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There are only two weeks left to book our special low priced 14 day pilgrimage (July 3 through July 16, 2016) to Egypt: including 3 nights Nile River Cruise; 1 night St. Catherine and Mt. Sinai; 1 night Alexandria; 1 night Assuit; 1 night MONASTERY HOLY VIRGIN MARY; 5 nights Cairo at 5 star hotel to include Pyramids; Egyptian Museum; Monasteries where the Holy Family had to hide out and a Special Feast. All this including the air for \$3,705.00 (special 2016 price). Single supplement \$1000.00.

We have been working hard to promote the **New Web Site** which includes all the 2016 pilgrimages and includes the following flyer that is being sent out to our contacts all over the country, as well as to our people here in Arizona. I would really appreciate any help you can give us in this advertising campaign. If you need copies, please call (520) 573-0065 and I will mail them to you or just stop by and pick them up..

We were also requested to provide a new flyer specifically for **Priests** defining what we do for them and what they can expect from us. I am adding this in this Newsletter and President's page so you can share it with any Priest's that you may know.

Steve has written a new "Pilgrim's Journey" reflection; It is titled "The Woman at the Well". I am sure you will agree it is very though provoking.

Please be assured of our prayers on this upcoming pilgrimage. If you have prayer intentions, please visit the web site www.jmjministries.org and list them. We will take them with us.

God Bless You.

Gayle Sims
President Jesus Mary and Joseph Ministries



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Have you even wondered **WHY** St. Joseph was instructed by an angel to flee with Mary and the Infant Jesus into Egypt? Where did they go? What did they do? Where did they stay? The answer to **WHY** is because Herod was looking for Jesus and murdering innocent babies. **TAKE A PILGRIMAGE WITH JMJ AND WE WILL ANSWER ALL THESE OTHER QUESTIONS AND A FEW MORE I AM SURE.**

Day 2 of 14 day Pilgrimage to Egypt including Nile River Cruise; Mt. Sinai; Alexandria; Pyramids; Egyptian Museum: Monasteries where Holy Family hid; Zieton: After breakfast we will spend the full day dedicated to visit the major stops of the Holy Family in Cairo starting with: MOSTOROD: ‘the Bathing place’ where there is a spring was caused to gush from the earth, which still flows today: MATAREYAH where a tree stands to this day that has a fragrant Balsam plant which is healing and which the Holy Chrism is made: ZEITOUN: the apparition site that made international headlines and viewed by thousands of Christians and Muslims alike: Maadi: The historic church built upon the spot where the Holy Family embarked to other places on the Nile. A miraculous event happened when a Holy Bible was carried by the lapping ripples of the Nile to the bank of the Church and was open to the page of Isaiah 19: 25 declaring: **“Blessed Be Egypt My people”**.



You know how wonderful you feel after you have a massage and all those knots in your shoulders have been relieved? You don't hurt anymore, right? Do you have hurts in your personal life that you would like to get rid of? What the masseuse can do to relieve your muscles, Our Lady Untier of Knots can relieve your personal hurts. **Our Holy Father is telling us to pray to Our Lady Untier of Knots and she will answer your prayers.**



Day 11: Pilgrimage to Poland, Czech Republic and Germany: YEAR OF MERCY AND MARY WHO UNTIES KNOTS: AUGSBURG ; we will leave for Augsburg to make our visit to MARY WHO UNTIES KNOTS. This painting has hung since 1700 in the Church of St. Peter am Perlach. It was inspired by St. Iranaeus, who, in light of the comparison between Eve and Mary describing how "the knot of Eve's disobedience was loosed by the obedience of Mary. For what the virgin Eve had bound fast through unbelief, this did the Virgin Mary set free through faith. We will venerate the image and take the time to entrust the knots of our life into the hands of the Blessed Virgin Mary with confidence and hope.

She is our infallible intercessor whose prayers are always answered by her Son Jesus. This is verified by Pope Francis who has a sincere devotion to her.

Would you like to experience the tranquility of places that our Lady has visited? How about **Medjugorje**?...How about **Fatima**? How about **Lourdes**?

Sunday Aug. 21 ITALY AND MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE: Depart for Ancona, Boat to Split (overnight and board on the boat). Early morning proceed to: **MEDJUGORJE**. Meeting with our guide for a tour, Dinner an overnight. After breakfast we will experience the beauty and peace of this simple village. During your stay you will have the opportunity to be guided by our Lady Queen of Peace. You will learn the layout of the village, visit the Church, climb the mountain, pray the Rosary and take advantage of all events during our stay.



Can you imagine the prayerful peace of a midnight camel ride under the stars, up the mountain that Moses climbed? Can you imagine the most beautiful

sunrise in the whole entire world? **We can guide you to this most of awesome experience!**



Day 6 – *Egypt, Mt. Sinai and Holy Land*: Buffet Breakfast. **ST. CATHERINE**. Departure from Cairo and drive to the Suez Canal, take the tunnel and arrive at Sinai Peninsula. Visit spring of Moses, then drive to St. Catherine. Dinner at the hotel. **At midnight, departure to Mt. Sinai**. Climbing to the place where the 10 Commandments were given to Moses. Time for prayer and Meditation as we await the **splendid Sunrise in the Desert**.

Have you prayed the Footsteps In The Sand prayer? Would you like to walk in the **footsteps of Jesus? You can!**

Day 11 Egypt, Mt. Sinai and Holy Land: Enter the Old City at the Western Wall. (Wailing Wall) Visit the **tunnel** at the basis of the Western Wall. (This goes down deep enough that you will walk on the stones that Jesus walked on). Enter the Old City. View Moswues of Al Aqsa and Omar, the Fortress Augusta, Bethesda Pool and St. Anne Church. Start the Via Dolorosa from Flagellation Church to the **Holy Sepulcher**. Celebrate Mass.

As a practicing Catholic would you like to visit any of these places and have Mass celebrated every day? **IT CAN BE DONE!!!** Do you know a Priest that would like to fill that position...for **FREE!!!?** **Jesus Mary and Joseph Ministries can make that happen as this is the Ministry of JMJ;** to provide a **NO COST Spiritual Journey** to the Priest.

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FOR A MORE DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF ALL OUR 2016 PILGRIMAGES PLEASE VISIT: WWW.JMJMINISTRIES.ORG. or call **520 573-0065**

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Our Ministry is unique in that as the Spiritual Director of our Pilgrimages, it will be your pilgrimage as well. Once the destination has been determined, I handle all the business/arrangements, and lead the pilgrimages personally. This allows you to have your own spiritual experience with no worries.

The Ministry will pay **ALL** your travel expenses as per the itinerary including all travel, meals and accommodations to any destination in world. **YOUR choice destination will also become YOUR pilgrimage.** You only need to bring spending money for your personal shopping. If lunch is not provided on the itinerary, the expense will be taken care of by us, or anyone

on the pilgrimage that would like to join you. I like to be flexible to allow what you choose to do.

With your destination in mind, we will plan the entire itinerary for you, arrange for tours, reserve chapels/churches for Mass (all Mass items and vestments are provided by the churches). You only have to bring a stole and alb in case we have no church available. **I WILL HAVE EVERYTHING ELSE YOU WILL NEED FOR THE MASS WITH ME.**

These are the only prerequisites that you must have: A valid passport and a document verifying you are a Priest.

The only thing asked of you is to direct the spirituality of the group, including Mass every day, lead the Rosary, listen to confessions, and any other devotions you choose to do. I would ask that you help us advertise the pilgrimage to help us obtain the minimum number of people so that this Ministry does not have to make up any difference. This is important because the finances are based on numbers, and as we are non-profit it is important to at least break even.

For a more in depth view, please visit the website for a current listing of the pilgrimages that are planned for 2016. As there is a constant need of priests in our churches today, there is also a constant need of pilgrims to have a spiritual journey that will be meaningful and uplifting to them and that is where your gifts as a priest will be most appreciated.

AS A PRIEST, YOU DETERMINE THE DESTINATION ANYWHERE IN THE WORLD AND THAT DESTINATION BECOMES YOUR PILGRIMAGE

Please feel free to call with any questions

**H. Gayle Sims
President, Jesus Mary and Joseph Ministries**

REFLECTION ON THE SAMARITAN WOMAN AT THE WELL, THE WELL, A Pilgrim's Journey



What would Jesus do? Many of our brothers and sister ask themselves this question, perhaps you do as well, when discerning a decision or direction in life. It is a good question. Recently, during the Lenten season, I found myself thinking of this question after reading the scriptural passage regarding the Samaritan Woman at the Well (Jn 4:4-42).

The times we live in seem so unpredictable. We live in a period of alienation and anxiety. We worry and often times we feel alone. We protest modern society's accelerating change. What used to be valued may not be.

Perhaps, we have family members who have had multiple marriages, multiple partners, and multiple children from each of those relationships. We see friends, family or perhaps ourselves making "bad choices". Truths seem less valued; people make decisions based on feelings, what is relevant and what others do. St. Thomas Aquinas says we all look for happiness. We know people who are looking for happiness through multiple relationships; despite their failures. They keep hoping for something better. We try to find happiness in work, status or prestige. Sometimes, some of us no longer look for happiness; we become discouraged. We settle for numbing the pain. We turn to drugs or have conversations with Jim Beam and Jack Daniels.

What would Jesus do? Good question. The Samaritan woman at the well--- perhaps, she is discouraged; perhaps, she is in pain. She lives apart from the community. She seems to be a woman avoided. Women come to the well in the morning. It is cooler, they draw the water, they gossip and they listen to each other's joys and problems. We can imagine them commenting on how the children are doing and the neighborhood news. Perhaps, they laugh together; they accept each other. Not this woman. She comes at noon, in the heat of the day, when no one is there, or... not supposed to be there. **One person is there—Jesus.** He asks her for a drink of water. In asking for a drink of water, two big taboos or "socially inappropriate" issues stand out like the proverbial 800 pound gorilla in the room. First, Jesus is a Jew; the woman is a Samaritan. She even says to Jesus after his request, "How can you, a Jew ask me a Samaritan woman for a drink?" This is not what a Jew does. Jews, at that time, avoided, disliked, shunned and ostracized Samaritans. Jesus would become unclean if he touched or took the cup of water from her! Secondly, as is still the custom in some parts of the Middle East today, men do not



interact with women unless they are accompanied by a husband or male relative. It is scandalous.

What does Jesus do! Before we look at what Jesus does, let's look at what he does **not do**. He does not leave. He does not ignore or avoid. He does not yell or criticize. He doesn't say to her, "you are going to hell", "you are a slut" or you are making "bad choices in your life". Jesus does not say, "You can't find happiness through multiple relationships". He does not belittle, intimidate or blame her. How often do we criticize or blame? How often do we turn away? The reality is that when we blame, criticize, belittle or tell others they are wrong, people rarely change.

What does Jesus do? He invites and reaches out. He does not judge, He offers love and compassion. He does not leave or avoid but invites and reaches out. He listens. He does not judge her and tell her that she is "bad". He offers her love and compassion. Jesus offers her living water and she responds, "You don't have a bucket and the well is deep, where can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob? Jesus says to her, **"Everyone who drinks this water will thirst again but whoever drinks of the water that I shall give him will never thirst; the water that I shall give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."** As the conversation continues, Jesus tells her, "you have had five husbands and the one you are with now is not your husband." Jesus goes on to say the hour is coming and is now here when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and Truth". The woman responds, I know the Messiah is coming...he will tell us everything" and Jesus says, **"I who speak to you am he."**

The disciples return and are amazed Jesus is speaking with a woman. The woman leaves and becomes an evangelist to the community, "He told me everything I have done". The woman is reunited to the community. The village called Sychar comes to believe.

Jesus says to his astonished disciple when they ask him if he has eaten, **"My food is to do the will of the One who sent me and to finish his work"**. What will Jesus do? We now know what he does. **The real question is what do we---you and I do?**

God Bless You

A fellow pilgrim,
Steve LeGendre