



VITERBO UNIVERSITY
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



**Join Viterbo President Rick Trietley and
University Chaplain Fr. Conrad Targonski, OFM,
along with Viterbo University Alumni and Friends**

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608-796-3072



Oct. 20–31, 2025
Cost is \$4,000 plus airfare

“Our Viterbo 2023 pilgrimage was so personal and special!
Our group bonded as family. The food was delectable,
delicious, and varied with three and four course meals!”

—Sandra Hoesser '69

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PILGRIMAGE ITINERARY *(subject to change)*

Dublin 3 nights, Armagh 2 nights, Galway 3 nights, Killarney 2 nights

Must be able to walk a couple of miles daily and navigate some uneven surfaces

TUESDAY, OCT. 21

- Arrive into [Dublin Airport](#)
- Hotel and settle into rooms
- Lunch
- Presentation: “Celtic and Franciscan Spiritualities” – Fr. Francis Cotter, OFM
- Visit to [Trinity College Dublin](#) to see the [Book of Kells](#)
- Walk through part of the city around Trinity College or hop on/hop off bus tour of Dublin.
- Dinner and social

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 22

- Breakfast and prayer (early start)
- Visit historic [Newgrange](#) and the Hill of Slane where St. Patrick lit the first Easter fire; Service of Light in the old Franciscan friary there
- Drive into northern Ireland and visit [Holy Cross Abbey, Rostrevor](#)
- Mass with the monastic community
- Lunch
- Presentation: “The Legacy of St. Patrick” – Monks of Holy Cross
- Visit [Downpatrick](#), burial place of St. Patrick
- Stay overnight in [Armagh](#), the city of St. Patrick

THURSDAY, OCT. 23

- Breakfast
- Mass at [Armagh Cathedral](#)
- Lunch on your own at [Enniskillen](#)
- Continue to the holy island, [Lough Derg](#) by boat
- Overnight – invitation to fast and pray where St. Patrick did penance

FRIDAY, OCT. 24

- Prayer
- Fast is broken only after leaving the island, as is the custom
- Breakfast/lunch in [Donegal Town](#)
- Brief visit to the ancient ruins of the Franciscan Friary and the [O'Donnell Castle](#); the O'Donnell's were the Princes of Donegal and patrons of the Franciscan Friars before the Reformation
- Continue to the [National Shrine to the Blessed Mother](#) at Knock
- Mass in the Chapel of the Apparition
- Time to visit the basilica and break for a snack
- Continue to [Galway](#)
- Settle into hotel
- Dinner

SATURDAY, OCT. 25

- Breakfast and prayer
- Presentation: “Franciscan Ireland” – Br. Colman Clabby, OSB
- Mass with the [Poor Clares](#) in the monastery chapel followed by a visit with the community
- Lunch on your own in Galway and free time in the old city
- Visit to [Ennis Friary](#) and guided tour
- Return to Galway for dinner and time to relax

SUNDAY, OCT. 26

- Breakfast and Mass
- Tour of the [Burren](#), visiting the ancient Celtic and Christian holy sites
- Visit the [Cliffs of Moher](#)
- Lunch
- Return to Galway
- Encounter with Friars and YouFra (Young Lay Franciscans) at Galway Pastoral Centre – time for reflection and faith sharing
- Buffet supper and social

MONDAY, OCT. 27

- Breakfast and prayer
- Depart for [Killarney](#)
- Visit [Muckross Abbey](#) by the [Lakes of Killarney](#)
- Mass at the abbey (weather permitting)
- Tour Muckross Park
- Lunch at [Muckross House](#)
- Settle into hotel
- Visit the Franciscan Friary and meet the friars at the [Interprovincial Novitiate](#)
- Presentation: “Celtic and Franciscan Prayer” – Br. Patrick Lynch, OFM
- Evening free in Killarney and dinner on your own

TUESDAY, OCT. 28

- Breakfast
- Mass at the [Franciscan Friary](#)
- Visit the [Ring of Kerry](#) with guide, stopping in various places of interest en route
- Lunch
- Return to Killarney
- Dinner (Franciscan Pilgrimage Programs)

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 29

- Breakfast Mass
- Bags to the lobby
- Mass at the Franciscan Friary
- Leave Killarney for [Dublin](#)
- Visit the ancient [monastic site of St. Kevin](#) at Glendalough
- Lunch on your own
- Return to Dublin and settle into hotel
- Dinner

THURSDAY, OCT. 30

- Breakfast
- Mass
- Free time in Dublin – shopping, museums, visit the two ancient cathedrals, [National Gallery of Ireland](#), and [Dublin Castle](#), etc.
- Lunch on your own
- Evaluations at the hotel
- Festive dinner

FRIDAY, OCT. 31

- Breakfast and prayer/blessing
- Bags to the lobby
- Bus to Dublin Airport for the journey back to the U.S.