You are invited on Pilgrimage
For the 500th Jubilee Anniversary Year of St. Teresa of Avila
With Franciscan University

May 12-20, 2015

Your 9 Day Pilgrimage Features:

• 6 talks by Ralph Martin
• Seven (7) nights accommodations at 4 star Hotels: 5 nights in Avila, 2 nights in Madrid
• Continental Breakfast daily
• Two (2) Lunches
• Two (2) Dinners, including a Welcome and Farewell Dinner with wine and Flamenco Show
• Daily Mass in unique and historical churches
• Luxury motor coach for airport transfers in Spain and specified sightseeing
• Catholic Tour Escort in Spain
• Local Guides according to the itinerary
• Sightseeing and Entrance fees including: Cathedral, Encarnacion Convent in Avila; Cathedral and Alcazar in Segovia; Cathedral Old & New and University in Salamanca; Cathedral and Museum of Christopher Columbus in Valladolid; Escorial Monastery in Escorial; Cathedral, St. Tome Church, and Synagogue La Blanca in Toledo
• Hotel taxes and porterage for 1 piece of luggage
• Whisper sets
• Round trip scheduled commercial air from New York, NY (JFK) to Madrid, Spain including fuel surcharges and government imposed fees of $600 as of 9/13/13; final amount subject to change

Ralph Martin
Pilgrimage Host

Fr. Sean O. Sheridan TOR
Spiritual Director
PILGRIMAGE TO SPAIN
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**Tuesday, May 12, 2015** 🇺🇸 Departure USA
Depart for Spain on international flights from New York.

**Wednesday, May 13, 2015** 🇪🇸 Arrive Spain | Transfer to Madrid / Avila
Arrive at Madrid Airport, transfer by private motorcoach to Avila. Before Mass, group will gather to become acquainted with each other and to preview the tour program. Ralph Martin will open the pilgrimage with an introduction about Teresa of Avila’s life and spirituality. Celebrate Mass at the Convent of St. Joseph. (Schedule today subject to actual flight arrival time.) Welcome Dinner. Overnight in Avila. (D)

**Ascension Thursday, May 14, 2015** 🇪🇸 Avila
The walled city of Avila is most famous for being the home of St. Teresa, the great mystic and one of three female Doctors of the Church. This morning, visit the city of Avila, its magnificent 12th-century wall, and the fortress-Cathedral. See the Convento de la Santa, built on the site where she was born. Visit the Convento de San Jose, the first Discalced convent. Afterward, visit the Monasterio de la Encarnacíon where she was prioress when St. John of the Cross was Confessor. Celebrate Ascension Thursday Mass at the Chapel of Transverberation, meaning “Stigmata of the Heart.” St. Teresa experienced stigmata of the heart when an angel appeared to her, piercing St. Teresa’s heart and causing her to feel, simultaneously, pain and joy. Holy Hour after Mass. Next, visit San Juan Bautista Church, which contains the baptismal font in which St. Teresa of Avila was baptized; Ralph Martin will present a lecture about St. Teresa of Avila. Enjoy dinner on your own. Overnight in Avila. (CB)

**Friday, May 15, 2015** 🇪🇸 Avila | Segovia | Avila
After breakfast, travel to Segovia, spectacularly perched atop a long, narrow promontory. Segovia contains a wealth of monuments, including the cathedral, a famous ancient Roman aqueduct, the Alcázar (castle–palace), and various churches including San Esteban, San Martín, and San Millán. Celebrate Mass in the Chapel Crypt of St. John of the Cross. Afterward, Ralph Martin will share a teaching. Then, tour the church, followed by lunch featuring your choice of two local specialties, suckling pig or Segovia beef. Afterward, visit the ninth Discalced Carmelite foundation established by St. Teresa. Next, see the old city, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Return to Avila. Dinner on your own and overnight in Avila. (CB | L)

**Saturday, May 16, 2015** 🇪🇸 Avila | Salamanca | Alba de Tormes | Fontiveros | Avila
**Early departure for Salamanca. Salamanca was the site of St. Teresa’s seventh foundation. See the University of Salamanca, where St. John of the Cross studied for the priesthood. City tour of Salamanca and time for lunch on your own. Return to Avila by way of the village of Alba de Tormes, one of the most important pilgrimage centers in Spain. Teresa founded the Carmelite Monastery of the Annunciation here. Celebrate Mass near the tomb of St. Teresa. Holy Hour after Mass. Time to visit the tomb. Then, onto Fontiveros which is the birthplace of St. John of the Cross. Return to Avila for dinner on your own. Overnight Avila. (CB)

**Sunday, May 17, 2015** 🇪🇸 Avila | Valladolid | Medina del Campo | Avila
Early departure for Valladolid. Visit the museum of Christopher Columbus, then on to the Carmelite monastery in Valladolid, founded by St. Teresa, where Ralph Martin will share his insights about St Teresa. After, tour a local bodega, winery, including a stop for lunch. Return to Avila by way of Medina del Campo. Visit the second foundation, the Convento de San Jose. Celebrate Mass. Then, see the small museum housing original pieces from the time of the founding by St. Teresa before returning to Avila for dinner on your own and overnight. (CB | L)

**Monday, May 18, 2015** 🇪🇸 Avila | Madrid | Avila
Following breakfast check-out of hotel and proceed to Madrid. Enroute, visit the monastery of El Escorial. See the Eucharistic Miracle which is kept intact and venerated in the sacristy of the Royal Monastery of San Lorenzo in El Escorial. Ralph Martin will share a teaching. Continue on to Madrid, the capital of Spain. Orientation Tour of Madrid. See the Puerta del Sol and Plaza de España. Also, see the splendid Valley of the Fallen with its memorial to those who died in the Civil War. Visit the Monasterio de las Descalzas Reales (“Monastery of the Barefoot Royals”). Then, Celebrate Mass in Madrid at the Carmelite Church. Next, check-in to hotel. Enjoy free time to explore the city. Dinner on your own and overnight in Madrid. (CB)

**Tuesday, May 19, 2015** 🇪🇸 Madrid | Toledo | Madrid
This morning, celebrate Mass at the Cathedral of Alhumeda. Then, journey to Toledo, where Christian, Muslim, and Jewish cultures used to share a cultivated and peaceful medieval society. It was in Toledo that John of the Cross was imprisoned following his refusal to relocate after his superior’s orders and allegedly because of his attempts to reform life within the Carmelite order. It was here that St. Teresa completed one of her major spiritual works, The Interior Castle, which outlines the seven stages of a soul’s journey to union with God. Tour of the city with some free time to explore the sights. Return to Madrid. Before dinner, Ralph Martin will share his final thoughts about Teresa de Jesus at the Carmelite Monastery in Madrid, followed by Evening Prayer. Then, enjoy a Farewell Dinner with Flamenco Show. Overnight in Madrid (CB | D)

**Wednesday, May 20, 2015** 🇺🇸 Departure for USA
Check-out of hotel, transfer to Madrid Airport, and bid a fond “Adios” to the land of Teresa de Jesus and San Juan de la Cruz.

*Itinerary is tentative and subject to change
CB=Continental Breakfast, L=Lunch, D=Dinner
### Franciscan University Pilgrimage to Spain

1.) **RESERVATION FORM** (one form per person, photo copies of form are permitted):

- **Clergy**
- **Mr.**
- **Mrs.**
- **Miss**
- **Birth date** __/__/____

Name ____________________________________________________________

(Ass it appears on your passport) If Under 18: Age ________ (see back)

Address ________________________________________________________

City ____________________________ State ____________ Zip Code: ______________

Cell Phone (______)____________________ Email address* ______________________

* EMAIL COMMUNICATION – It is important for travelers to supply their email address and to notify Corporate Travel Service of any address changes. Updates about your trip will be sent by email, so it is important that settings in your email system allow communication from addresses originating at ctscentral.net.

2.) **PASSPORT (required to travel):**

- Copy of passport inside page showing name and photo is enclosed.
- I am applying for a passport and understand that I must supply a copy to Corporate Travel Service by December 13, 2014. Corporate Travel Service is not responsible for passports that are not valid 6 months following the return date of the trip. (See back page of Terms and Conditions-Passports)

3.) **PAYMENT TERMS & SCHEDULE:**

Deposit $350 nonrefundable deposit to register. $650 nonrefundable additional due May 1, 2014. $1250 additional due on or before December 13, 2014. A final invoice, reflecting the final price, will be issued 60 days (3/13/2015) prior to departure. Final Payment must be made between 60 and 45 days (3/28/2015) prior to departure (early final payments cannot be made.) Late bookings after 60 days prior to departure require payment in full by credit card at time of booking. Price reflects an Early Booking Savings of $100 per person for deposits received on or before December 2, 2013. Price also reflects a cash discount of $125 for tours paid entirely by cash or check. Cash discount will be taken at the time the final payment is made.

Checks payable to: Corporate Travel Service

Credit Card: **Visa**

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4.) **TERMS AND CONDITIONS:**

I have received, read and agree to the TERMS & CONDITIONS AND BINDING ARBITRATION CLAUSE on this and the backside of this form and to the Pricing Terms and Payment Terms outlined on this side of the form. I understand that Corporate Travel Service highly recommends the purchase of travel insurance (see terms and conditions for details) and that the cancellation terms and penalties cannot be waived for any reason. If I decline to purchase travel insurance, I understand I could lose substantial prepaid monies, and that there may not be full monetary recoup for any flight cancellations or delays by the airlines. I agree to the cancellation terms and penalties.

Signature ________________________________

(Required to confirm reservation)

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**THE TOUR DOES NOT include:**

- Airport transfers for travelers not on group flights
- Meals not specifically identified
- Beverages with meals unless specified
- Gratuities payable to escort, guides and drivers
- Other personal expenses
- Items not specifically mentioned in inclusions on page #1

**Checked Baggage Fees** are not included in this tour package price. Most airlines charge fees ranging from free to $75 per bag one way. If traveling with group air, the air carrier for your flight will be announced in your final travel documents and an online link provided to learn the exact charges of your carrier. Note: Because of space limitations around the transportation at the destination, you may only bring one checked bag on this trip.

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**May 12 - 20, 2015**

**Release:** Corporate Travel Service, Inc., its employees, shareholders, officers and directors (collectively “CTS”) does not own or operate any entity which is to or does provide goods or services for your trip, including, for example, lodging facilities, transportation companies, local ground operators, including, without limitation, various entities which may utilize the CTS name, guides, sightseeing companies, entertainment, food or drink service providers, equipment suppliers, etc. As a result, CTS is not responsible for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any person or entity. In addition, CTS is not responsible for any negligent or willful act or failure to act of any other person or entity it does not own or control. Without limitations CTS is not liable for any direct, indirect, consequential, or incidental damage, injury, death, loss, accident, delay, inconvenience or irregularity of any kind which may be occasioned by reason of any act or omission beyond its control, including, without limitation any willful or negligent act, failure to act, breach of contract or violation of local law or regulation of any third party such as a cruise line, airline, train, hotel, bus, taxi, van, local ground handler or guide, whether or not it uses the CTS name, financial default or insolvency of any supplier which is to, or does supply any goods or services for this trip. Similarly, CTS is not responsible for any loss, injury, death or inconvenience due to delay or changes in schedule, overbooking of accommodation, default of any third party, attacks or bites by animals, insects or pests, injury or death while on activities sponsored by lodging facilities or by other third parties, sickness, the lack of appropriate medical care, evacuation to same, if necessary, weather, strikes, acts of God or government, acts of terrorism, or the threat thereof, force majeure, war, quarantine, epidemics, or the threat thereof, criminal activity, or any other cause beyond its control. Should Ralph Martin and/ or Fr. Sean O. Sheridan be unable to participate in this event, reasonable commercial efforts will be made to secure a substitute. Regardless of the participation of Ralph Martin and/or Fr. Sean O. Sheridan the tour will proceed as scheduled on the dates listed. By signing this form to participate on this trip you agree that the terms of the cancellation penalty will be binding upon you regardless of whether Ralph Martin and/or Fr. Sean O. Sheridan is able to participate. CTS is not responsible for any loss incurred by traveller, including lost days of the scheduled cruise/tour, due to a cancelled flight or other means and modes of transportation.

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**TRAVEL INSURANCE IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**

For optimum insurance coverage, purchase travel insurance within 14 days of deposit. Call Corporate Travel Service at 313-565-8888 ext 113
DOMESTIC AIR TO NEW YORK:

Air or other transportation. Investigate purchasing travel insurance to cover any type of loss associated with cancelled flights or other means of transportation. Please note that Corporate Travel will not be responsible for any loss incurred by travelers due to a cancelled flight or other means of transportation.

FLIGHT CANCELLATIONS AND DELAYS:

Corporate Travel Land Only Waiver. Land only passengers are responsible for arranging and paying for transfers to and from the airport. Please note that CTS is solely responsible for the cost of transfers to and from the airport. It is important to arrange and pay for transfers in the airport to ensure that any eligible miles will be recorded.

GROUP AIR NOT UPGRADEABLE:

Corporate Travel suggests that you book the tour package as "land only" and arrange your own air. Note that "bulkhead" and "exit row" seats are assigned by the carrier at the airport.

Group Air Mileage Credit - Reduced:

It is common for carriers to give partial or no credit for group flights. It is important to give your frequent flyer number when checking in at the airport to ensure any eligible miles will be recorded. It is best if your carry-on bag is soft sided, as the parcel racks on the motor coaches are small. Currently, travelers are allowed to transport only small amounts of liquids, gels, lotions, aerosols or similar items on their person or in their carry-on luggage. Details will be in your final travel documents.

Group Air Seat Assignments:

Please note that group seats are assigned "at the discretion of the airline", although every effort will be made to fulfill requests. Specific seat assignments cannot and will not be guaranteed. Seat numbers will not be advised until check in at the airport. If you require specific seats, Corporate Travel suggests that you book the tour package as "land only" and arrange your own air. Note that "bulkhead" and "exit row" seats are assigned by the carrier at the airport.

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Check carry-on bag that will fit under an airline seat and on the small parcel racks of the motor coach, which average about 8 inches high by 18 inches deep. It is best if your carry-on bag is soft sided, as the parcel racks on the motor coaches are small. Currently, travelers are allowed to transport only small amounts of liquids, gels, lotions, aerosols or similar items on their person or in their carry-on luggage. Details will be in your final travel documents.

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HEALTH REQUIREMENTS:

Travelers must be medically and physically fit for this tour. This tour requires significant walking, as motor coaches are not permitted to pick up and drop off in front of major attractions. The tour is not wheelchair accessible. Any special medical conditions or equipment must be advised in writing, for evaluation of feasibility, at the time of making your reservation. Should any special assistance be required, traveler agrees to bring a companion capable and willing to assist traveler.

GROUP AIR RESTRICTIONS:

Due to the airlines' reduced capacity and restrictive group reservation terms, group air reservations are often difficult to coordinate. The number of connections, length of layovers, and all conditions surrounding air travel cannot be guaranteed and may change before departure. Accordingly, if you require specific air travel needs and are not flexible concerning group air travel, you may wish to consider purchasing a Land-Only package and secure your own preferred air arrangements.

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