Ireland – Jubilee Holy Year of Mercy 2016
with Sister Claudia Ward, RSM, Spiritual Leader
& Fran Boudreaux, Tour Director & Representative, Regina Custom Tours
September 22, 2016 • 10 Days
Land of Saints and Scholars - This is a “Sisters of Mercy” Custom designed pilgrimage

Mercy International Centre

$3,998.00 per person
based on double occupancy from Saint Louis
with a minimum of 20 participants

Included:
• Round trip airfare from St. Louis - Flights can be arranged from other cities subject to supplemental airfare according to airline charges.
• Airport, airline taxes and applicable fuel surcharge
• Transfers by private coach from and to Dublin airport
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• Hotel V.A.T. tax
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• Breakfast daily
• 6 dinners
• 1 Entertainment show
• Guide
• Driver (Not a driver/guide combo)
• Entrance fees
• Spiritual Leader
• American Tour Director

Not Included:
• Transportation to and from your domestic airport
• Single room supplement - if needed, $500.00
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• Meals not mentioned in itinerary
• Gratuities $175.00 per person, for all services included, i.e. Driver, guide, restaurants, churches. Gratuities are to be paid separately, by September 1, to Fran Boudreaux who will distribute to the appropriate recipients in euros.
• Items of a personal nature such as laundry, meals not included etc.
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**Day 1 September 22 Thursday - DEPART U.S.**

**Day 2 September 23 Friday - DUBLIN**

-Arr: Dublin—Mass at St. Teresa church subject to availability. Here, 13 Sisters of Mercy are buried. Visit the Sisters of Mercy International Center on Baggot Street—Visit tomb of Venerable Catherine McAuley and the gift shop (traditional tea and scones here). Visit the former Presentation Convent Chapel, located on George’s Hill by Church Street and Mary’s Lane, where Sisters Catherine McAuley, Mary Ann Doyle, and Elizabeth Harley professed their final vows on December 12; thus, the foundation of Sisters of Mercy in 1831. View, or visit as time permits, Sir Patrick Dun Hospital. (This is where Catherine visited the sick and poor, especially at a time when no priest was available.) Visit St. Patrick’s Cathedral adjacent to the famous well where tradition says that St. Patrick baptized converts on his visit to Dublin. Enjoy a panorama site seeing tour of Dublin, including Phoenix Park where Saint Pope John Paul II celebrated an outdoor Mass. Walk up to the Cross Monument that commemorates the papal visit. In the afternoon, travel to Dun Loaghaire (Kingston) by the Irish Sea, to visit with Sisters of Mercy at their convalescent Convent. Time permitting, visit the Mater Misericordia Hospital before traveling to Enniskerry located in the beautiful Wicklow region, considered the “Garden of Ireland.” Hotel check in/dinner included/ overnight Enniskerry

***Tour the renowned Guinness Brewery, then enjoy lunch on the premises. Tour included, lunch on your own.***

**Day 3 September 24 Saturday - DUBLIN/ Mass joining WITH the Sisters of Mercy—not a private Mass**

-In the morning, visit Coolock House (now a Convent), where Catherine McAuley lived with the Callaghan family for 20 years. Mass at Mercy International Center with the Sisters of Mercy, Baggot Street, for their annual Mercy Day celebration. Proceed to Trinity College, founded by Elizabeth I in 1591. The college houses Ireland’s largest collection of illuminated manuscripts of the Gospels in the Book of Kells. Lunch on your own at the world famous Jamison distillery. Dinner NOT included. Overnight in Enniskerry. Optional entertainment TBA

**Day 4 September 25 Sunday - KNOCK VIA HILL OF SLANE, CLONMACNOISE**

Depart Dublin with our first stop being the Hill of Slane. Here, tradition holds that Saint Patrick lit the first Paschal Easter fire in 433 to proclaim Christianity throughout Ireland. Afterwards, visit Clonmacnoise, a wonderful early Christian site founded in the mid 6thc. Situated in a stunning setting on the east bank of the Shannon River, the complex features high crosses, a round tower, ruins of 7 churches and, at the Visitors’ Center, the largest collection of Christian grave slabs in Western Europe. An audiovisual presentation of Clonmacnoise history can be viewed in the Visitor Center. Saint Pope John Paul II celebrated Mass here. Our next stop is the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock. It was here 21 August 1879, that local people witnessed the manifestation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Joseph and Saint John The Evangelist. Hotel check in Knock/Visit Shrine/Leisure before dinner included/ overnight Knock.

**Day 5 September 26 Monday - KNOCK, SLIGO, BELEEK, DERRY**

After a substantial breakfast, proceed to Ballintuber Abbey. Unique, being the only Royal Abbey with continuous celebration of Mass for over 800 years. It is believed that Saint Patrick had a presence here. Saint Pope John Paul II celebrated Mass here. Twenty miles west of Ballintuber

**St. Patrick’s Cathedral**
Day 8 September 29 Thursday - DOWNPATRICK, NEWGRANGE, ENNISKERRY

Travel to Downpatrick, situated in the celebrated Mountains of Mourne near the Irish Sea. Here it is believed to be the burial place of the 4th c. Missionary, St. Patrick. Visit the St. Patrick Heritage Centre and view the 180 degree hi tech film. Visit St. Patrick Church, perhaps Mass here. Until 2011, a Sisters of Mercy Convent was next to this church. Cross the Northern Ireland border. Travel to Newgrange, a Stone Age burial ground, Ireland's most spectacular and best known pre-historic archaeological wonders of Western Europe. This site existed more than 5,000 years ago before the Egyptian pyramids or Stonehenge. (This visit subject to permission from the Irish government) Our travel takes us through the mystical landscape of County Wicklow to Enniskerry, one of County Wicklow's prettiest villages south of Dublin. Dinner not included. Overnight Enniskerry.

Day 9 September 30 Friday - ENNISKERRY/POWERSCOURT GARDENS AND SURROUND

Following breakfast, travel through the exquisite County Wicklow countryside to the evocative place called Glendalough, meaning Valley of Two Lakes. Founded by the hermit monk, St. Kevin, 6th c. After a memorable time here, return to Enniskerry to explore the magnificent Powerscourt Gardens, of unparalleled beauty, originating in 1745, standing at the foot of the Wicklow Mountains. As time permits, see the aristocratic gardens that feature the Triton Pool and fountain in the Japanese Garden and the American Italian Gardens. The Historical Bamberg gate is believed to be from a German Cathedral in Bavaria. Hopefully our coach will be able to take us the 7 km distance to view the magnificent 397 foot waterfall, highest in Ireland. See many rare plants and majestic views of the Great Sugar Loaf Mountain. Perhaps visit the Pet Cemetery with headstones dedicated to family dogs. Powerscourt House offers the best of Irish design in gifts, clothes and furniture in the Avoca stores and the Interiors Gallery. You may choose to enjoy a culinary delight featured in the Avoca Cookbook and offered on the menu in the acclaimed Terrace Café that overlooks a breathtaking view. (Under own arrangement.) Tara's Palace can be seen on the upper floor of the house. Farewell dinner included. Overnight Enniskerry.

Day 10 October 1 Saturday - Depart Ireland/ Arrive U.S.

Another custom designed itinerary written by Fran Boudreaux and Sister Claudia Ward, RSM

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