

## ***“FROM PITTSBURGH TO PERU” with BISHOP DAVID ZUBIK A PILGRIMAGE to CHIMBOTE and LIMA***

***Prayerfully consider joining me as we rededicate the “Bridge of Love & Hope”  
Connecting the people of Pittsburgh and Chimbote, Peru***

***For more than one-half century, generations of Pittsburgh schoolchildren and Mission Partners have built and sustained this Catholic healthcare outreach serving the poorest of the poor. Throughout our entire journey, we will appreciate the rich history, culture & faith traditions of Peru. ¡ es magnífico!***

**February 21 – Feb 27, 2019 (7 days)**

**Total Price \$2499.00 (based on double occupancy)** Includes Airfare from Pittsburgh, Airline Taxes and Surcharges\*, Hotels, Private Motor Coach, Professional Guide, Excursions in Lima and Chimbote, ALL meals and much more!

***Space limited to 45 persons. No exceptions!***

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***The people of Chimbote, Peru love the people of Pittsburgh! And the feeling is mutual!*** From the pioneer Missionary priests and sisters who arrived in the 1960’s and stayed, to today’s volunteer Mission Teams, there is a love affair borne from Jesus’ words in the Gospel of Saint Matthew: ***“Whatever you do for the least of these, you do for me!”*** Come and experience this gospel-inspired mission for yourself! From Lima, the nation’s capital, a world-class city of 12 million people, to our sister-diocese of Chimbote where we have built an internationally-respected Catholic healthcare complex (maternity hospital, clinic, laboratory, orphanage and home visit outreach), we will experience the indescribable beauty and faith that is Peru. Join Bishop David Zubik and his brother-Bishop Ángel Francisco Simón Piorno of Chimbote as we celebrate a metaphorical bridge that links our two continents, two dioceses, and two peoples in love and hope.



## LIMA AND CHIMBOTE PILGRIMAGE ITINERARY

### Thursday, February 21, 2019 – Day 1

Today we depart from Pittsburgh and journey to Lima, Peru on Delta Airlines. Upon arrival, we check into our deluxe Wyndham Hotel for overnight. From the moment we land until our return flight, we will have a professional local guide/ translator serving our group. Since we left Pittsburgh's cold, and arrive in the peak of Peru's summer, we have the option of leaving winter garments for safekeeping at the Wyndham, until we return the following Tuesday.

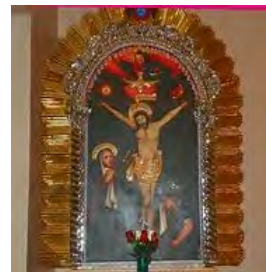
### Friday, February 22, 2019 – Day 2



This morning, after breakfast, we board our comfortable, private motor coach and tour the holy sites of Lima. Our first stop will be to honor two beloved Patron Saints of Peru, **Saint Rose of Lima** and **Saint Martin de Porres**, visiting their final resting places at the Basilica y Convento de Santa Domingo. On our pilgrimage, we celebrate Mass daily; today at the Basilica Cathedral of Lima in the Plaza Mayor. We continue to the **Iglesia Las Nazarenas**, the church housing the revered 17<sup>th</sup> century painting of

Jesus, **Señor de los Milagros - Christ of the Miracles**. Our day concludes at the must-see Monastery of San Francisco and a prayerful visit to the catacombs. Dinner and overnight at the Wyndham.

**Special welcome:** At some point on our pilgrim's journey, we hope to be joined by Pope Francis' newly appointed Ambassador to Peru, Nuncio Archbishop Nicola Girasoli.



*Señor de los Milagros – Christ of the Miracles*

### Saturday, February 23, 2019 – Day 3

After breakfast, we begin our day celebrating Mass at a nearby Parish. We depart in our air-conditioned, private motor coach for Chimbote heading north along the historic Pan-American highway with a sea-side stop at **the town of Barranca – Tata Restaurant** for lunch. We enjoy stunning panoramas of the Pacific Ocean to our left, and awesome expanses of desert sand and the far-off Andes Mountains out our window on the right. We arrive in Chimbote around 5pm. We will check into our Chimbote air-conditioned hotel for dinner and overnight. We spend the next three nights in Chimbote.

Our honorary local tour guides will be **Sister Margaret Mary Birchmeier and Sister Lillian Bockheim**, two Dominican Sisters from Grand Rapids Michigan who served alongside our diocesan priest, the late-Monsignor Jules Roos ("Padre Julio"), as co-founders of our Mission complex, each for more than 50 years. The sisters are affectionately called "Las Madres" in Chimbote. "Las Madres" will join us for dinner tonight and explain the history and healthcare ministry of the Mission complex.



*Bishop Simon-Piorno with Sister Lillian (l) and Sr. Margaret Mary (r)*



*Founder, the late-Monsignor Jules-Roos*

## Sunday, February 24, 2019 – Day 4

After breakfast, we depart for a morning tour of some of the sites of Chimbote. We stop at the beautiful *Cathedral of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and St. Peter*. We will appreciate the division between “old” and “new” Chimbote. This is the dividing line where survivors moved after the devastating earthquake of May 1970 when an estimated 70,000 people in the local Ancash region died. We continue on to La Plaza Veintiocho de Julio, to view the harbor. Lunch at a local restaurant and return to our hotel to freshen up before Mass.

This afternoon, we experience the highlight of our pilgrimage! Our Bishop Zubik and local Bishop Simon-Piorno of Chimbote, will concelebrate an afternoon Mass at **San Martin de Porres Parish**, close-by our mission, the *Center for Social Works (COS) and Maternity Hospital of Mary*. After Mass, the two Bishops – perhaps joined by the Papal Nuncio – will *rededicate* this important Catholic health care mission as a 'bridge of love and hope' between the people of Pittsburgh and Peru. A public reception with the Center's staff, local dignitaries and citizens will follow! Later this afternoon, we return to our hotel for dinner and overnight.

## Monday, February 25, 2019 – Day 5



Following breakfast, we will have an opportunity to spend the morning appreciating the life-saving and life-sustaining work of our mission throughout the Center. By breaking into smaller groups, we will experience La Maternidad de Maria Maternity Hospital, where superb pre-and post-natal care has been provided for nearly 99,000 babies over more than one half century. Reminiscent of Jesus' mother Mary on their dangerous desert journey 2,000 years ago, then as now mothers seek a safe place to birth their Little One. We will tour the greatly expanded and modernized medical clinic, just opened in February 2018, a gift of the people of Pittsburgh. The regionally respected

laboratory and pharmacy; and the Padre Julio Children's Shelter for abused, abandoned or orphaned children. The warm, infectious smiles of our children there will melt your heart! There will be an opportunity to participate in a short service project this morning. Also, we will provide opportunity to break into small groups and accompany the nurse/social worker teams on home visits into the barrios, to witness first-hand the extraordinary poverty and deep faith of the people of Chimbote. Lunch will be provided locally.

This afternoon we motor to a nearby parish church, **Los Santos Mártires**, the **Holy Martyrs**, to celebrate an afternoon Mass. We will pay our prayerful respects among relics of missionary priests martyred in 1991 by the former Shining Path terrorists. The three priests from Italy and Poland were recognized by Pope Francis and beatified in Chimbote in 2015. We will also visit the grave of Monsignor Jules Roos of Pittsburgh, the center's founder who died at COS in 2013 and is buried here among his adopted sisters and brothers. Padre Julio chose to be buried in Chimbote with the people he loved. We will also visit the paupers' cemetery where countless people known only to God have an



anonymous final resting place. Tonight we will enjoy a farewell treat, dinner in an upscale Chimbote restaurant, ***El Porton Gaucho*** – Gate of the Cowboy – favored for its delicious and varied Peruvian menu. The Mission’s co-founders, “Las Madres” will join us! Tonight is our last night in Chimbote.

### **Tuesday and Wednesday, February 26/27, 2019 – Days 6 and 7**

We depart Chimbote early heading south along the Pan American Highway by motor coach, retracing our route back to Lima. Lunch again will be at the sea-side ***town of Barranca – at the Tato Restaurant***. We will pace ourselves along the way affording time to view some archeological native Indian ruins. In Lima we will check into day-use rooms at the lovely Wyndham Hotel to enjoy some time to rest, refresh, and have dinner. We depart the Lima airport, in the early hours of the morning for an overnight flight back home. We will connect through Atlanta and arrive in Pittsburgh early Wednesday afternoon.

### **Optional – Pre-Pilgrimage Add-On Excursion to Machu-Picchu February 17 to February 21, 2019 TOTAL - \$1499.00 (based on double occupancy)**

For those interested in an early ***optional side-trip to Machu-Picchu*** prior to the pilgrimage, arrangements have been made for a smaller group to leave Pittsburgh on ***Sunday, February 17*** joining the larger group of pilgrims at the Wyndham when they arrive on Thursday, February 21. Machu Picchu is a world-class heritage site, and Peru's most popular attraction. Dating to the mid-1400s, it is a marvel of mortar-free limestone architecture perched on a high plateau deep in the Amazon jungle. When exploring the mysterious ruins of Machu Picchu, you are at one of the most intriguing destinations on the planet.



**Mail to: DIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH, ATTN: Sue O'Keefe, 111 Boulevard of the Allies, Pittsburgh, PA 15222**

Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ seats on this **Chimbote and Lima Pilgrimage** - Feb 21-27 , 2019 **PRICE \$2499 Per Person**

**Enclosed please find enclosed deposit of \$500 per person (Payable to Chimbote Foundation of Pittsburgh)**

**FINAL BALANCE DUE SEPTEMBER 15, 2018**

PLEASE ENCLOSE A COPY OF YOUR PASSPORT (Passport **MUST** be valid until **Sept 1, 2019** or later)

Name(s) as appear on passport \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phones \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ( PRINT CLEARLY) \_\_\_\_\_

Nicknames for name tags \_\_\_\_\_

MY ROOMMATE IS \_\_\_\_\_

Please assign a roommate if available \_\_\_\_\_ I would like a single room \_\_\_\_ ( supplement \$499)

We/I would like to travel on the Early Extension fo Machu Picchu **\$1499 per person** ( additional deposit enclosed of \$250) \_\_\_\_\_

Single supplement for Machu Picchu is \$299

ENCLOSED FIND A CHECK AND A COPY OF MY PASSPORT OR

**CLICK HERE TO PAY BY CREDIT CARD ( OR CALL 412-456-3065)**

**VISA/MC/DISCOVER or AX ( 2.6% surcharge) TIPS \$62 PER PERSON DUE WITH FINAL PAYMENT**

**\*I understand that certain charges such as air taxes, fuel surcharges and rates of exchange can affect the final cost and I agree to pay such costs should adjustments be necessary. I have read and understand the Deposit and Cancellation Fees.**

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Signature

**TOTAL TOUR PRICE: TOTAL TOUR PRICE:** The tour price is based on airfare, land rates and rates of exchange in effect **May 25, 2018** plus a good faith estimate of projected increases for 2019 All rates are subject to change without prior notice. Should the rates go up or down, an adjustment would be made prior to departure. Refunds CANNOT be granted for any accommodations, services or events that are not used nor if you deviate from the tour. If fewer than 45 pilgrims participate a price adjustment may be necessary. FINAL PAYMENT DUE BY SEPTEMBER 15, 2018.

**PASSPORT AND VISA REQUIREMENTS:** A valid passport is required. At the time of printing, U.S. citizens holding valid passports DO NOT REQUIRE visas or immunization for the country or countries being visited. Passport MUST be valid until **September 1, 2019** or later. Citizens of countries other than U.S. - please contact the consulate of the country or countries being visited to determine visa requirements.

**AIR TRANSPORTATION:** International flight reservations are being held on **Delta Airlines**. No stopovers are permitted. Once the tickets are issued, they are NON-TRANSFERABLE AND NON-REFUNDABLE. Any requests to change a ticket once issued will incur a reissue fee of \$200 plus any fare differential will apply. Cancellation of air seat within 90 days of departure will incur a \$200 penalty. **DOMESTIC AIRFARE:** For those who make domestic air arrangements to the originating city of this tour, your tour host and APJ strongly recommend the purchase of tickets that can be changed without heavy fees and penalties as international flight schedules are always subject to change.

**HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS:** Specially selected hotels based on twin occupancy with private bath. **Single Room supplement of \$499 ( \$299 for extension to Machu Picchu)** will be charged where requested and available. If you do not have a roommate and APJ is unable to arrange one, you will be billed for the single room supplement. All singles are subject to availability. **MEALS:** Breakfast and Table D' Hote dinners are provided daily except where noted in the itinerary. An extra charge will be made when coffee, tea or other beverages are not included in the menu of the day with the dinner meal. **TIPS AND TAXES:** Tips and taxes normally appearing on hotel and restaurant bills as service are included, as are all government and local taxes on hotels and meals, portorage of one suitcase per person. **International departure taxes of \$123.66 are included** (subject to change). **TIPS TO TOUR MANAGER/GUIDES, DRIVERS OR DINING ROOMS STAFF OF \$62 ARE NOT INCLUDED ( will be included in final billing).** One average sized suitcase not exceeding 50 lbs total weight and 62 linear inches (height plus width plus depth) is permitted throughout the trip.

**NOT INCLUDED:** Expenses and items not specifically mentioned in this brochure are NOT covered, including but not limited to: passport and visa fees, meals not listed and items of a personal nature such as laundry, wines, liquors, mineral waters, after dinner coffee or tea, sightseeing or services other than those specifically mentioned, tips and taxes mentioned above, excess baggage and insurance, etc.

<i>CANCELLATIONS: All payments must be in U.S. Dollars. A deposit of \$500 per person is required to secure reservations.</i>	<i>Penalty</i>
<i>From time of reservation to Sept 15, 2018</i>	<i>\$500</i>
<i>From Sept 16, 2018 to Nov 15, 2018</i>	<i>\$1,500</i>
<i>From Nov 16, 2018- Departure</i>	<i>100%</i>

**BANK FEE:** A fee of \$50 will be charged for any check that is returned to us for insufficient or unavailable funds.

**DEVIATIONS:** A service charge of \$50 pp will be applied for any deviations made in tour, (where possible), PLUS any additional air or land charges incurred.

**TRAVEL INSURANCE:** Optional Travel Insurance is strongly recommended for your trip. See for full details. Cost of travel insurance (highly recommended) for this trip starts at **\$176**. You may buy directly from <https://www.allianztravelinsurance.com>. **LAND ARRANGEMENTS:** The tour operator reserves the right to change the itinerary due to unforeseen emergencies.

**RESPONSIBILITIES:** APJ and the Diocese of Pittsburgh, the organizer, and their representatives act only as agents for the tour members in making arrangements for hotels, transportation, sightseeing, restaurants or any other services in connection with the itinerary. They will exercise reasonable care in making such arrangements, however, they do not assume any liability whatsoever, for any injury, damage, loss, accident or delay to person or property because of any acts of war or terrorism, any act of default of any hotel, carrier, restaurant, company or person rendering any of the services included in the tours. The tickets, coupons, tariffs, rules or contracts currently in use by any carrier, hotel, restaurant or other contractor rendering services shall constitute the sole contract between such contractor and the tour member. **APJ or/and the organizer, accept no responsibility for any damage or delay due to sickness, pilferage, labor disputes, machinery breakdown, quarantine, government restraints, weather or any other cause beyond their personal control.** No carrier shall be responsible for any act, omission or events during the time passengers are not on board its own conveyance. The right is reserved to cancel or change itineraries or substitute services without notice and to decline to accept or retain any passenger at any time. In view of statutory or contractual limitations that may apply to personal injury or property damage losses the purchase of accident and baggage insurance is strongly recommended. **SPIRITUAL GUIDE:** If due to unforeseen circumstances spiritual guide is unable to travel, the right is reserved to substitute spiritual guide. **ERRORS:** In case of printing, typographical errors, computer errors, verbal or human billing errors, we reserve the right to invoice or re-invoice participants with corrected billing.

**ADDITIONAL DIOCESE LIABILITY AND HOLD HARMLESS FORM WILL BE FORWARDED FOR SIGNATURE BEFORE DEPARTURE.**

## **CUSCO – MACHU PICCHU**

### **4 DAYS / 3 NIGHTS**

#### **Itinerary:**

#### **FEB 17**

Arrival in Lima /meet and greet at the airport. Overnight at Wyndham Hotel.

#### **FEB 18 LIMA - CUSCO**

Transfer to the airport for flight to city of Cusco. Upon arrival transfer to our hotel, rest of the morning free to relax and acclimate to altitude (11,000 feet high). In the afternoon city tour and tour of nearby ruins of Kenko, Pucapucara and Sacsayhuaman. Dinner show in Cusco -Buffet/ folk music and dances.



#### **FEB 19 CUSCO - SACRED VALLEY**

Full day guided excursion to the Sacred Valley and Pisac Market, where highland Indians come to work, ship and sell their wares at the market. Later enjoy lunch and scale the ruins of Ollantaytambo. Overnight in the Valley. DINNER NOT INCLUDED- AVAILABLE AT HOTEL.



#### **FEB 20 SACRED VALLEY - MACHU PICCHU**

Early pick up from our hotel and board the train to Machu Picchu (guided tour). Arrival at town of Aguas Calientes, from there a mini bus will take us up to the Ruins, to walk its narrow streets, climb its rock strewn stairways and learn the secrets of this ancient civilization (lunch). In the afternoon train ride back to Cusco. Transfer back to our hotel. DINNER NOT INCLUDED- AVAILABLE AT HOTEL.

#### **FEB 21 CUSCO / LIMA**

Around mid-morning pick up from hotel – return to airport for flight back to Lima.