes. Followed by a late night visit to the Grotto to pray the Rosary.

**July 7, Tuesday:** Mass of the Anointing, Rosary Basilica. Followed by visit to the Baths, Miraculous Waters of Lourdes. *Afternoon:* Make the Way of the Cross on the Hillside (one of the highlights of Lourdes); participate in the 5:00pm Eucharistic Procession, Benediction and Blessing of the Sick; farewell to other pilgrims followed by Dinner. The Evening ends with a Torchlight Procession followed by gathering in small groups and rosary on the prairie.

**July 8, Wednesday:** Early morning departure for Paris and continue by motorcoach to Nevers. Check-in for accommodations at Espace Bernadette. Visit the Convent of St. Gildard where Bernadette spent her life after the Apparitions followed by Dinner. Evening Mass in the Chapel where the incorrupt body of St. Bernadette may be venerated.

**July 9, Thursday:** Early morning departure for Paris. Mass will be celebrated at the Miraculous Medal Shrine at Rue du Bac. We will visit the Shrine where our Blessed Mother appeared to St. Catherine Laboure, and see the incorrupt body of St. Catherine and the remains of St. Louis de Marillac, who together with St. Vincent de Paul founded the Daughters of Charity. We will then continue to Notre Dame Cathedral for a guided visit.

**July 10, Friday:** Early morning departure for LISIEUX where we will visit the Carmelite Convent where St. Therese spent her life as a Carmelite Nun, the Chapel where her remains may be venerated and the Buissonets, home of the Martin Family and places connected with the life of 'The Little Flower'. We will then return to Paris for dinner and an evening visit to Sacre Couer Basilica for Mass. The Basilica of Sacre Coeur is famous for its uninterrupted Perpetual Adoration since 1885. Located at Montmartre, overlooking Paris, the Basilica was constructed in the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries and is characterized by its unique architecture. Enjoy the night view of Paris from Montmartre.

**July 11, Saturday:** Depart Paris for U.S.A.

INCLUDED: AIR TRANSPORTATION VIA ECONOMY CLASS, AIRLINE TAXES, FUEL SURCHARGE AND SECURITY CHARGE BASED ON CURRENT RATES (MAY BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE) AS PER ITINERARY; ACCOMMODATIONS: LOURDES IN YOUTH VILLAGE OR HOTEL, HOTEL IN NEVERS, STUDENT RESIDENCE OR HOTEL IN PARIS. ALL MEALS IN LOURDES, BREAKFAST AND DINNER ELSEWHERE, LUNCH INCLUDED IN NEVERS, SIGHTSEEING AS DETAILED WITH ENGLISH SPEAKING GUIDES, TRANSFERS, TIPS TO HOTEL DINING STAFF, TIPS TO GUIDES, LOURDES SANCTUARY REGISTRATION FEE, PARTICIPATION IN LITURGICAL SERVICES AS SCHEDULED, ACCOMPANIED BY SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS AND CHAPERONES.

**Youth: All-Inclusive Rate: (Youth Village/Lourdes) From Washington Dulles: \$2,385.00**  
**Adult: All-Inclusive Rate: (Youth Village/Lourdes) From Washington Dulles: \$2,445.00**

**Youth: All-Inclusive Rate: (Hotel/Lourdes) From Washington Dulles: \$2,565.00**  
**Adult: All-Inclusive Rate: (Hotel Lourdes) From Washington Dulles: \$2,627.00**

**Single Room Supplement for Adults Only: \$325.00**  
**Based on a Minimum 35 Pilgrimage Participants**  
**(Based on Availability. There are limited accommodations in the Youth Village of Lourdes therefore, early reservations are extremely important.)**

## GENERAL INFORMATION AND CONDITIONS

**RATE INCLUDES:** ROUND TRIP AIR TRANSPORTATION ON AIR FRANCE, ECONOMY CLASS AS PER ITINERARY, ACCOMMODATIONS AS DESCRIBED ABOVE, ALL MEALS IN LOURDES, BREAKFAST AND DINNER IN PARIS, NEVERS AND LISIEUX, ROUND-TRIP TRANSFERS BETWEEN AIRPORTS AND HOTELS, GUIDED WALKING TOUR OF LOURDES, HALF DAY, GUIDED TRIP TO GAVARNIE, SCHEDULED LITURGICAL SERVICES, SANCTUARY FEE, ALL MOTORCOACH TRANSPORTATION AIR CONDITIONED, ENGLISH SPEAKING TOUR GUIDE FROM ARRIVAL IN PARIS ON JULY 8<sup>TH</sup> TO DEPARTURE ON JULY 11, VISIT TO NEVERS, DAY TRIP TO LISIEUX, SIGHTSEEING AS DETAILED IN ITINERARY, ACCOMPANIED BY SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS, TIPS FOR DINING, GUIDES AND PORTERAGE.

**NOT INCLUDED:** Cost of transportation to and from Washington, passport, Visa Fees (where applicable), lunches in Paris, Nevers and Lisieux, laundry, beverages not on table d'hôte, all that is not mentioned in the paragraph, "Land Rate Includes".

**RESERVATIONS:** Reservations should be accompanied by a deposit of \$300.00 per person to be sent prior to March 1, 2009. A second payment of \$300.00 is due no later than April 16, 2009 with final payment due no later than MAY 15, 2009. Final documents and tickets will be sent approximately two weeks prior to departure.

**CANCELLATIONS AND WITHDRAWALS:** ALL CANCELLATIONS MUST BE RECEIVED IN WRITING. **FEES:** CANCELLATIONS RECEIVED 95 or more days prior to departure - \$150.00; 94 - 45days \$300.00; 44 - 30 days 50%; within 30 days of departure 85% of the Tour price. **\*\*CANCELLATION INSURANCE IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED, AND FORMS WILL BE SENT TO YOU UPON RECEIPT OF YOUR DEPOSIT\*\*** Refund requests received within six weeks of departure will be processed after the pilgrimage is completed. Claims for refunds must be sent in within thirty (30) days after completion of the tour.

**The Lourdes Pilgrimage Office of Catholic Travel,** reserves the right to make changes in the itinerary whenever their sole judgement determines that conditions warrant a change or in their sole judgement, changes will improve for the comfort, convenience and safety of the tour. While we make every effort to keep the cost of the pilgrimage as published, prices are based on tariffs in effect September 10, 2008 and may be subject to change.

**PLEASE NOTE: NO VISAS ARE REQUIRED FOR PERSONS CARRYING A VALID U.S. PASSPORT. IF YOU ARE CARRYING A PASSPORT FROM ANY OTHER COUNTRY, KINDLY CONTACT US SO WE CAN DETERMINE IF A VISA IS NECESSARY.**

**PLEASE READ THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS CAREFULLY AS YOUR DEPOSIT AND PAYMENT FOR THIS TRIP CONSTITUTES ACCEPTANCE OF ALL OF THE CONDITIONS NOTED HEREIN.**