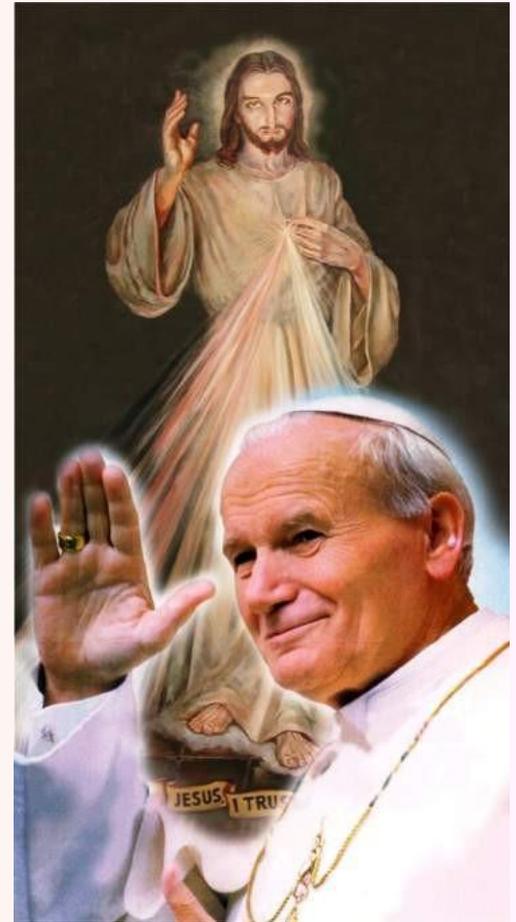


Pilgrimage Poland, Lithuania and Czech Republic

August 03 – August 17, 2018

**“Towards a new creativity of mercy.
The message of merciful love needs
to resound forcefully anew”**

Blessed John Paul II



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Dear Pilgrims,

We are honored to invite you to join this pilgrimage to Poland, Lithuania and Czech Republic. We will follow the steps of the great apostles of Divine Mercy: Saint Faustina, Blessed Father Michael Sopoćko and Blessed John Paul II.

Sister Faustina wrote in her Diary: “As I was praying for Poland, I heard the words: I bear a special love for Poland, and if she will be obedient to My will, I will exalt her in might and holiness. From her will come forth the spark that will prepare the world for My final coming”. (Diary 1732)

A Pilgrimage is a special time to meet God and to prepare ourselves for our journey to heaven. During our Pilgrimage you will participate on Daily Mass, touch holy places and meet people who are witnesses of the Gospel.

Fr. George J. Bobowski



During the Pilgrimage we will participate in the following Conversatorium/
Conferences:



Bialystok

Triumvirs of Divine Mercy: Saint Faustina, Blessed Father Michael Sopocko and Blessed John Paul II

Vilnius

What is Divine Mercy? History of the Message and Devotion to Divine Mercy

Czestochowa

Pedagogy of the Divine Mercy. Mary Mother of Mercy.

Krakow

Saint Faustina. She made an Ordinary Life Extraordinary

Prague

Towards a New Imagination of Mercy. Man's Cooperation with the Merciful God.

Day 01

Departure to Poland



Baptism of Poland in 966 AD

Day 02

Arrival – Warsaw.

Transfer to Bialystok – City of Mercy



Ever since Poland officially adopted Latin Christianity in 966, the Catholic Church has played an important religious, cultural and political role in the country.

For centuries, Poland has been a predominantly Catholic country, and for most Poles being Catholic is part of the Polish identity. It has historically been part of what separates Polish culture from neighboring Germany, especially eastern and northern Germany, which is mostly Lutheran, and the countries to the east which are Orthodox.

During the times of foreign oppression, the Catholic Church remained for many Poles a cultural guard in the fight for independence and national survival. For instance, the Polish abbey in Czestochowa, which successfully resisted a siege in the Swedish invasion of Poland in the 17th century, became a symbol of national resistance to occupation. The establishment of a communist regime controlled by the Soviet Union following World War II allowed the church to continue fulfilling this role.

The 1978 election of Polish Cardinal Karol Wojtyła as Pope John Paul II strengthened this it even further, and the Polish Pope's numerous visits to his mother country became rallying points for both the faithful and for opposition to the Soviet regime. His beatification in 2011 was a moment of pride and joy for the Polish Church.

Day 03

Białystok – City of Mercy



Białystok - the City of Mercy. The City is closely connected with Divine Mercy. Blessed Father Michael Sopocko, Spiritual Director of Saint Faustina, lived and worked here. We will visit Sister Faustina's Chapel in Poleska Street, Home where Father Sopocko lived and worked, Sanctuary of Divine Mercy - prayers at the tomb of Blessed Father Michael Sopocko.

Holy Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Edward Ozorowski

Dinner and overnight in Białystok.



Day 04

Bialystok - Vilnius, Lithuania

Morning departure
to Vilnius, Lithuania.

Here Saint Faustina
met Blessed Father
Michael Sopocko,
her Spiritual
Director. In
Vilnius – the first
Image of Merciful
Jesus was painted.

Overnight in Vilnius

"I am offering people a vessel with
which they are to keep coming for
graces to the fountain of Mercy,"

(Diary 327)



Day 05

Vilnius, Lithuania

The Home of the First Image of Merciful Jesus



After Breakfast visit Old Town, Cathedral Church, the Chapel with the miraculous Image of Holy Mother of Mercy. Visit the Convent of the Sisters of Holy Mother of God's Mercy.

Here, in September 13, 14 1935 Jesus dictated to Saint Faustina the Chaplet. Prayers and Holy Mass in the Sanctuary of Divine Mercy, where the first icon of Merciful Jesus is.

Afternoon departure to Bialystok.



Saint Faustina's home in Vilnius

Day 06

Bialystok – Warsaw

Morning departure to Warsaw – capital of Poland. We will visit Old Town, including King's Palace, Churches from 14th and 15th Century and Warsaw Ghetto. Holy Mass and prayers in the Convent of the Sister of Our Lady of Mercy, where Saint Faustina began her monastic life in 1924. Afternoon visit to Niepokalanow – City of Immaculate and Fr. Maksymilian Maria Kolbe.



St. Maximilian's room





Day 07

Warsaw - Lichen

After Holy Mass departure to Lichen – Sanctuary of our Lady of Sorrow, Poland's largest church.

The second most visited Poland's religious sanctuary after Czestochowa is **Lichen** with its two churches: **St Dorothy's Church**, and the Basilica of our Lady. The **gigantic basilica** is the **largest church in Poland**, the seventh largest in Europe and the eleventh largest in the world.

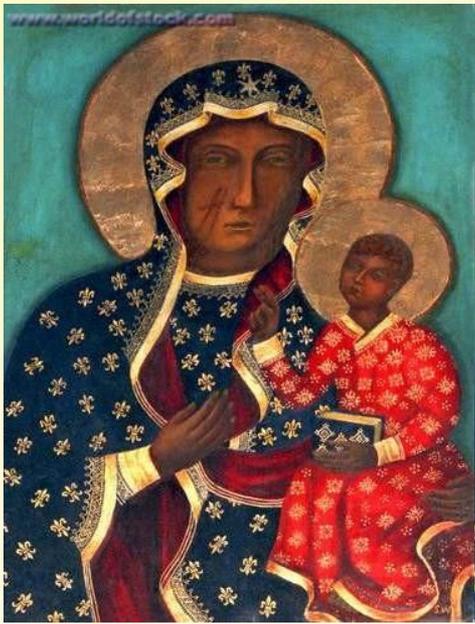
Overnight in Lichen.

Day 08

Lichen - Czestochowa



Afternoon breakfast departure to Czestochowa. The city of Czestochowa is the principal center of the Catholic religion in Poland for the last 650 years. Overnight in Czestochowa



Day 09

Czestochowa

All day with our Most Blessed Mother

Czestochowa, the most holy place for the Polish people. There, we will see the famous Black Madonna, which is believed to have been brought to Czestochowa from Jerusalem on August 31, 1382. Overnight in Czestochowa



Day 10

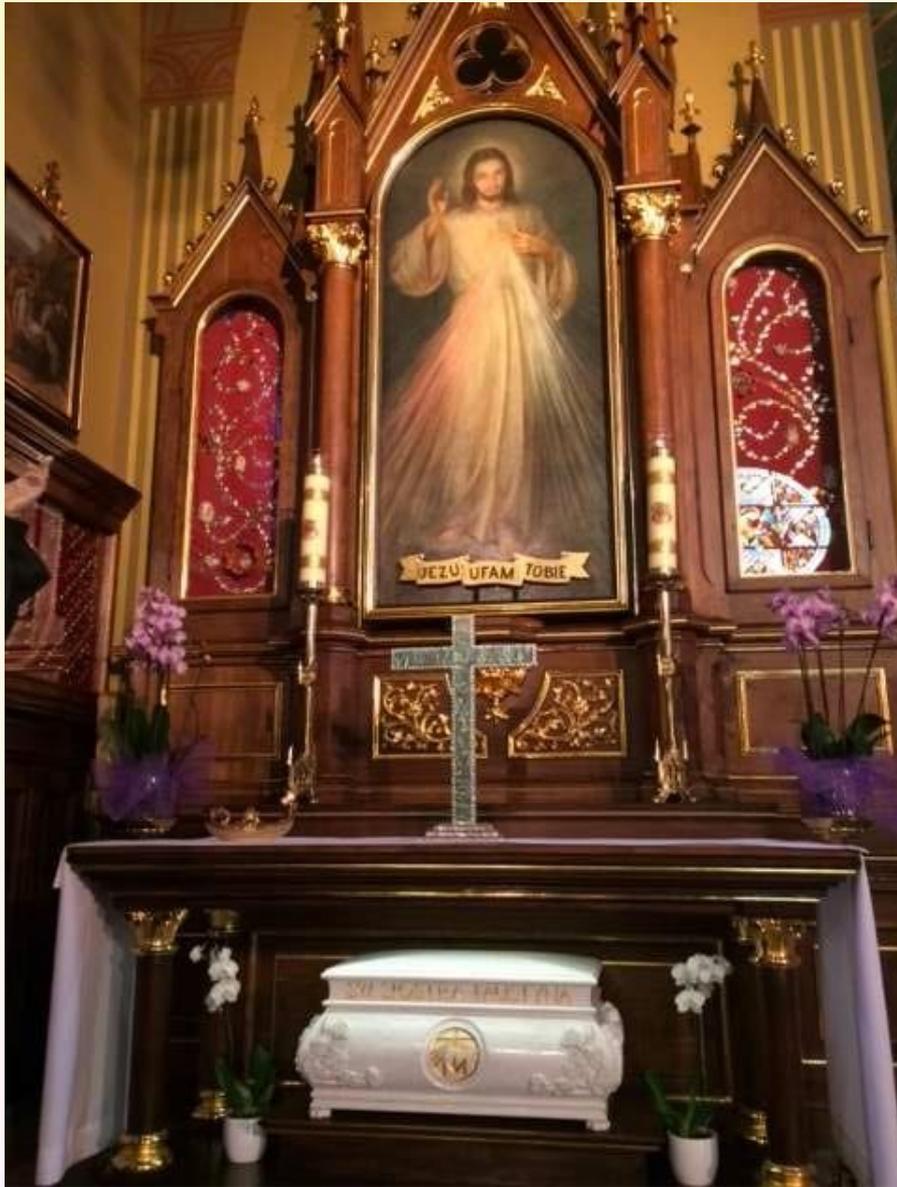
Czestochowa - Oswiecim - Wadowice



Today's sightseeing includes a full day excursion to the cities of Auschwitz, Wadowice. We'll start at the death camp of Oswiecim, known as Konzentrationslager Auschwitz.

Continue on to Wadowice, the birthplace of Karol Wojtyla, formally known as Pope John Paul II. Visit the museum located in his family's house before venturing to Krakow.





Day 11

Krakow-Lagiewnik

The World Sanctuary of Divine Mercy, consecrated by John Paul II 2002. Here Sister Faustina lived and died.

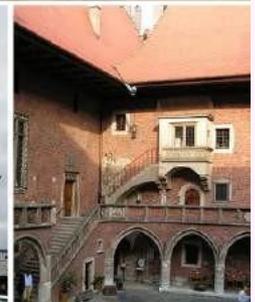
Prayer at the tomb of Saint Faustina. ■



Krakow

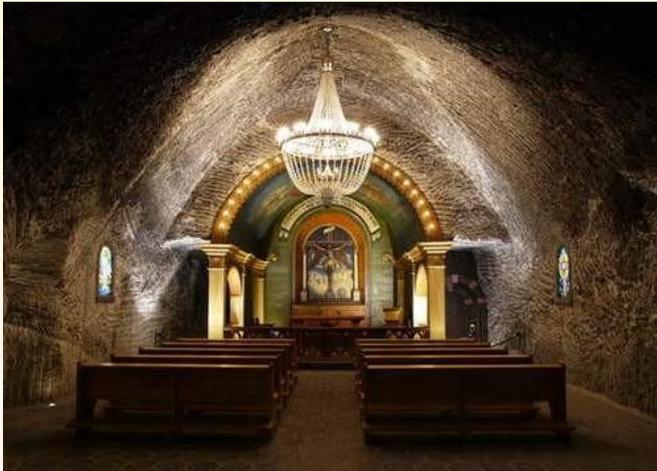
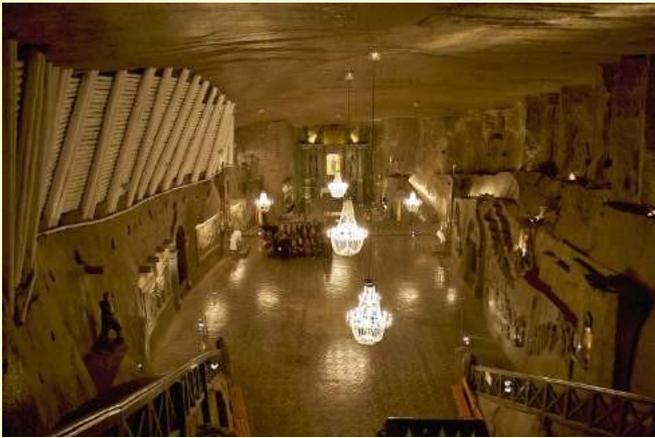


After morning Mass a guided tour in one of Poland's most important religious city. City of Saint John Paul II. You'll start your tour in the Old Town area with its Market Square which is considered one of the largest squares in Europe. Overnight in Krakow



Day 12

Wieliczka



The Last Supper carved in a wall of rock salt

The **Wieliczka Salt Mine** located in the town of Wieliczka lies within the Krakow. The Mine, built in the 13th century, produced table salt continuously until 2007, as one of the world's oldest salt mines still in operation. The mine's attractions include dozens of statues, three chapels and an entire cathedral that has been carved out of the rock salt by the miners. The oldest sculptures are augmented by the new carvings by contemporary artists. About 1.2 million people visit the Wieliczka Salt Mine annually

Day 13

Krakow – Prague



After breakfast depart for Prague. Admire the sights while en route and take a brief stop for lunch. Upon arrival, check in to your hotel and enjoy some time on your own before joining us for dinner. Overnight in Prague





Day 14

Prague



This morning we'll take you on a delightful city tour of Prague. Travel by motor coach to view some of the most historical buildings, including the National Theatre, Charles Bridge, Belvedere, Loreta, Prague Castle, Lesser Town, The House of Artists and the Old Town Square: the Prague Castle are and St. Vitus' Cathedral. Next visit the Church of Our Lady Victorious which houses the Holy Infant Child of Prague on its marble altar enclosed in a crystal box. Overnight in Prague

Day 15

Departure to USA



Prague Václav Havel Airport

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