

# IRELAND

July 15 - 24, 2014

Tour 40715

## Fr. Michael E. Comer

St. Patrick's Church, Maysville, KY

invites you on a 10-day pilgrimage  
to explore the best of Ireland

- The breathtaking countryside •
- The traditions of our faith •
- The legends of her people •



Base price \$3,199 + \$569\* per person from Cincinnati  
if deposit is paid by 4-6-14

Base price \$3,299 + \$569\* per person after 4-6-14

\*Estimated Airline Taxes & Fuel Surcharges  
subject to increase/decrease at 30 days prior

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS / TOUR CONTRACT

**TOUR PRICE:** Based on tariffs and currency exchange rates in effect on 11/10/2013 and subject to change without notice should there be a revision in rates prior to departure of tour. The tour price is based on a minimum of 31 passengers. Should there be fewer, there could be a surcharge.

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** In First class hotels or better, based on double or triple occupancy with private facilities. Single-room supplement is \$59 per night and based on availability. Requests for a roommate are assigned on a first-come, first-served basis and are not guaranteed. The single-room supplement will be assessed if a roommate is not available when the group is finalized.

**MEALS:** Eight full hot breakfasts and five dinners throughout the basic tour (continental breakfasts in hotels only where full breakfasts are not available). Extra charge for beverage not included in the menu of the day.

**TIPS AND TAXES:** Those normally appearing on hotel and restaurant bills as "service" are included. **Airport fees, departure taxes, and fuel surcharges are estimated on the original invoice and adjusted at the time of ticketing.**

**SIGHTSEEING:** By modern motorcoach, including services of English-speaking guides and entrance fees to places included in the itinerary. Masses at churches indicated are subject to availability.

**NOT INCLUDED:** 1: Airport fees, departure taxes and fuel surcharges (est. - \$569); 2: tips to guides and drivers, meal servers and luggage handlers (est. - \$13 per day); and 3: optional travel insurance. **An amount to cover these items will be added to your original invoice.** Also not included: domestic baggage fees, passport and visa fees, laundry, wines, liquors, meals not included in the itinerary, sightseeing or services other than those specifically mentioned and items of a personal nature. Note: Due to limited storage space on motor coaches, Pentecost Tours entitles each passenger to one checked bag and one carry-on bag that meets airline "size/weight" allowances. Domestic baggage fees, overweight baggage charges, and fees for additional bags fall under the responsibility of the passenger. Be aware, while you may agree to pay fees for additional luggage, there may not be room on the motor coach.

**ASSISTANCE:** Pilgrims who require personal assistance must be accompanied by a paying passenger who will provide that assistance.

**DEPOSIT AND CANCELLATION:** A deposit of \$500 per person is required to secure reservations, which sum will be applied to the price of the tour, with the **balance to be paid in full no later than 4/16/2014.** Payment of remaining balance received after 4/16/2014 will incur a \$50 penalty. Reservations made within 90 days of departure may be subject to a late charge. In the event of cancellation, refund will be made up to 3/17/2014 with a \$100 administrative fee plus any airline cancellation penalties. From 3/17/2014 to 4/16/2014 the cancellation penalty is \$500 plus any airline cancellation penalties. If cancellation is received after 4/16/2014, refund will be subject to a minimum 40% cancellation fee plus any airline cancellation penalties, or an amount equal to expenses to the tour operator, whichever is greater. There will be no refund for cancellations within 10 days of departure. Cancellation must be in writing and the effective date will be the date that Pentecost Tours, Inc. receives it. In the event 15 passengers do not book the tour within 120 days of departure, the agent reserves the right to cancel the tour. If the entire tour is cancelled by Pentecost Tours, Inc., you are entitled to a full refund.

**AIR TRANSPORTATION:** Round trip Cincinnati/Dublin and Dublin/Cincinnati on economy class jet via United or any other IATA member. Based on 6-day minimum/21-day maximum advanced purchase fare, subject to participation of ten persons on entire flight itinerary. If cancellation is effected by passenger after 4/16/2014, or after air tickets are written, whichever comes first, 100% of airfare will be forfeited by passenger in addition to the penalties mentioned above. All airfares are subject to government approval and change without notice.

**INSURANCE:** Insurance is NOT included in the tour price. Because of the cost of medical care outside the United States, the fact that Medicare does not provide coverage outside the United States, the possibility that your own insurance provider may not cover you outside the United States, and due to the potentially high cost of escorted air evacuation, travel insurance is strongly recommended. Consequently, for the protection of our clients, you will be mailed a travel insurance brochure/policy along with an insurance waiver form in the event you choose to decline coverage. The effective date of coverage will be the date that the insurance premium is paid and not the date of the initial deposit.

**RESPONSIBILITY AND LIABILITY:** Land arrangements including surface transportation: Pentecost Tours, Inc., and the participating Tour Operators operate the land tours offered under this program only as agents of the railroads, car rental contractors, steamship lines, hotels, bus operators, sightseeing contractors and others that provide the actual land arrangements and are not liable for any act, omission, delay, injury, loss, damage or nonperformance occurring in connection with these land arrangements. United and other IATA carriers, steamship lines and other transportation companies whose services are featured in these tours are not to be held responsible for any act, omission or event during the time passengers are not on board their conveyance. The passage contract in use by these companies when issued shall constitute the sole contract between the companies and the purchaser of these tours and/or passage.

**MISCELLANEOUS FEES:** All changes must be in writing and may incur a per-person charge for each revision. Deposits received within 90 days of departure may incur a late registration fee.

**LAND ARRANGEMENTS:** The tour operator reserves the right to change the itinerary because of emergencies or extenuating circumstances beyond our control.

Tour 40715

Travel Arrangements by:



PO Box 280  
Batesville, IN 47006  
(800) 713-9800  
FAX (812) 934-5714

travel@pentecosttours.com  
www.pentecosttours.com

Hours: Monday-Friday, 9 AM - 5 PM E.S.T.



**Day 1: Tuesday, July 15, 2014, USA / DUBLIN**

Pilgrims are welcomed at an international airport for our departing flight to the Emerald Isle aboard a wide-bodied jet arriving the next morning. Meals are served on board.

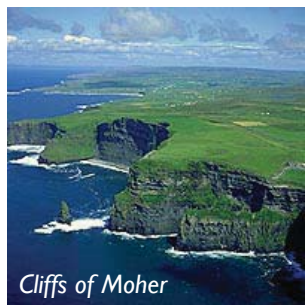
**Day 2: Wednesday 7/16, DUBLIN / ATHLONE / KNOCK / WESTPORT**

Upon our morning arrival in Dublin, we meet the driver of our private motor coach and our full-time tour escort. We proceed west to Athlone, an old market town on the banks of the river Shannon. Beside an ancient castle on the river's edge is Sean's bar which holds boasting-rights as the world's oldest pub, officially dating to 900 AD. From there, As our journey continues west, we proceed to Knock, a humble village whose shrine attracts pilgrims from all over the world, including John Paul II (1979) and Mother Teresa (1993). On August 21, 1879, the eve of the Octave of the Assumption, the parish church of Knock was the scene of a heavenly apparition. The Blessed Mother, St Joseph, St John the Evangelist, and an altar with a Lamb upon it were seen by 15 townspeople. The saints were silent; no message was given to the people, only an example of prayer and a rich symbolism in their appearances. After Mass at Knock (subject to confirmation), we visit the basilica and shrine. Finally, we complete's today's journey as we arrive in beautiful Westport where we check in at our hotel for dinner and overnight.

**Day 3: Thursday 7/17, WESTPORT / CROAGH PATRICK / KYLEMORE / CONNEMARA / WESTPORT**

After breakfast we drive to Croagh Patrick, Ireland's Holy Mountain. Here St. Patrick spent the forty days of Lent in the year 441 AD in prayer and fasting. Next, we proceed to Kylemore Abbey for a visit to the gothic castle on the shores of Kylemore Lough. Then, we continue to Connemara, a western region of Galway characterized by peat bogs and rugged, mountainous terrain. The countryside is lush and beautiful and home to a great variety of wildlife. We return to Westport. This evening, join new friends or enjoy a private sampling of authentic Irish cuisine at the restaurant of your choice as **dinner is on your own**. Overnight in Westport.

**Day 4: Friday 7/18, WESTPORT / GALWAY / CLIFFS OF MOHER / BUNRATTY / LIMERICK**



Cliffs of Moher

Our first stop today is the historic Westport House, where we see artifacts, artwork and original antiques that offer an insight into this well-preserved and important piece of Irish heritage. The famous Pirate Queen (Grace O'Malley) built one of her castles here in the 1500's and there has

house' on the grounds ever since then. The current "big house" was built by the Browne family in 1730 and it remains in their family today. Of the 30 rooms, 5 exhibits are open to the public. Then, we proceed to Galway to celebrate Mass (subject to confirmation). You will have free time to explore on your own or take an optional walking tour with the escort to explore Galway city. Galway is vibrant cultural experience packed with music, festivals, pubs, restaurants, shops, theaters, and horse racing. Next, we make our way to the incredible Cliffs of Moher, one of Ireland's most stunning natural beauty locations which defiantly stand as giant natural ramparts against the aggressive might of the Atlantic Ocean. In some places the cliffs rise over 700 feet and stretch for almost 5 miles. We visit O'Briens Tower (weather permitting), a viewing vantage point located on the highest cliff. Then, we proceed to Limerick to check in at our hotel. Before dinner, we visit Bunratty Castle and Folk Park. Bunratty castle was built in 1425 and authentically restored in 1954. The folk park is situated on 26 acres and recreates 19th century Ireland. Features of the folk park include a recreated village street, 8 farmhouses, a watermill, a blacksmith's forge, Mac's pub, a church and a display of 19th-century farm machinery. There are many demonstrations at various points as you walk through



Bunratty Castle

the folk park. We tour the castle and folk park followed by leisure time. This evening, for dinner, we will attend the Medieval Banquet, a festive event in which we will enjoy a traditional Irish dinner and music. Overnight in Limerick.

**Day 5: Saturday 7/19, LIMERICK / ADARE / SLEA HEAD / GALLARUS ORATORY / DINGLE**

We depart Limerick and travel to Adare, a beautifully manicured village of thatch-roof cottages. Mass will be celebrated at Holy Trinity Church (subject to confirmation). Then, we will visit the Augustinian Priory or "Black Abbey," founded in 1315. We have the opportunity to stroll along a lovely scenic path to view the ruins of St. Nicholas Church, Chantry Chapel and the Franciscan Abbey. From there, we journey south to tour Sleah Head, located at the southwestern extremity of the peninsula and stop in at the Blasket Islands Visitors Center on Sleah Head. Next, we proceed to Gallarus Oratory, an ancient dry stone construction whose longevity testifies to the skill of its builders. Held together completely by the weight of stones (no mortar) the building has withstood wind and rain for over 100 years. It is typical of the type of church in which St. Patrick himself worshipped. Today's traveling concludes upon our arrival in Dingle. The Dingle peninsula thrusts out into the Atlantic Ocean

to claim Ireland's most westerly point. Here, majestic hills soar green and purple over vast bowls of unspoiled valleys. Mountain streams tumble down to lakes, hedgerows blaze with fuchias and golden beaches stretch for miles. The Dingle Peninsula is a place of intense, shifting beauty. We check in at our hotel for dinner and overnight.

**Day 6: Sunday 7/20, DINGLE / KILLARNEY / KENMARE / GOUGANE BARRÉ PARK / CORK**

Our first stop today is a visit to the Muckross Friary and Muckross House and Gardens located in the Killamey National Park. From here, we take the scenic mountain drive to Kenmare, a perfect café stop or shopping stop. We continue to Gougane Barra Park on the shores of the River Lee. It is here that natural beauty collides with towering hills over Gougane Barra Lake and St. Finbar's Oratory. Just behind the Oratory are the remains of St Finbar's Monastery from the 6th century. Our next stop is Cork City, Ireland's 3rd largest city following Dublin and Belfast. Cork City has always been an important seaport. The ups-and-downs of the hilly streets compare to the voices of the locals as their characteristic cadence regards Corkonians as the most talkative of all the Irish. We proceed to our hotel in Cork to check in for dinner and overnight.

**Day 7: Monday 7/21, CORK / BLARNEY / COBH / CORK**

After breakfast, we visit St. Finnbare's Cathedral before we make our way to the Blamey Castle. The Castle is host to numerous visitors each year, who come to kiss the renowned Blamey Stone in hopes of gaining eternal eloquence. The stone itself is set in the wall below the battlements and to kiss it, one has to lean backwards (holding on to an iron railing) from the parapet walk. Then, we will have a little time at the Blamey Woolen Mills to browse through various types of Irish gifts, including Waterford crystal, Belleek China, Lladro, Aran sweaters, Irish crystal and linens, Irish jewelry and celtic gifts. From there, we travel to Cobh which was known as Queenstown before reverting back to its old Irish name in 1922. Cobh (meaning the cove of Cork) is full of poignant memories because of its embarkation point for travel to America. Remember, Cobh was the last port of call for the ill-fated Titanic. This waterside town is comprised of brightly colored homes where its streets climb steep slopes leading to the Cathedral that crowns the top. We visit the Cathedral before we conclude our day by returning to our hotel. **Dinner is on your own** this evening. Overnight in Cork.



Cobh

**Day 8: Tuesday 7/22, CORK / ROCK OF CASHEL / DUBLIN**

We bid farewell to Cork today and move toward the Rock of Cashel, an impressive medieval complex called "The Acropolis of Ancient Ireland." The Rock of Cashel

one of the most spectacular archeological sites in Ireland. Dating from the 4th century, it was originally used as a fortress. Mighty stone walls encircle a complete round tower, a roofless abbey, a 12th century Romanesque chapel, and numerous other buildings and high crosses. Next, we continue through the midland counties to Dublin, Ireland's capital city. Dublin has all the attractions of a modern city, combined with the beauty and heritage of the past. Elegant shops, hotels, galleries, coffee houses and a stunning variety of restaurants have sprung up on almost every street in the capital. The group will enjoy a city tour, where we see the statue-lined O'Connell Street, Georgian Squares, Phoenix Park, and St. Patrick's Cathedral. Our day concludes with a tour and time at Dublin's top tourist attraction, the Guinness Brewery. This evening, indulge in the culinary delights of Ireland at the pub or restaurant of your choosing as **dinner is on your own**. Overnight in Dublin.



Glendalough

**Day 9: Wednesday 7/23, DUBLIN / GLENDALOUGH / WICKLOW / DUBLIN**

Glendalough, home of the monastery established by St Kevin in the 6th century, is our first stop today. St Kevin was born in 498, of royal blood, but rejected his life of privilege and instead chose to live as a hermit in a cave in Glendalough. He founded the monastery and also went on to create a center of learning devoted to the care of the sick and the copying and illumination of manuscripts. Amid the remains of this monastic settlement, one can feel the powerful sense of peace and tranquility. We spend time in County Wicklow ("the Garden of Ireland") and then return to Dublin where we will enjoy a free afternoon to explore the capital city, shop, or spend quiet time soaking in the sites and culture of Ireland. We gather for a group tour of Trinity College Library where we can admire the 1200-year-old "Book of Kells" before we proceed to The Merry Ploughboy Pub for a festive farewell dinner to the sounds of traditional Irish music. Overnight in Dublin.

**Day 10: Thursday, July 24, 2014, DUBLIN / USA**

This morning we begin our journey back to the United States. We take home inspired by holiness of the saints and the grandeur of God's majestic landscape.

**To Register:**

**Complete the Registration Form and mail your deposit to Pentecost Tours**



**Or, call (800) 713-9800 and pay your deposit over the phone with a credit card.**

For further information, please contact:

Fr. Michael E. Comer  
 St. Patrick's Church  
 110 E 3rd Street  
 Maysville, KY 41056  
 (606) 564-9015  
 mcomer@stpatschool.com

**Important Information You Need to Know:**

Average temperatures this time of year are a high of 68 degrees and a low of 53 degrees. Layers are recommended (shorts and tank shirts can prohibit entry into holy sites).

Visit [www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com) on the internet to get updated weather forecasts just before traveling.

Individuals who register will receive an important welcome letter and a *Know Before You Go* brochure. We highly recommend an **immediate** and **thorough** reading of both.

Please note that passports can take 3 months or more from the time you submit your paperwork.

(Copy or Clip This Form)

**REGISTRATION FORM**

Send to: Pentecost Tours, Inc.  
 PO Box 280  
 Batesville, IN 47006-0280

Enclosed is my/our \$ \_\_\_\_\_ deposit of \$500 per person. Please reserve \_\_\_\_\_ seat(s).

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Work Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Single room only

I will need a roommate

My roommate will be \_\_\_\_\_

**Tour 40715**  
 July 15, 2014

Fr Comer / Ireland