



# PILGRIMAGE TO MEXICO

WITH FR. WALDEMAR PODLASZ, PASTOR, DIVINE  
INFANT CHURCH IN OTTAWA-ORLEANS

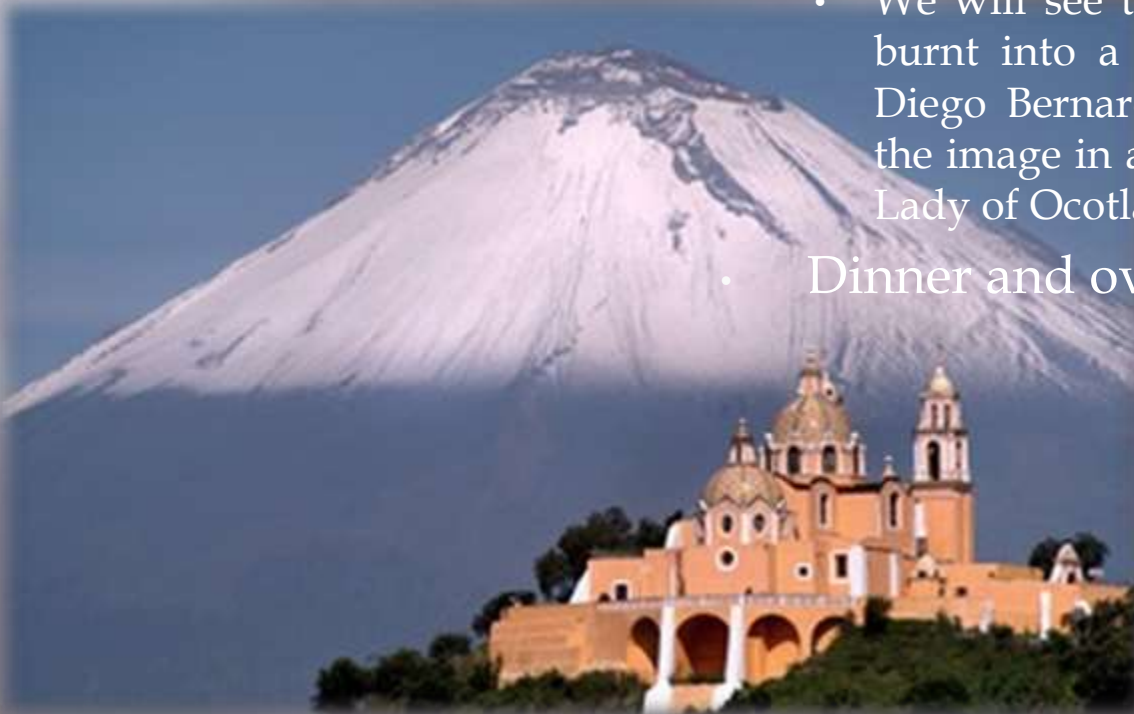
# Day 1



- Afternoon departure to Mexico City.
- Upon arrival we are transferred to the “City of Angels” - Puebla
- Mass, dinner and overnight.

# Day 2

- We start the day with a tour to the old city, the Cathedral, Dominican Cloister and the Rosary Chapel.
- Continue to Tlaxcala and the Shrine of San Miguel del Milagro.
  - Celebrate Mass at the site where St Michael the Archangel appeared to Diego Lazaro in 1631 directing him to the Grotto and to a well of miraculous waters.
  - We will see the image of Our Lady of Ocotlan burnt into a tree trunk after she appeared to Diego Bernardino in 1531. Perfectly preserved, the image in a tree resides in the Basilica of Our Lady of Ocotlan.
- Dinner and overnight in Puebla.



# Day 3

- After breakfast we visit the small Indian baroque church of Tonantzintla and Cholula Church constructed on the top of Great Pyramid.
- Continue to the famous “Silver City” - Taxco.
  - We get acquainted with the history of silver mining in Mexico, visit jewels of baroque style architecture - St Priscilla and St Sebastian Church where we celebrate Mass.
  - Dinner and overnight in Taxco.



# Day 4

- This morning we depart to Mexico City.
- Upon arrival we visit the Square of the Three Cultures and continue to the Old and the New
- Basilica dedicated to Our Lady of Guadalupe, visited by several million pilgrims every year, built near the location where Our Lady of Guadalupe appeared to Juan Diego in 1531.

- We celebrate Mass and learn about the history of Our Lady of Guadalupe and Blessed Juan Diego.
- Dinner and overnight in Mexico City.



# Day 5



• Full day in Mexico City. We explore magnificent city center built on top of the ruins of the Aztec capital city.

• We stop at the Zocalo (main square), Palacio National, celebrate Mass in the Cathedral and drive along famous Paseo de la Reforma.

- Afternoon some free time for leisure.
- Return to our hotel for dinner and overnight

# Day 6



- After breakfast we travel to Teotihuacan and the largest American Pyramids, the pyramid of the Sun and the Moon as well as the Pyramid of the “Feathered Dragon”, ranked among the biggest in the world.
- Afternoon some time for leisure, dinner and overnight.

# Day 7

- After breakfast farewell Mass at the Basilica of our Lady of Guadalupe (time permitting) and transfer to the airport for our flight back to Toronto.
- Evening arrival.





# Spiritual Care

- This is a pilgrimage to deepen our faith and spend time together as pilgrims
- There will be daily Mass in beautiful churches
- Fr. Waldemar will be available to address your spiritual needs
- There will be time for individual prayer and adoration in churches and shrines.

# Hotels and luggage handling

- All hotels are first class hotels
- Most hotels are equipped with wi-fi and computer terminals
- We provide the portering



# Guides

- Our local guides are certified by local tourist authority
- Well educated and English speaking



# Food and water

- Two meals daily – breakfast and dinner
- Breakfast buffet style
- 3 or 4-course dinners
- Bottled water widely available



# Passports and visas

- Your passport has to be valid at least 6 months beyond return date – VERY IMPORTANT!
- No visa required for Canadian citizens
- Please talk to me if you carry non-Canadian passport



# Flight and luggage

- We only use well-recognized airlines (Air Canada)
- Luggage limit –one piece of carry-on (within limits set by the airlines)
- Check-in luggage up to 23 kg subjected to a fee
- Take as little luggage as possible!



# Cost



- Listed cost includes:
  - Air transportation
  - Hotel accommodation, double occupancy
  - Two meals daily (breakfast and dinner)
  - All local transfers
  - All guided tours as per the itinerary
  - Airline taxes and surcharges
  - Gratuities for guides and drivers
- Not included in listed cost:
  - Meals not specified
  - Insurance

# Money



- Currency used in Mexico – Mexican Peso
- We recommend to exchange \$200 – 300 into Pesos in advance
- Both debit (for cash withdrawals through ATMs) and credit cards can be easily used
- Please notify your bank and credit card company about your travelling plans



# Weather and clothing



- Expect early spring-like weather – 16 – 22C
- Nights cold
- Mostly dry, but bring an umbrella
- Good walking shoes are essential
- Take your sun hat, sunglasses, jacket, washable and fast-drying clothing

# Insurance

- Protect your investment – insure yourself
- We offer a variety of travel insurance
  - Trip cancellation and interruption
  - Medical
  - Non-medical
  - All inclusive
- Cost depends on your age
- We will be happy to give you an individual quote



# Payment terms

- Non refundable deposit of \$300 is required for registration
- Balance of payment is due 60 days before departure
- We accept payments by credit card, cheque, money order or cash



Thank You!

