

Walking as a Disciple: A Retreat in the Holy Land

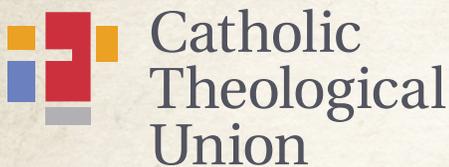
MAY 24 – JUNE 2, 2019



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THIS RETREAT EXPERIENCE is for those who wish to reflect on the Scriptures in the land that inspired them. Rooted in Catholic Biblical scholarship, this retreat offers input on the theme at the sites visited, experiences of Eucharistic liturgy, common prayer, and times of quiet reflection. Days will begin early and include biblical sites from the Old and New Testaments. At each site, participants will hear about the significance of the biblical story and have an opportunity for personal prayer. This year's theme is: *Walking as a Disciple*

MAY 24 – 25

Depart Chicago on May 24, arriving in Tel Aviv at 3pm on May 25. Travel to the shores of the Sea of Galilee and begin a four-night stay at the Ron Beach Hotel.

MAY 26

Begin the day at Mt. Tabor, the site that commemorates Jesus' Transfiguration (Mark 9:2-8), before going to the Basilica of the Annunciation. Optional four-mile silent hike on the Jesus Trail along the route between Nazareth and the Sea of Galilee.

MAY 27

Visit Magdala, Capernaum, and Tabgha. Celebrate the multiplication of the loaves and fishes (Mark 6:30-46) and Jesus' post-resurrection (John 21). On the Mount of Beatitudes, Jesus announced the actions and attitudes that befit a disciple (Matt 5:1-12).

MAY 28

At Caesarea Philippi, Jesus asked his disciples, "Who do you say that I am?" (Mark 8:29). Tel Dan was once the northern most limit of the Kingdom of David (2 Sam 3:10). At Ginosar Kibbutz, see the remains of a first century fishing boat, and later sail on the Sea of Galilee.

MAY 29

Driving south through the Jordan Valley, recall Jesus' pilgrimage from Galilee to Jerusalem, stopping at his baptismal site (John 1:28) before passing through Jericho (Mark 10:46-53). Visit the Church of the Nativity in Bethlehem (Luke 2:1-21) before beginning a four-night stay at a hotel in the Old City.

MAY 30

From the Mt. of Olives, overlook the Holy City where Jesus lamented the fate of Jerusalem (Matt 23:37). Walk down the pilgrim route to the Garden of Gethsemane (Mark 14:32-42), travel to the area where Peter denied Jesus (14:66-72), and visit the site that commemorates the Last Supper.

MAY 31

The rock of Calvary is enshrined in the Holy Sepulchre, the burial place of Jesus (John 19:38-42). Walk along the Medieval Way of the Cross to St. Ann's Church, built over the ruins of Bethesda (John 5:2).

JUNE 1

Before tomorrow's departure to return to Chicago, conclude the retreat by visiting Emmaus and commemorating the first Pentecost.

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Trip applications must be completed online by February 1, 2019. \$400 non-refundable deposit is due with application. Space is limited. Early application submissions are encouraged.

Retreat cost is \$4,185 per person and includes roundtrip airfare from Chicago, double-occupancy accommodations, entrance fees, gratuities, retreat presentations, ground transportation, and breakfast and supper each day. Participants are responsible for all other expenses incurred, and must be in good health and able to walk unassisted on uneven ground for one mile, as the retreat requires daily hikes. Single-room: additional \$600. Land portion only: \$2,500.

For more information about the Holy Land Retreat, contact: ctutavel@ctu.edu OR 773.371.5436