

CATHEDRAL OF ST. MATTHEW THE APOSTLE

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Shrines of France

10-Day 175th Anniversary Pilgrimage: April 13 - 22, 2016 \$3,665.00 per person, from Washington Dulles Airport

Lyon Ars Annecy Paray-le-Monial Chartres Lisieux Normandy Paris Lourdes

Dear Friends and Families of the Cathedral Parish of St. Matthew the Apostle,

As we bask in the glow of the celebration of our 175th Anniversary, I would like to invite you to join us on a special 10-day pilgrimage in April of 2016. On this pilgrimage to France we will meet Saints you heard about growing up – remember St. Catherine Labouré and the Miraculous Medal (some of you still wear that medal today!) – as well as Saints you often hear about in our homilies (St. John Vianney, St. Margaret Mary Alacoque and St. Thérèse, the Little Flower). This pilgrimage will allow these Saints to inspire you all the more as we see and visit the places and the culture where they lived.

We also will visit and pray at the beaches of Normandy remembering those who lost their lives here, pray for those who served our country in World War II, and for those who presently serve us in the armed forces ensuring the freedom we enjoy today.

We will allow the Holy Spirit to speak to us on this journey through history, art, and culture. We also will listen to Him speak to us through one another; for on a pilgrimage we not only pray with each other and share the Eucharist around the Table of the Lord, but we also share around a table with food and drink of the region (and most of us have heard of the gastronomical delights of French food and wine!).

To view the pilgrimage brochure and enrollment form, click <u>here</u> or visit the front page of our parish website for a link. You may also contact Peter's Way Tours directly at 1-800-225-7662 or <u>peter@petersway.com.</u>

I hope you will join us as we visit Lyon, Annecy, Ars, Paray-le-Monial, Nevers, Chartres, Lisieux and Paris. What a way to top off our 175th celebration—ending our rewarding and memorable journey in Lourdes, France.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

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