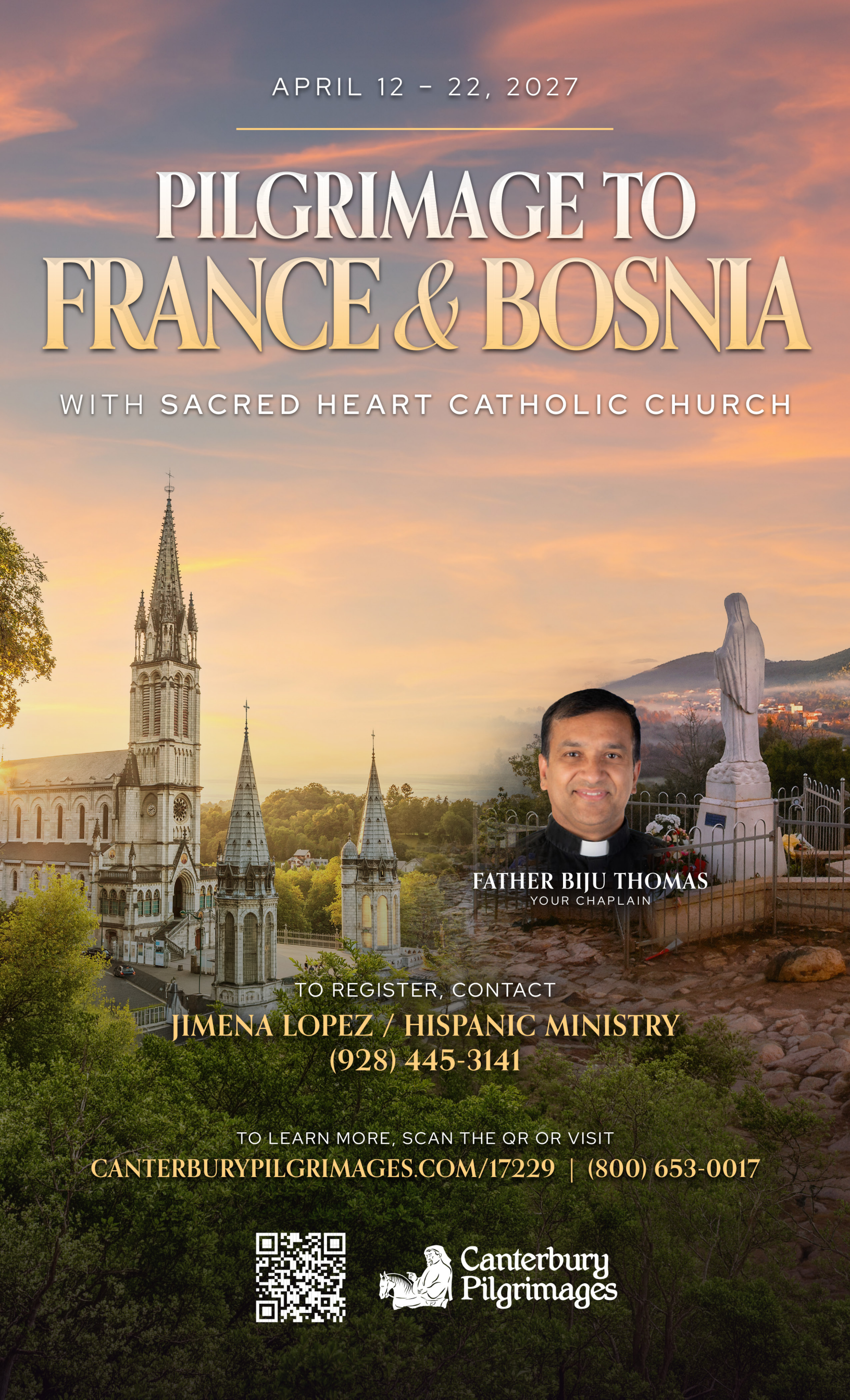


APRIL 12 – 22, 2027

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April 12, 2027 | Departure from Phoenix, Arizona

Our pilgrimage begins this morning as we depart Phoenix, Arizona, connecting through a major U.S. gateway to our overnight flight across the Atlantic to France, timed to land in the early morning hours so we can make the most of our first full day. Dinner and breakfast will be served during the flight.

April 13 | Arrival in Lourdes

We arrive in France in the early hours of the morning. Upon arrival at Pau or Toulouse Airport, our local professional tour escort greets us and accompanies us by motorcoach through the foothills of the Pyrenees to Lourdes. After check-in, we gather this evening for a welcome dinner to begin our pilgrimage together. Overnight in Lourdes. (D)

April 14 | Lourdes

We spend our one full day in prayer and pilgrimage at the Lourdes sanctuary, where Our Lady appeared eighteen times to the young St. Bernadette Soubirous in 1858, announcing herself as the Immaculate Conception and revealing the miraculous spring whose waters have been associated with countless healings. We celebrate Mass at the Grotto of Massabielle, the very site of the apparitions, and take part in the water gesture, praying together in a spirit of faith and penance. We walk the life size Stations of the Cross overlooking the Grotto, meditating on the Passion of Our Lord. We visit Boly Mill, the birthplace of St. Bernadette, and the Cachot, the abandoned prison cell where her impoverished family lived at the time of the apparitions. This evening we join the faithful for the Candlelight Marian Procession. Dinner and overnight in Lourdes. (B/D)

April 15 | Lourdes & Paris

After breakfast we transfer to Pau or Lourdes Airport for our flight to Paris. Upon arrival, our motorcoach meets us for the transfer into the city and hotel check-in. This afternoon we enjoy a panoramic bus tour of Paris, taking in the great landmarks of the French capital before visiting the Eiffel Tower, the iconic iron lattice structure completed in 1889 for the World's Fair and the most visited monument in the world. Dinner and overnight in Paris. (B/D)

April 16 | Day Trip to Lisieux

This morning we travel to Lisieux, the Norman town where St. Thérèse Martin entered the Carmelite convent at the age of fifteen and lived her hidden life of prayer until her death at twenty four in 1897; declared a Doctor of the Church in 1997 by Pope John Paul II, she remains one of the most beloved saints of the modern era. We celebrate Mass at the Basilica of St. Thérèse, one of the largest churches built in the 20th century, its magnificent mosaics and stained glass depicting her life. We then visit Les Buissonnets, the family home where she grew up, where her personal relics, clothing, and belongings are preserved, and the Carmelite Convent where she entered religious life and is now buried. We return to Paris this evening. Dinner and overnight in Paris. (B/D)

April 17 | Paris

After breakfast we celebrate Mass before spending the day in the Catholic heart of Paris. We begin at the Basilica of Sacré-Coeur atop Montmartre, built as an act of national penance and dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, whose magnificent mosaic of the Risen Christ and remarkable Grand Organ draw pilgrims from across the world. We continue to the Chapel of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal on the Rue du Bac, where Our Lady appeared to St. Catherine Labouré in 1830, repeatedly instructing the making and purpose of the Miraculous

Medal and promising special protection and abundant graces to those who wear it with faith; the incorrupt body of St. Catherine rests in the chapel. We walk to the nearby Church of Saint-Vincent-de-Paul before visiting Notre-Dame Cathedral, one of the supreme achievements of Gothic architecture and the spiritual heart of France, solemnly reopened in December 2024 following the devastating fire of April 2019. A panoramic bus tour takes in Les Invalides, the Arc de Triomphe, and the Champs-Élysées. Dinner and overnight in Paris. (B/D)

April 18 | Paris & Split

This morning we transfer to the airport for our flight to Split, on Croatia's Dalmatian coast. Upon arrival, our motorcoach meets us for the transfer into the city and hotel check-in. This afternoon we enjoy a walking tour through the old town and Diocletian's Palace, a UNESCO World Heritage Site, along the Riva waterfront promenade with its views of the Adriatic Sea, before an evening free at leisure. Dinner and overnight in Split. (B/D)

April 19 | Split & Medjugorje

This morning we bid farewell to the coast and transfer by motorcoach into Bosnia and Herzegovina, arriving in the village of Medjugorje, a renowned pilgrimage destination where reported apparitions of Our Lady have drawn pilgrims from around the world since 1981. After hotel check-in, we gather for dinner and our first evening in this place of peace and prayer. Dinner and overnight in Medjugorje. (B/D)

April 20 | Medjugorje

This morning we gather at St. James Church for Mass, the spiritual heart of the Medjugorje pilgrimage. Our local guide accompanies us as we follow the path up Apparition Hill, where the young visionaries first encountered Our Lady in 1981, pausing to pray before the statue that marks the spot of the first apparition; at the base of the hill, the Blue Cross marks the place where Our Lady is said to have appeared to the children while they hid from the communist police in the early days of the apparitions. This afternoon we have the opportunity to visit the Kravice Waterfalls, a dramatic cascade on the Trebižat River just 10 minutes from Medjugorje, for a change of pace amid our days of prayer. This evening we join the villagers and pilgrims to pray the Rosary before the Croatian Mass, during which the apparition is said to take place at 5:40 PM (6:40 PM during daylight saving time), and the Blessing of the Sick is given. Our guide will arrange meetings with the visionaries as they are available. Dinner and overnight in Medjugorje. (B/D)

April 21 | Medjugorje

We continue our days of prayer and pilgrimage in Medjugorje. This morning we gather at St. James Church for Mass before climbing Krizevac Mountain, where in 1933 the villagers erected a thirty foot cross on the 1,900th anniversary of the crucifixion of Our Lord, praying the Stations of the Cross along the rocky path to the summit. We also visit the Community of Cenacolo, founded by Sr. Elvira Petrozzi, a community of young men and women on the road to recovery, whose testimonies of their journeys back to Jesus Christ have moved countless pilgrims. We pray before the bronze statue of the Risen Christ on the grounds of St. James Church before gathering this evening for a farewell dinner. Dinner and overnight in Medjugorje. (B/D)

April 22 | Departure

With hearts renewed by the grace of pilgrimage and the intercession of Our Lady of Lourdes and Our Lady of Medjugorje, we bid farewell to Medjugorje and transfer directly to the airport at Dubrovnik or Split for our return flight home to Phoenix. (B)



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