

## An Invitation to Join a Pilgrimage



7 Days

### Highlights:

- \* Takanawa Church \* Imperial Palace
- \* St. Mary's Cathedral \* Tsukiji Catholic Church
- \* Ueno Park \* St. Ignatius Church
- \* Seitai Hoshikai Convent \* Akita Senshu Park
- Catholic Akita Church \* Kakunodate Samurai Residence

Date: **OCT. 25-31, 2026**

With A Pilgrimage Chaplain

Led by: **BRO. BO SANCHEZ**

### ITINERARY:

#### 25OCT (Sun). MANILA - NARITA - TOKYO.

Fly to **Narita** in the morning. After immigration formalities, board your local coach and proceed to Narita Church for Mass. Transfer to your hotel for your three (3) nights accommodation. Welcome dinner at your hotel. **(D)**

#### 26OCT (Mon). TOKYO.

After breakfast, board your local coach to visit and attend mass at *Takanawa Church* which is initially named as Our Lady Queen of Martyrs because it is near the area of Edo Great Christian Martyrs. This church has been formed by the evangelical mission of Scarboro Foreign Mission Society from Canada who had started evangelic mission after World War II. Next, explore *Tsukiji Catholic Church* or the Old Cathedral of St. Joseph, the first Catholic Church in Tokyo. Photostop at the *Imperial Palace* and surrounding *East Gardens* before proceeding to *Ginza District* for some free time. **(B,L,D)**

#### 27OCT (Tue). TOKYO.

Savor a hearty buffet breakfast at the hotel. Board your coach and leave for the *Shibuya Crossing* - the busiest pedestrian intersection in the world, for lunch and some shopping. On to *St. Mary's Cathedral*, Tokyo's most famous and impressive cathedral for its cross-shaped structure. It houses notable treasures such as a bust of St. Francis Xavier and relics of Pope John Paul II, both gifts from the Cologne Archdiocese. At the back of the church contains the largest pipe organ of Japan. Mass to be arranged for the group. Stop at *Ueno Park*, where nature, history, and culture meet. After soaking in the atmosphere, make your way to *Asakusa Nakamise Street*, a bustling market filled with traditional shops and street food. Conclude your day with a visit to the *Tokyo Skytree*, offering unmatched views of Tokyo and Mount Fuji. Dinner at a local restaurant before returning to your hotel. **(B,L,D)**

#### 28OCT (Wed). TOKYO - HANEDA - AKITA.

Breakfast and check-out. Leave for *Kojimachi Catholic Church*, more often called as St. Ignatius Church. It is named after St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of Society of Jesus. It is said that Christianity was first introduced into Japan in 1549 by St. Francis Xavier who had been sent by St. Ignatius. After an early lunch, make your way to **Haneda Airport** your flight to **Akita**. On arrival, transfer to your hotel for accommodation followed by dinner. **(B,L,D)**

#### 29OCT (Thu). AKITA.

Depart for the *Convent of the Servants of the Holy Eucharist* (Seitai Hoshikai Convent) for a visit and for the celebration of the Holy Mass. The convent houses the Blessed Virgin Mary statue which said to has shed tears and the St. Joseph statue.

In 1973, the Blessed Virgin Mary gave Sister Agnes Katsuko Sasagawa in Akita, Japan three messages through a statue of Mary. Bathed in a brilliant light, the statute became alive and spoke with a voice of indescribable beauty. Her Guardian Angel also appeared and taught her to pray. The wooden statute from which the voice came wept 101 times over a course of several years. It also perspired abundantly and the perspiration sent out a sweet perfume. Its right palm bled from a wound having the form of a cross. Hundreds of people witnessed many of these events. Scientific analysis of blood and tears from the statute provided by Professor Sagisaka of the faculty of Legal Medicine of the University of Akita confirmed that the blood, tears, and perspiration are real human tears, sweat, and blood. They come from three blood groups: O, B, and AB. Sister Agnes also has stigmata on the right palm. A Korean woman with terminal brain cancer received immediate healing while praying before the statute in 1981. The miracle was confirmed by Dr. Tong-Woo-Kim of the St. Paul Hospital in Seoul and Fr. Theisen, President of the Ecclesiastical Tribunal of the Archdiocese of Seoul. The second miracle was the complete cure of total deafness of Sister Agnes. In April, 1984 - Most Rev. John Shojiro Ito, Bishop of Niigata, Japan, after years of extensive investigation, declares the events of Akita, Japan, to be of supernatural origin, and authorises throughout the entire diocese the veneration of the Holy Mother of Akita. He said: "*The message of Akita is the message of Fatima.*" In June, 1988 - Vatican City - Joseph Cardinal Ratzinger, Prefect, Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, gives definitive judgement on the Akita events and messages as reliable and worthy of belief. Visit the *Garden of Mary*, built as a tribute to the Holy Mother.

In the afternoon, stop at the *Akita Senshu Park* with the ruins of the castle of the Satake family. Its tranquil atmosphere and historic flavor are particularly appealing. It's also a great spot to take photographs to commemorate your visit. Return to your hotel in time for an early dinner. **(B,L,D)**

**30OCT (Fri). AKITA - KAKUNODATE - AKITA AIRPORT - HANEDA AIRPORT.**

Enjoy breakfast followed by hotel check. Celebrate mass at the *Catholic Akita Church*. Then, drive to the small and charming town of **Kakunodate**, known as the *"Little Kyoto of Tohoku"*. Explore the town on foot and see the 350-year old preserved samurai houses. See the House of Aoyagi, the Denshokan Hall, the garden, and the weeping cherry trees lined up along the river bank. Enjoy some free time before going to the airport for your flight to **Haneda Airport**.

**(B,L)**

**31OCT (Sat). HANEDA - MANILA.**

Take the flight in the early morning for your flight back to **Manila**.

**TOUR INCLUSIONS:**

- Roundtrip economy airfare Manila/Tokyo/Akita/Haneda/Manila via PAL/Japan Airlines
- Roundtrip airport transfers
- 4\* hotel accommodation on twin sharing
- Meals (B -Breakfast; L- Lunch; D-Dinner)
- Tours as specified in the itinerary with services of an English-speaking local guide
- Transportation by deluxe air-conditioned motor-coach
- Services of a Filipino Tour Leader and Pilgrimage Chaplain all throughout the tour

**TOUR COST:**

Per Person on twin sharing	
Based on min. 30 Pax	<b>USD 3,555.00</b>
Based on min. 20 Pax	<b>USD 3,970.00</b>
Additional for Single Room	<b>USD 820.00</b>

**Not Included:**

Airline Taxes	<b>USD 195.00*</b>
Tip Fund	<b>USD 60.00</b>
Travel Insurance: (7D valid)	
70 years old and below	<b>USD 44.00</b>
71-80 years old	<b>USD 66.00</b>

**NOTE: Business Class seats are available upon request. Limited slots only!**

**\* Subject to change without prior notice!**

**PAYMENT & CANCELLATION POLICY:**

- 1) A non-refundable deposit of US\$1,000.00 is required upon reservation together with a photo-copy of a passport (valid for 6 months from date of departure), Pilgrim's Profile with a passport-size photo, and payment for visa fee and travel insurance.
- 2) Full payment in U.S. dollars is required but in no case shall it be later than 90 days before departure date.
- 3) All cancellations must be done in writing. The following cancellation charges will apply:
  - > 90 days before departure date – 50% of the Tour Cost
  - > 60 days prior to departure date – Full tour cost will be forfeited.
  - > Admin Fee of US\$500 for any visa denial.

**VISA REQUIREMENTS:**

- Passport with six (6) months validity from date of departure
- Duly accomplished visa application form
- Three (3) pcs. passport-size pictures
- PSA Birth Certificate  
*NOTE: In case of no record of birth at PSA, Birth Certificate by City Hall and Negative Certificate issued by PSA ; If late registered, submit Baptismal Certificate and School Record (form 137)*
- Latest Income Tax Return
- Original Bank Certificate with Average Daily Balance (both Pesos and/or US Dollars)
- Photocopy of Business Registration (if in business)
- Original Employment Certificate (if employed)
- If married, PSA Marriage Contract
- Affidavit of Support and Consent (signed and notarized by sponsor if financially incapable)
- Processing time: Seven (7) to Ten (10) working days
- Visa Fee: **Php 4,500.00**

**CONDITIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

**TOUR COST DOES NOT INCLUDE:** Visa fees and documentation expenses, insurance, hospitalization and other medical expenses, tours and transportation during free periods, portage of extra pieces of luggage in excess of the airline's maximum allocation, drinks and beverages taken during meals, items of personal nature such as laundry, telephone, fax, room service, and other expenses not mentioned in the itinerary terms and conditions.

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