

Pioneer Pilgrimage 2015

SHROUD OF TURIN, LAKE GARDA AND THE SHRINES OF NORTHERN ITALY

31 May ~ 6 June 2015

Under the Spiritual Direction of Fr Bernard J McGuckian, SJ

DAY 1: Fly to Milan. Two nights in Turin, dinner, bed and breakfast. Afternoon visit to the Basilica of Our Lady, Help of Christians, where we celebrate Mass and see the tombs of St John Bosco and St Dominic Savio. We visit the Church of Corpus Domini – site of the Eucharistic Miracle, and the Salesian Motherhouse Compound and Visitor Centre.

DAY 2: In Turin, we visit the Cathedral of St John, celebrate Mass and view the Holy Shroud. Afternoon drive to Ivrea to visit the tome of Blessed Thaddeus McCarthy, Bishop of Ross, Cork and Cloyne.

DAY 3: Morning drive to Becchi, birthplace of Don Bosco, and celebrate Mass in the Basilica dedicated to him. Continue to Bobbio and visit the Shrine of St Columbanus who died here 1400 years ago in 615AD. Afternoon drive to Montichiari, where we remember the apparitions of Our Lady (Rosa Mystica) to nurse Pierina Gilli. Continue to Desanzano on Lake Garda, for two nights, dinner, bed and breakfast.

DAY 4: Full day free at this popular resort at Lake Garda.

DAY 5: Drive to Spiazzi to see the amazing Sanctuary of Madonna della Conora. Continue to Verona Cathedral for Mass. See the homes of Romeo and Juliet, Castelvecchio, Roman Arena and the Market Place, Piazza Erba. Mid-afternoon depart for Milan, en route, visiting Messero near Magenta where we find the resting place of St Gianna Molla, patron saint of Mothers and Physicians. Check into the hotel for two nights dinner, bed and breakfast.

DAY 6: Morning visit to the convent of Santa Maria della Grazzi for Mass, and in the museum, we see Leonardo da Vinci's masterpiece, The Last Super. This afternoon, we visit Milan Cathedral and the Basilica of St Ambrose – patron saint of Milan – and see his tomb. On our panoramic tour we see the La Scala Opera House, Sforzesco Castle, Basilica of San Lorenzo and the Brera Art Gallery.

DAY 7: After breakfast, we drive to Milan Malpensa airport for return Aer Lingus flight to Dublin.

Cost Per Person Sharing: €995.00

(includes all taxes and insurance)

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