

**Day 1 Oct. 17 (Thu) Toronto/ Warsaw**

Following Mass Celebration, departure on Overnight Flight to Warsaw. Dinner and Breakfast on board.

**Day 2 Oct. 18 (Fri) Warsaw**

Upon arrival in Warsaw, we will be greeted by our English-speaking representative and board our coach. Enjoy Warsaw orientation city tour en-route. After check-in to the hotel there will be free time for independent lunch. Celebrate Mass at the Chapel of Divine Mercy Convent at Zytnia Street, where Sister Faustina entered the Convent. Dinner and overnight.

**Day 3 Oct. 19 (Sat) Warsaw**

After breakfast, depart for the Warsaw Uprising Museum chronicling the events of the Warsaw Uprising that began on Aug 1<sup>st</sup>, 1944. Continue to Old Town – enjoy the ambience of the market square, the Barbican fortress and make a stop at the 14<sup>th</sup> century Cathedral of St. John. Walk past the Royal Castle (exterior view). Have independent lunch in the city. After lunch continue with a drive along the Royal Route and a visit to Lazienki Park with its enchanting gardens, Chopin monument and Palace on the Water. Celebrate mass at St. Stanislaw Kostka Church, the burial place of Blessed Jerzy Popieluszko.

**Day 4 Oct. 20 (Sun) Warsaw - Gdansk**

Breakfast and departure to Gdansk, a beautiful port city on the Baltic coast of Poland. Lunch stop enroute. Upon arrival in Gdansk celebrate a Holy Mass at the Gothic majesty of the city, St. Mary's Cathedral. After Mass you start the guided tour of Gdansk, first visiting the St. Mary's Church, proceeding to the Jailing Tower before setting your feet upon the Royal Route, the Golden Gate and its proud statues and inscriptions, then we head down towards the water. German and Dutch-style townhouses flank you and hustle you towards the famed Neptune statue, a landmark here in Gdansk. Finally, get a feel for pre-war Gdansk on the charming and totally original Mariacka Street before completing your journey on Dlugie Pobrzeze, the street that runs along the calm Motlawa Canal. Dinner and overnight.

**\*please note visits to local churches subject to confirmation due to Sunday Masses**

**Day 5 Oct. 21 (Mon) Gdansk-Gniezno-Torun**

Breakfast and check-out. Enroute to Torun, stop in Gniezno, the first capital of Poland in 10<sup>th</sup> century. Famous for its 12<sup>th</sup> century bronze doors decorated with scenes of the martyrdom of St. Adalbert, who evangelized Poland. Lunch stop. Tour Gniezno Cathedral and celebrate Mass. Depart for Torun. Upon arrival check-in to the hotel. Dinner and overnight.

**Day 6 Oct 22 (Tue) Torun - Czestochowa**

Breakfast and check-out. Mass at local church followed by a guided tour of Torun, famous for its native son, the astronomer Copernicus. Exterior views of the Old Town (UNESCO World Heritage Site). Lunch stop in Torun. Departure for Czestochowa, a city in southern Poland known for the Pauline monastery of Jasna Gora, the most popular pilgrimage site in Poland. Check into the hotel and enjoy the afternoon at leisure.

**Day 7 Oct 23 (Wed) Czestochowa**

After breakfast have a guided tour of the Jasna Gora Monastery where you will see the Treasury, the Knight's Hall, the Refectory, the Basilica of the Holy Cross, and the Nativity of the Virgin Mary, you will view the famous icon of the Black Madonna. Celebrate Mass in one of the chapels. The rest of the day is at your leisure.

**Day 8 Oct 24 (Thu) Czestochowa – Wadowice – Kalwaria – Zebrzydowska - Zakopane**

Breakfast and check-out. Drive to Wadowice – hometown of John Paul II and his childhood home which is now a museum and the Church of the Presentation of the Virgin Mary where he was baptized. Celebrate Mass at a local church. Drive to Kalwaria-Zebrzydowska, the only Calvary on the UNESCO list and the only place to combine a sanctuary for the passion of Christ and a Shrine for a miraculous image of the Blessed Virgin. Proceed to Zakopane and check-in at hotel.

**Day 9 Oct 25 (Fri) Zakopane-Chochołow-Zakopane**

After breakfast, enjoy a tour of Zakopane, nestled in the scenic hills of Southern Poland. Celebrate Mass at Fatima Church, which was built by the mountaineers in gratitude for the Blessed Mother saving the life of Pope John Paul II from the assassination attempt. Then visit the Jaszczurowka Chapel. Drive to visit Chochołow, a village composed almost exclusively of the heritage Polish wooden houses built by the highlanders. Return back to Zakopane for lunch and shopping on Krupowki Street.

**Day 10 Oct. 26 (Sat) Zakopane – Ludzmiierz - Krakow**

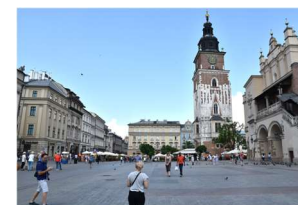
Breakfast and check-out. Drive to Ludzmiierz, the oldest village in Podhale, Poland's southernmost region. Visit the Marian Sanctuary in Ludzmiierz, important for the mountaineers who live in the surrounding Tatra Mountains. In its adjacent Rosary Garden Pope John Paul II prayed in 1997 during his pilgrimage to Poland. Celebrate Mass at the Sanctuary. After Mass drive to Krakow and check-in at the hotel.

**Day 11 Oct. 27 (Mon) Krakow-Divine Mercy-St. John Paul II Center-Krakow.**

After Breakfast meet your local guide and enjoy half day city tour of Krakow. Proceed to Wawel Hill to see Wawel Royal Castle and visit the Cathedral, which is one of the most beautiful renaissance residences in central Europe. Continue to Krakow's Old Town to see the main Market Square, the Church of St. Mary, Cloth Hall, City Hall Tower, Kanonicza Street where Pope John Paul II resided while living in Krakow and the Collegium Maius (exterior view) where he was a student. Then continue to the Convent of the Sisters of God's Mother of Mercy in Lagiewniki, where Saint Faustina, the Apostle of Divine Mercy, lived and died. Enjoy the tour of the Convent guided by one of the sisters. Visit a nearby "Have No Fear" center, where you may pray by the relic of Saint Pope John Paul II and Celebrate Mass at the John Paul II Shrine.

**Day 12 Oct. 28 (Sun) Krakow–Auschwitz-Krakow**

After Breakfast we drive to Auschwitz. Visit the Nazi concentration Camp of Auschwitz where St. Teresa Benedicta faced martyrdom and St. Maximilian Kolbe died in the Death Block from starvation after giving his life for that of a fellow prisoner. Return to Krakow. Celebrate Mass at the Church "Na Skalce" of St. Michael the Archangel and St. Stanislaus Bishop and Martyr.

**Day 13 Oct. 29 (Tue) – Krakow – Wieliczka – Krakow**

After breakfast, drive to Wieliczka – to see the oldest salt mine in Europe. It is a unique place where many generations of Polish miners have created a world of underground chambers and salt lakes with richly decorated chapels, including the famous Blessed Kinga's Chapel. Celebrate Mass at one of the chapels. Afternoon at leisure. Farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

**Day 14 Oct. 30 (Wed) – Krakow - Toronto**

Breakfast and check-out. Drive to the airport for our flight back to Toronto.

#### INCLUDED IN THE PRICE:

- Round trip air from Toronto
- Deluxe air-conditioned motor coach
- Three & Four Star (3\*/4\*) hotel accommodation
- Half-Board daily at the hotels (breakfast and dinner)
- English-speaking tour escort
- Visits and entrance fees as per itinerary
- Booking of the daily private Mass

#### NOT INCLUDED:

- Items of a personal nature
- Anything not listed in the itinerary
- Insurance
- Airlines taxes and surcharges
- Tips and gratuities for guides/drivers/hotel staff (\$200 Cad per person will be collected with final payment)
- Lunch and Beverages
- Transportation from Chatham-Toronto airport will be available at an additional cost

**Cost: \$ 5399.00** CAD per person double sharing (we can match you to share with another pilgrim)  
Single Supplement: **\$ 999.00** CAD (limited availability)  
**Deposit \$500.00** with registration  
**½ Balance Due: 01 May 2024**  
**Balance Due: 01 Aug 2024**

Cheques should be made payable to Nexion Canada.  
Credit Card payments also accepted(2% surcharge)  
**\*Note:** Tour price is based on a minimum of 25 registrants. Complete Terms and Conditions will be provided upon request and with deposit.

**\*Proof of medical insurance is required to participate on this Pilgrimage.**

Nexion Canada strongly recommends Manulife Insurance. Policy options are available for Cancellation & Interruption Insurance and Medical Insurance. Prices vary depending on age. For complete coverage information and pricing, contact Mary Catherine directly.



Fr. John Jasica was ordained for the Diocese of London in 2001. He is the youngest of three sons. His parents immigrated to Canada from Poland and settled in London where they attended Our Lady of Czestochowa Parish. He has served as an associate pastor in London and Wallaceburg/Port Lambton. He spent 5 years as the pastor of St. Peter's Parish, Goderich before being appointed Vocations Director for the diocese (2010-2012). He was pastor at St. George Parish in London for 9 years and is presently the pastor of the Chatham Kent Family of Parishes, responsible for 5 churches. Fr. John has lead pilgrimages to Lourdes/Fatima, Italy, Poland and Quebec and has been on mission trips with high school students to Kenya and Ecuador. He speaks fluent Polish and is a huge Boston Bruins and Pittsburgh Steelers fan.

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