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We are disciples of Jesus who are seeking to love God and our neighbour.

We are committed to being God focussed, Jesus centred and Spirit led.

We are determined to build up the Kingdom of God and renew our Church.

PILGRIMAGE TO MALTA & ITALY 2018 **Walking in the Steps of St Paul & Renaissance Italy** Sunday 2nd September 2018 to Saturday 22nd September 2018

Dear

After very successful Pilgrimages to Israel walking in the steps of Jesus in January 2013 and to Greece and Turkey in the steps of St Paul & St John in 2014, Carolyn and I are organising again with Inner Faith Travel, a once in a life time trip to Malta & Italy to walk in the steps of St Paul & see Renaissance Italy. This will be a special opportunity to travel with a friendly group of people with an experienced English speaking local tour guide who will safely guide us. As well as planning to have a lot of fun and laughter, we also hope this tour will be spiritually encouraging and an uplifting experience.

We are wanting to travel with some of our friends and extend an invitation for you to join us on this special pilgrimage. Please see the brochure with a lot of the details and Itinerary. I am happy to talk to you about the trip and any concerns. I can be contacted at the details listed above.

We cannot promise we will have good weather but we can promise to have as much fun and adventure as we had on the other pilgrimages. Christian pilgrimages were first made to sites connected with the birth, life, crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus. It's a journey of faith to a place of spiritual significance. Many of the most famous pilgrimage places have been sites where saints have experienced apparitions of God, or have done miraculous deeds. There is something of the resonance of these events still alive in these places. Come with us and visit Malta and Italy (including Rome & the Vatican, Florence, Assisi, Padua and Venice) plus much more while walking in the steps of St Paul and seeing Renaissance Italy.

We are travelling in September 2018 which will be Autumn and not stinking hot (hopefully nice days and cool evenings). We are hoping to have a pre-trip gathering so that we can all get-to-know each other before we travel (suggested date is Saturday 4th August 2018 – more details coming). Pre-trip newsletters with additional information will be sent out. There will also be a reunion where we can share our photos and build on the friendships we have gained on the pilgrimage.

We will be using Emirates or Etihad Airlines into Malta, with an internal flight from Malta to Rome on a carrier such as Alitalia or similar

COST: \$8485 per person twin share

Plus TIPPING EXPENSES: \$310

SINGLE SUPPLEMENT: \$1285

DEPOSIT \$500 (non refundable) to be paid as soon as possible to confirm your seat

FINAL PAYMENT is due before Monday 4th June 2018

Included services for round trip:

- Meeting and assistance upon arrival/departure
- Airport transfer to/from first/last hotel
- Round trip as per programme by a/c coach
- Hotel accommodation based upon double occupancy in a double room (bath/shower and toilet in room) including all service charges and taxes
- Meal plan: 16x breakfast buffet + 16x dinner + 1x wine tasting with light lunch on day 12
- Comprehensive sight-seeing tours and excursions including English-speaking tour guide for Malta + Italy
- All entrance fees according to itinerary
- Porter fees hotels in/out (1 piece per person)
- Head-set system

Business Class upgrades available on request.

If you wish to extend by travelling onto London or elsewhere, Inner Faith Travel are happy to give a very competitive quote.

Prices do not include: Travel insurance, Beverages at meals, drinks and most lunches.

PLEASE SEE Fr JOHN FOR A REGISTRATION FORM WHICH IS TO BE SENT TO INNER FAITH TRAVEL WITH YOUR DEPOSIT **Can we encourage you to pay a \$500 deposit as soon as possible to Inner Faith Travel so we know numbers who are coming. Final payment is due before Monday 4th June 2018**

As we will be on the road most of the time, participants will need to be reasonably fit and active.

Inner Faith Travel is a non-denominational Christian travel company, that has been in existence since the early 1980's and became fully accredited in 1987 with IATA (the world's highest travel industry accreditation) and with a large majority of the domestic and international companies. They have won the Israeli Tourism Award every year since its inception in 1995. You can learn more about Inner Faith Travel at www.ift.net.au They are happy to quote if you want to travel onto London etc after our trip, to fly business class, to have a single room rather than a shared room etc.

We are looking forward to travelling with you on this once in a life time adventure.
Please feel to pass this information on to your friends.

Please feel free to talk to us about this pilgrimage....

Yours in Christ

John & Carolyn

Fr. John and Carolyn Mathes