

FAQs

PILGRIMAGE STATUS

- ◆ The objectives of our pilgrimage are to be renewed in spirit; strengthened in our Catholic Faith and its doctrine on marriage and the family; come home ready and willing to spread the good news through outreach to struggling families
- ◆ Formation Session Dates and time: January 6, February 3, March 3, April 7, May 5, June 2, July 7, August 11, September 22 – all at 1 PM EST, unless otherwise noted
- ◆ Please pair up for formation sessions if you do not have a computer or a smart phone
This is ***the most important part*** of our preparation. Attendance at the online meetings is not optional but we understand that some people work on Saturdays or emergencies come up; therefore, the Portal page is now functional and is to be used to leave your comments on your reading and reflection whenever you miss a meeting. Please go to: <https://donboscosalesianportal.org/bulletin-board/> and register. **NOTE:** Make sure you type in the username you create for yourself EXACTLY as you do the first time. It is case- and space-sensitive just like all passwords.

Once you are logged in, you are able to post to various forums within the bulletin board system. The one we are using is: [Ireland Pilgrimage and WMOF](#)

- To leave a comment/reply on the bulletin board, click on this forum thread, scroll to the bottom and you will see an area to enter your comment reply.
- When you have this filled out, simply hit the submit button.
- If you would like to stay informed about this post, you can click on the “Notify me of follow-up replies via email”. If you select this option, you will receive an email anytime a new post is made on the thread.
- ◆ EVERYONE must participate in these formation sessions. If a session must be missed, reflections on the questions about the reading of *Amoris Laetitia* are to be posted to the Bulletin Board page of <https://DonBoscoSalesianPortal.org>
- ◆ More resources are available for personal formation on the internet; especially, on the Portal and the WMOF’s own website (see next bullet)
- ◆ Purpose, nature, and information on the World Meeting of Families Gathering: <https://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/>

TRAVEL TO AND FROM IRELAND ON AER LINGUS

- ◆ Passports must be valid for 3-6 months after the return date
- ◆ No Visitor Visa is needed for US citizens
- ◆ Visitor Visas are needed for some countries (e.g., Colombia and Dominican Republic)
- ◆ Complete Passport information must be made known to Sr. Denise/Fr. Tom by the May 5 meeting
- ◆ No deviations are allowed by Aer Lingus; pilgrims seeking to arrive early/stay later must book their own tickets directly with Aer Lingus: www.aerlingus.com
- ◆ C/37NJ/GROUPS DIRECT/SALESIAN FAMILY OF NORTH AMERICA
- ◆ Signed contract made March 14, 2018
- ◆ EI 110 SAT 18AUG JFK TO SNN DEPART 1810 ARRIVE 0550 AUG 19
- ◆ EI 105 MON 27AUG DUB TO JFK DEPART 1050 ARRIVE 1320
- ◆ Full Payment due: May 18, 2018
- ◆ Final name list due: **July 3, 2018**
- ◆ Deposit is refundable up to 91 days before departure (May 18).

- ◆ Names and ticketing due forty-five (45) days prior to departure.
- ◆ Unlimited name changes once ticketed will be permitted prior to departure for \$157 per change.
- ◆ Name spellings will incur a \$23 fee to reissue. Fees must be paid at time of requested change.
- ◆ Itinerary changes are not permitted prior to departure. The itinerary change fee once a passenger has departed (currently \$150.00 - subject to change) per segment from country of origin, plus any applicable fare difference. Fees must be paid at time of requested change.
- ◆ Once purchased, tickets are non-refundable and cannot be credited towards future travel.

ACCOMMODATIONS AND LAND PORTION WITH ABBEY TRAVEL

Hotel

- ◆ 8 nights at good 3/4 star hotels, all rooms with private bath/shower
- ◆ Continental/Irish breakfast at accommodation each day, days 2-9 inclusive
 - McWilliam Park Hotel, Claremorris, County Mayo, 2 nights
 - DCU, Glasnevin Campus, Dublin, 6 nights

Dinner and entertainment at The Merry Ploughboy Pub on day 3

Visits

- ◆ Knock Shrine & Museum
- ◆ Croagh Patrick
- ◆ Kylemore Abbey
- ◆ Clonmacnoise

Payments

- ◆ An initial deposit of 20% is required on confirmation. **This deposit is non-refundable**
- ◆ A further deposit of 30% of the total is required 120 days before arrival (April 19). **This deposit is non-refundable**
- ◆ Full payment must be received 60 days prior (June 19) to the tour/programme.

Cancellation Policy

- ◆ In the event of an entire group cancellation up to 120 days prior to the Commencement Date, other than the deposit, no cancellation fees will be applied.
- ◆ In the event of an entire group cancellation less than 120 days but more than 60 days prior to the Commencement Date, cancellation fees will be 50% of the total cost.
- ◆ In the event of an entire group cancellation less than 60 days prior to the Commencement Date, cancellation fees of up to 100% of the total cost will apply. The Tour Operator will try to negotiate lower fees with suppliers which if received will be passed on to the client.
- ◆ In the event of "No Show" of individual tour participants, the Tour Operator reserves the right to apply up to 100% cancellation fees
- ◆ In some circumstances some hotels may apply a cancellation policy that is stricter or different from the one outlined in this clause.

Amendments concerning individual cancellations

1. No charge for room cancellations more than 120 days prior to arrival (April 19).
2. Between 120 days and 90 days advance notice prior to arrival: 50% of the block can be cancelled without penalties; if above 50% is cancelled, cancellation charges will be up to 100%.

3. Between 89 days and 60 days: 20% of remaining block can be cancelled without penalty; if above 20 % is cancelled, cancellation charges will be up to 100%
 4. Between 59 and 15 days: 10% of remaining block can be cancelled without penalty; if above 10 % is cancelled, cancellation charges will be up to 100%
 5. For any room cancellations less than 14 days prior to arrival of the group: 100% cancellation charge may be incurred.
 6. In some circumstances some hotels may apply an amendment policy that is stricter or different from the one outlined in this clause.
 7. The number of rooms confirmed & held will be advised in the final & confirmed offer. If additional rooms are subsequently sold, they are strictly subject to availability and may incur additional charges which will be levied to the Client
- *Single room supplement – € 190.00 p.p. for with max 1 single per 5 twin or double rooms.
(Should the number of single rooms to double or twins increase, additional supplements of € 145.00 may apply and will need to be reconfirmed on receipt of room breakdown.)

We have reserved:

1. 18 Doubles/Twins
2. 3 Triples
3. 3 Singles

Travel Insurance

It is the responsibility of the Client to ensure all travelling Passengers have valid up to date travel insurance for the duration of their stay in Ireland & the UK. The Tour Operator will not be held liable for any claims relating to lack of proper travel insurance – nor will the Client if offered insurance is not taken.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES

- ◆ Group ID Reference: 5357 **(THIS IS THE ID NUMBER PRIESTS MUST USE)**
- ◆ Name of Group Contact: Sr. Denise Sickinger
Group Name: Salesian Family of North America
Country: United States
- ◆ **Language Preference for all documents must be told to Fr. Tom/Sr. Denise by April 8, 2018**
- ◆ **Any special needs of any kind (mobility/vision/hearing/food) must also be told to Fr. Tom/Sr. Denise by April 8, 2018**
- ◆ **Last Call for Medical Insurance @ \$21.00/person – May 5, 2018**
- ◆ All Congress and post-Congress Events included (Festival of Families/Closing Mass)
- ◆ Lunches included on all 3 days of the Congress

PAYMENTS, IN GENERAL

MARCH 19 PAYMENT INSTALLMENT

MAY 13 FINAL PAYMENT

Please send your required amount to:

Sr. Denise Ann Sickinger, FMA
St. Joseph Center
655 Belmont Avenue
Haledon, NJ 07508
USA

MAKE OUT THE CHECK TO: SALESIAN SISTERS
Be sure to note it is for the Ireland Pilgrimage