Eastern Africa Pilgrimage Tour

June 10 - 24, 2016

Highlights of the Pilgrimage

Nairobi, Kenya

St. Aloysius Gonzaga High School

Nyumbani Orphanage

Jesuit ministries in the Eastern Africa Province

Masai Mara Game Park and Safari
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**What makes this a Pilgrimage?**

**Pilgrims** go on a journey far from the security of home in search of deeper spiritual conversion. Think of it as a retreat, an extraordinary learning opportunity in the classroom of life, and an opportunity for some exhilarating fun.

This pilgrimage will break your heart and heal it again and again. Local experts will teach us about the challenges facing Africa today. We will learn about the great work being done at **St. Aloysius Gonzaga High School** and have opportunities to interact with students and faculty. We will pray daily and reflect on what we experience. On our mini-safari, we will witness breathtaking vistas and marvel at the wonder of God’s creation.

**This pilgrimage is not for the faint of heart. It is for those who are willing to peer into the shadows of life and embrace the joy that faithful courage can bring.** This is the kind of religious experience that will challenge and change your understanding of where God is found in our world. We invite you to join us on this spiritual adventure quest.

**Experience St. Aloysius Gonzaga High School in Kibera slum in Nairobi, Kenya**

Celebrate St. Al’s Feast Day with students and staff on Sunday, June 19, 2016. Students at St. Al’s have lost one or both of their parents to AIDS. This Jesuit school gives these students hope for a bright future by providing a solid high school education and graduate program as well. Through the generosity of numerous benefactors, a new school was built in 2010 that has twelve classrooms, three science laboratories, a chapel, two computer centers, a library, several offices, and a dining hall.

**Trip to Masai Mara**

Includes lodging for two nights at the Sarova Mara Resort and meals. Travel to Masai Mara will be by van and there will be plenty to see as you travel the Kenya countryside through the Rift Valley Overlook. [www.masaimara.org](http://www.masaimara.org)
**Lodging at Rosa Mystica Spiritual Centre**

We will be staying at Rosa Mystica Spiritual Centre, a very comfortable facility a few miles from St. Al’s. This package includes a guest room and two meals (breakfast and supper) for 10 nights. Dining at a variety of local restaurants each day for lunch is also included. [www.rosamysticakenya.org](http://www.rosamysticakenya.org)

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**PILGRIMAGE PACKAGE**

Cost per person: $2,000 USD

**Attractions**

All entrance fees and transportation to and from all museums and places of interest are included.

**Deposit required**

A minimum deposit of 50% ($1,000/Person) is due ASAP.

**Airfare**

(Not included, arrange on your own) Most flights will depart from a US destination on June 10th and have a layover in Europe. Schedule a flight to arrive at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi, Kenya Airport on the evening of June 11th. Return flight departing from Kenya on the evening of June 23rd arriving in the US on June 24th.

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**ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

**Tourist Visa**

Each pilgrim will need to secure their own tourist visa for “single entry” into Kenya. Visas can be purchased at the airport in Kenya for $50 USD if the passport is valid for not less than 6 months. Travelers with newer passports can visit [http://kenyaembassy.com/visa.html](http://kenyaembassy.com/visa.html) for more details and an application for a tourist visa.

**Vaccinations**

Official certification is not required for entry. However, immunizations are strongly recommended for Yellow Fever, Hepatitis A, Typhoid and Malaria when visiting Kenya. Consult a doctor for more details.
Our Spiritual Director

Daniel G. O’Hare, SJ, PhD, a Jesuit priest, currently lectures in Medical Ethics at New York Medical College and is an adjunct professor in the Master of Anesthesia Education Program and the Master of Health Care Management in the Graduate School of Business Administration of Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington. Dr. O’Hare also participates in the ACGME curriculum for medical residents in the Connecticut and regularly lectures to nurses, respiratory and physical therapists, and mortuary science students.

He is the consultant ethicist to several hospitals and health care agencies and previously held the position as the first institutional ethicist at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York. He has published in the areas of Ethics, AIDS, and Physician-Assisted Suicide.

A frequent speaker, both nationally and internationally, Dr. O’Hare was awarded a Visiting Professorship in Ethics in Australia and was named a Harris Fellow by the American Bureau for Medical Advancement in China, lecturing extensively at medical and nursing schools in Asia. Most recently, he presented at an international congress on palliative care in Berlin, Germany. Serving on many boards, he was also invited to join that of the Foundation for Hospices in Sub-Saharan Africa.

In addition, with over thirty years’ experience with terminally ill patients, their families, and loved ones, Dr. O’Hare has been involved in grief counseling and conducts a bereavement series through the auspices of a number of funeral homes in the New York area.

Daily Itinerary

**FRIDAY, JUNE 10**
Afternoon    Leave USA

**SATURDAY, JUNE 11**
Night       Arrive Nairobi

**SUNDAY, JUNE 12**
Morning    Mass at Kangemi Jesuit Parish and lunch with the Jesuit community
Afternoon  National Museum and Shopping at Masai Market, tour Downtown and site of the 1998 US Embassy Bombing
Evening    Supper at Carnivore of Nairobi

**MONDAY, JUNE 13**
Morning    Giraffe Centre
Karen Blixen Museum
Mwangaza Jesuit Retreat House
MONTDAY, JUNE 13 (continued)
Afternoon         Presentations on culture, religion, history, and politics of Kenya

TUESDAY, JUNE 14
Morning           Visit St. Al’s, beginning at the original site and walking through the Kibera slum
Afternoon         Visit St. Al’s – meet with faculty staff, students and graduates
                 Visit Christian Life Community National Office and Introduction to Zaidi Centre

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15
Morning           Jesuit Refugee Service regional office
                 Visit Hekima College (Jesuit School of Theology)
Afternoon         Meet Jesuits in Formation for Tea

THURSDAY, JUNE 16
Morning           Depart to Masai Mara National Reserve
FRIDAY, JUNE 17
All Day Masai Mara

SATURDAY, JUNE 18
Afternoon Return from Masai Mara
Evening Open

SUNDAY, JUNE 19
Morning Feast of St. Aloysius Gonzaga - traditional African celebration at the high school
Evening Open

MONDAY, JUNE 20
Morning Visit Nyumbani (Jesuit founded orphanage for AIDS-infected children)
Afternoon Presentation on proposed Jesuit University of Eastern Africa

TUESDAY, JUNE 21
Morning Visit African Jesuit AIDS Network
TUESDAY, JUNE 21 (continued)

Afternoon   Lunch at Bomas of Kenya – traditional dance and tribal villages

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

Morning    Lea Toto – Jesuit founded program to serve AIDS-infected children in slums; Visit families in their homes

Afternoon  Jesuit Hakimani Centre and Jesuit Historical Institute

THURSDAY, JUNE 23

Morning    Group Recollection - Pack for departure

Afternoon  Final Visit to St. Aloysius

Evening   Depart for the USA

FRIDAY, JUNE 24

Noon    Arrive in the USA
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