

September 29-October 8, 2025

# Jubilee Pilgrimage: Canada & Eastern US



Dear Friends in Christ,

My name is Fr. Joseph Steele, and I am a Catholic priest of the Diocese of Lincoln, Nebraska.

I was ordained in Lincoln in 1997, and have served in various parishes in Grant/Elsie, Plattsmouth, Bellwood and Lincoln. I presently serve as the priest at Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital in Lincoln.

When I was asked to lead a pilgrimage to the shrines in Canada and Northeastern US during the Catholic Church's Jubilee year, I was honored and very excited to be a part of it.

I went to seminary at St. Philips Neri in Toronto, and did further studies at Mount St Mary's in Maryland. Therefore, I am really looking forward to revisiting many of these religious sites and sharing them with you, especially in autumn, when God's artistic handiwork fills the landscape such rich, beautiful colors.

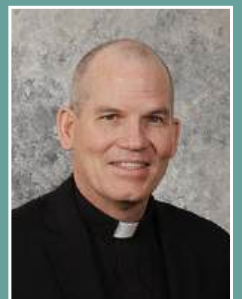
For me, this pilgrimage is a wonderful opportunity to help God's faithful acquire an even richer, deeper understanding of their faith as we travel together, celebrating daily Mass and praying at these many sacred sites.

With 2025 designated as our Jubilee year by the Catholic Church, it is an even greater opportunity to focus on our own personal faith, asking for forgiveness for our sins, and in turn, to grant forgiveness to those that have sinned against us, and to obtain the plenary indulgences of the Jubilee year.

The Jubilee theme this year is "Pilgrims of Hope". In the words of Pope Francis, "We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision." On this pilgrimage, we will have hope. Hope for all of His people. Hope for our Catholic Churches around the world. Hope for us each to grow in faith and love.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Joseph Steele, Diocese of Lincoln



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**Sainte Anne de Beupre  
Catholic Church**



**Montreal Sunrise City Skyline**



**Montmorency Falls**



**The Basilica of Notre Dame**



## **September 29, 2025 - Monday**

### **Depart Omaha to Quebec City**

Bienvenue a Quebec!

Our Jubilee Pilgrimage begins in Canada! Loaded with European charm, Quebec City offers visitors a chance to taste France without leaving the continent. Quebec is known for its rich settlement history, French-speaking population, and, of course...maple syrup! Upon arrival, we meet our private tour guide and take a short drive to the city center where we will check in to our centrally located hotel, enjoy Mass and a late welcome meal. This evening is yours to make memories and dine on your own or with your fellow travelers. (L)

## **September 30, 2025 - Tuesday**

### **Quebec City**

This morning we start with a filling breakfast at the hotel. We will board our private motorcoach and head out to Old Quebec for a day of unforgettable visits. We will begin the day with a visit to Notre Dame de Quebec and St. Marie de l'Incarnation Center, which was the site of the first Catholic parish in the America's north of the Spanish colonies. Here we will visit the cathedral and have the opportunity to see and touch the Holy Door, which is only one of seven in the world and is the only Holy Door outside of Europe. Behind this sacred door lies the Sacred Heart Chapel and the relics of Canadian saints and blesseds. Unfortunately, the Holy Door will not open in 2025 as per the will of the Pope. For lunch, we will head out of town a little further to a lovely local restaurant near Montmorency Falls. This afternoon the fellowship continues as we travel out to the city and the religious site of St. Anne de Beupre. Later this afternoon, we will make our way back to the hotel for an evening of leisure. Your Tour Director will happily provide suggestions and directions for dining or tour options. (B/L)

## **October 1, 2025 - Wednesday**

### **Quebec to Montreal**

This morning, pack your bags, we are heading to stunning Montreal! After a hearty breakfast at the hotel, we will board our comfortable motorcoach and head out for a day of beauty as we follow the scenic St. Lawrence River from Quebec to Montreal. October 1st begins Holy Rosary Month in honor of the feast day of Our Lady of the Rosary, so it is only fitting that today we visit Canada's National

Shrine to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Notre Dame du Cap! The shrine is home to a statue of the Blessed Mother known as Our Lady of the Cape which is visited by thousands of pilgrims yearly. We will continue our scenic journey to Basilica Saint-Anne-Vareennes. The basilica is one of the oldest pilgrimage sites in North America and has been welcoming visitors for over 350 years. After another fascinating visit, and a lunch stop, we head into Montreal where we will arrive at our hotel in the afternoon. This evening is yours to relax or explore on your own. (B)

## **October 2, 2025 - Thursday**

### **Montreal**

Today, we are in for an amazing day, full of discovery! After a delicious breakfast at the hotel, we will board our motorcoach and visit St. Francis Xavier Mission at Kahnawake. Located here is the tomb of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, the first North American Indigenous woman to be canonized. The church here is a national historic site and features paintings and relics of the missionaries. It is surrounded by Fort Saint-Louis, built in 1725 to protect the Christian Iroquois. The original rectory was built in 1720 and now houses the mission museum. Next, we will head just a little way down the road to Notre-Dame Minor Basilica of Montreal. This stunning Basilica was built between 1824 and 1829. Its two towers were completed later in 1841 (west tower, named Perseverance ) and in 1843 (east tower, named Temperance ). The Basilica is currently undergoing major restoration work which started in 2020 and will last for more than fifteen years. Today, we will discover the history of this Basilica from the origins of the urban colony to the imposing neo-Gothic church of today.

The day isn't over yet. After several hours of touring both sites this morning, you will have a late lunch on your own and then reconvene for the afternoon tour to St. Joseph Oratory. The Oratory is the world's largest shrine dedicated to St. Joseph and is the tallest church in Canada and one of the largest domed structures in the world. The Oratory's sacred path, Way of the Cross, and mountain setting create a unique physical and symbolic presence.

After a long day of touring, we will join together for dinner as a group as we reflect on our day. (B/D)

French Onion Soup

Naumkeag, Stockbridge

State Capitol of New York, Albany

Niagara Falls Canada & America



**October 3, 2025 - Friday**  
**Montreal to Albany, New York**

After breakfast at the hotel, we will wave goodbye to Montreal and head south to Albany, New York where we will continue our adventure. This is one of the country's most stunning regions, especially during the most picturesque time of the year. Along the way, we will stop at a quaint town for lunch on our own. Heading further south, we will arrive in Albany and check in to our centrally located hotel. This afternoon and evening are yours to explore and have dinner on your own or with friends. **(B)**

**October 4, 2025 - Saturday**  
**Stockbridge, Massachusetts**

This morning, we will enjoy a leisurely breakfast at the hotel before boarding our motorcoach to Stockbridge, Massachusetts, for a delightful day filled with art and fellowship. Our first stop will be at the famous Norman Rockwell Museum. Founded in 1969, the museum houses the world's largest collection of Rockwell's work, including 998 original paintings and drawings. After a morning of admiring the exhibitions at the museum and the stunning grounds, we will enjoy a group lunch at a charming restaurant. After lunch, we will go to the National Shrine of the Divine Mercy. The shrine is based on the writings of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun who received a vision from Jesus about the Divine Mercy. Pope John Paul II canonized her in 2000, calling her "the great apostle of Divine Mercy in our time". The shrine is located on the 370-acre Eden Hill estate, which was purchased in 1943. The estate includes the Mother of Mercy Outdoor Shrine and the Shrine of the Holy Innocents. After a full day of touring, we will return to Albany for an evening on our own. **(B/L)**

**October 5, 2025 - Sunday**  
**Albany, New York to Niagara Falls**

This morning you will pack your bags - we are heading to one of the most iconic places in the world - Niagara Falls! Enjoy an early breakfast at the hotel before boarding the motorcoach for a long but beautiful drive northeast. We will have two short and interesting stops along the way. In Fultonville we will have the joy of stopping in at The Shrine of Our Lady of Martyrs. The shrine honors the martyrdom of three Jesuit missionaries, Isaac Jogues, René Goupil, and John Lalande, who were killed by Mohawk Indians in the 1640s. It is also

the birthplace of St. Kateri Tekakwitha, a Mohawk/Algonquin woman who was born in 1656 and the first Native American saint. She was known for her purity and charity. Just a short drive away we will stop at the National Shrine of St. Kateri, where she was born and baptized. After our visit, we will board our motorcoach, enjoy a boxed lunch, and head to legendary Niagara Falls! After a long day of travel, you will settle into your local hotel and have dinner on your own. **(B/Boxed Lunch)**

**October 6, 2025 - Monday**  
**Niagara Falls**

Enjoy a leisurely morning and breakfast at the hotel. Today, we journey to Lackawanna, New York to visit Our Lady of Victory National Shrine and Basilica. This stunning Basilica has a fascinating history, including the great fire in 1916. You will find here, a great story of blessings and resilience. After our visit, we will have lunch and go to Mount Carmel Monastery and Cellars for an afternoon wine tasting. This evening enjoy dinner on your own or with friends. **(B/L)**

**October 7, 2025 - Tuesday**  
**Niagara Falls**

Today is a day of rest and rejuvenation. After breakfast at the hotel, the day is yours to enjoy and explore beautiful Niagara Falls. Your Tour Director will have suggestions for enjoyable area activities. We will gather for our final dinner together and a final word from Father Steele. This evening we will experience Niagara Falls close-up and illuminated on an evening Falls Cruise. This is the perfect way to wrap up an amazing and enlightening Pilgrimage. **(B/D)**

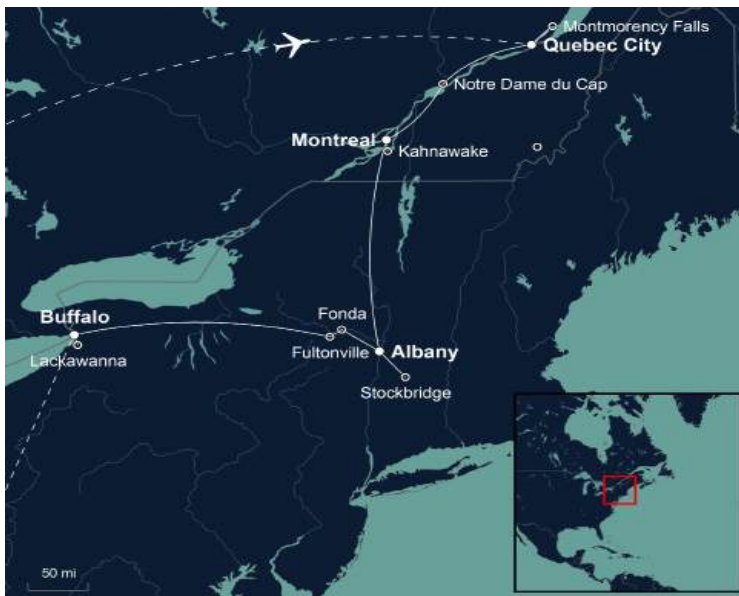
**October 8, 2025 - Wednesday**  
**Niagara Falls to Home**

All too soon, your Pilgrimage has ended. The motorcoach will transfer you to the Buffalo, New York airport with plenty of time to check in and clear security for our early afternoon flight. We will board our flight and fly home with a renewed focus on our spiritual life and fond memories of our time together.

**B = Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner**  
*Itinerary subject to change!*

*\*Note: Each day we will celebrate Mass in one of the locations mentioned.*





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**ONLINE REGISTRATION LINK:**  
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**Package Price:**

Per person in a shared double room:	\$5,795
Per person in a single room:	\$7,595

A non-refundable deposit of \$500 per person is required upon signing up. The deposit can be paid by cash, check, or credit card. The balance is due on June 1, 2025, and is non-refundable. The balance can be paid by cash or check. Credit card payment(s) (any payment applied to the tour after the deposit) will access a 3.5% fee.

We recommend travel insurance to help protect you and your trip investment against the unexpected. For your convenience, we offer a plan provided by Travelex Insurance Services. For rates and plan highlights, please ask us.

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 Register by March 1, 2025 and receive a  
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*This tour will be materialized with a minimum of 30 travelers. Should the number of travelers fall below 30, all funds paid to Executive Travel will be refunded 90 days prior to the departure date.*

**Tour Activity for this tour: LEVEL 1 2 3 4**

This journey is a soft level 3. Between the scheduled sightseeing tours included in the program and personal exploration, you can expect to walk approximately 3 miles or more over the course of a day typically on pavements. This tour is not recommended for guests with walking difficulties. Comfortable, sturdy shoes are recommended.

**Accommodation:**  
 All hotels will be 3 star and above. Specific hotel names and locations will be announced upon guaranteed departure of this tour.

**Group airfare:**  
 Group airfare with American Airlines is included in your package. Refer to page 5 for details.

Group airfare comes with seat assignments 30 days prior to the departure. Premium seating can be purchased additionally and confirmed at this time. Executive Travel cannot confirm precise seat numbers earlier than 30 days prior to departure and therefore cannot guarantee the availability of specific seating on the aircraft.

If you wish to travel from a different city than Omaha, please let us know and we will make sure to customize your air. A supplement could occur.

**Included:**

- Round-trip airfare (Omaha - Quebec City) and (Buffalo - Omaha)
- 9 nights accommodation
- 15 meals: 8 x breakfast, 5 x lunch, 2 x dinner
- Transportation with private deluxe motor coach
- Admissions and donations to all sites mentioned in the tour program
- Professional Tour Director from airport pick up to drop off
- Baggage handling at hotels (one piece per person)
- Gratuities for Driver and Tour Director
- All local taxes and fees as of January 15, 2025

**Not Included:**

- Travel Insurance
- Personal expenses
- Meals and beverages other than those mentioned in the tour program
- Entrances to monuments and museums other than those mentioned
- Professional fees, \$75 per person, due at the time of registration
- Anything not mentioned in the inclusions

Forwarding registration and deposit signifies that you agree to the terms and conditions found at [executivetravel.com/eti-home/vacation/scorted-tours](https://www.executivetravel.com/eti-home/vacation/scorted-tours)

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## GROUP AIRFARE DETAILS!

Group airfare with **American Airlines** is included in your package:

September 29, 2025	Omaha* - Philadelphia	6:00 AM - 9:40 AM
September 29, 2025	Philadelphia - Quebec	10:20 AM - 12:19 PM
October 8, 2025	Buffalo - Philadelphia	1:30 PM - 2:55 PM
October 8, 2025	Philadelphia - Omaha*	6:30 PM - 8:44 PM

\*We are happy to assist with airfare from a different airport than Omaha. Please reach out to us to assist you. A small supplement may occur.

### Important notes about seat assignments, upgrades, TSA Pre-Check, and Frequent Flyer Numbers:

- **Group airfare comes with seat assignments 30 days prior to departure.** We cannot confirm precise seat numbers earlier than 30 days prior to your departure and therefore cannot guarantee the availability of specific seating on the aircraft. We do our best to honor your preferences (window, aisle seat).
- **Premium seating upgrades - depending on availabilities:**
  - Main Cabin Extra* can be purchased and confirmed **once the tickets are issued** = 30 days prior to departure. Estimate a supplement of \$600-\$900.
  - Premium Economy* can be reserved **at the time of booking** your trip with us. Estimate a supplement of \$2,000-\$3,000.
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- **Mileage credit** for individuals on group air contracts is not guaranteed and is subject to the rules of the airline under contract.
- **TSA Pre-Check numbers and Frequent Flyer numbers must be reported at the time of reservation.** Otherwise, each traveler must provide these numbers upon check-in on the day of departure.
- **Taxes**, fuel charges and security fees are subject to change.
- **Air schedules** are subject to change at the discretion of the airline.

