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Dear brothers and sisters in the Lord,

I'm pleased to announce that I will be leading a pilgrimage with Fr. Chris Decker of Baton Rouge in July of 2020. Our pilgrimage will take us to Poland and Eastern Europe, including a rare opportunity to attend the world-famous Passion Play in Oberammergau, Germany. The villagers of Oberammergau first performed the play in 1634 in fulfillment of their promise to God for sparing them from the Black Plague, and it has been presented there every 10 years since then.

In addition to our time spent in Oberammergau, we will have the opportunity to visit several great Old World cities in Poland, Austria, and Eastern Europe. Our Catholic heritage is rich and ancient in these countries. In Poland, we will have a chance to visit the holy places where Pope John Paul II ministered as a priest and bishop, and later led his countrymen to freedom by reclaiming their Faith and refusing to accept communistic atheism. We will also visit Auschwitz, the concentration camp where St. Maximilian Kolbe and St. Edith Stein died, along with more than a million others. In Vienna and Prague, we will find cathedrals and castles, picturesque landscapes and beautiful souls that will make both medieval and modern history come alive. In Vienna, the music capital of Europe, we will have a chance to taste rich pastries, see palaces and stroll through beautiful parks.

The price of our tour is \$4799, which includes roundtrip airfare, first class/select hotels and guesthouses in Oberammergau, most meals, admission tickets for the Passion Play, the services of a professional tour director and sightseeing in a deluxe motorcoach. Holy Mass will be offered daily for our group in some of the most beautiful churches in Europe.

All parishioners of Our Lady of the Rosary are invited to join us on this pilgrimage. Since space is limited, now is the time to reserve a spot. If you are interested, please email me at jhemelt@arch-no.org or stop by the parish office to pick up an informational brochure with a registration form.

To Jesus through Mary,

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