

## **Pilgrimage Locations**

Below are the main destinations for the American Saints Pilgrimages. Depending on where you are starting your pilgrimage you can either fly there or “road trip” the pilgrimage and visit other cities and interesting locations on your way to your main destination.

For example, if I were to go to Irondale, Alabama to visit EWTN and I was coming from Texas I would drive to New Orleans first and visit the Catholic sights there, and then I would travel to Alabama. These are just some of the suggested places.

There are other holy sights in the United States, but these are either the oldest, the most convenient to visit in relation to other sights, or have the Canonized (or soon to be canonized) Saints. (*\*If you are aware of a soon to be American saint or a holy sight in America that we did not put down please contact us! We would love to add them to our list.*)

Below is the list of the major city or state, the American saint or holy event that took place there, and other points of interests (some are religious and some are just for fun ideas). This is just to give you some highlights and basic points. You can find virtually all the information you need through the internet and internet searches.

\*If you would like for Link to Liturgy to design a pilgrimage for your group please contact us for more details.

### **New York City, New York:**

**American Saints to see:** Dorothy Day, Servant of God, Solanus Casey, Venerable Pierre Toussaint, Venerable Fulton Sheen, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, St. Frances Xavier Cabrini.

**Other points of interests:** Franciscan Friars of the Renewal, New York City (St. Patrick’s (make sure to go to the crypt), Times Square, Broadway Show, Statue of Liberty, etc.), Little Sisters of the Poor. With this particular pilgrimage you can make it a point to visit the places where the Saints, lived, worked, and are buried. For example the Venerable Pierre’s parish, Mother Cabrini’s High School (where she is buried)

### **Northern New York State:**

**American Saints to see:** Martyrs of North America - Our Lady of North American Martyrs (St. Isaac Jogues, S.J., St. Kateri Tekakwitha, St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, R.S.C.J.)

**Other points of interests:** Depending on where you fly in you may be able to connect New York City. Another idea is if everyone in the group has a passport then you can go up into Canada to see Montreal and the Church’s there or Toronto.

### **Polish Pilgrimage & Philadelphia, Pennsylvania:**

**American Saints to see:** Shrine of St. John Neumann, St. Katharine Drexel Shrine

**Other points of interests:** Franciscan Friars of the Renewal leading the pilgrimage, Divine Mercy Shrine, city of Philadelphia (statue of liberty, American Revolutionary sights, Rocky monument, Cheesesteaks, etc.)

### **Missions Tour, California:**

**American Saints to See:** Blessed Junípero Serra, O.F.M.

**Other points of interests:** Missions of California including the cities of San Francisco, San Francisco, San Jose, and Los Angeles. Each of these major cities has plenty of other attractions within them. Blessed Junípero Serra is buried at Carmel-by-the-Sea Monterey. You can consider going to San Francisco, down to Carmel, over to Yosemite and then back to San Francisco. This route allows you to experience city, beach, and mountains.

### **New Orleans, Louisiana, St. Augustine, FL , EWTN**

**American Saints to See:** Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, C.Ss.R. (New Orleans)

**Other points of interests:**

*New Orleans:* French Quarter (St. Louis Cathedral, Café du Monde), service projects in New Orleans, Our Lady of Prompt Succor, International Shrine of St. Jude, Old Ursuline Convent.

*St. Augustine:* Oldest Catholic city in America, Cathedral, Mission, Beach

*EWTN:* Shrine of the Blessed Sacrament, EWTN chapel, tour of the venue, see a taping of a show. The studio is in Birmingham, the shrine is in Hanceville. Each take a day.

### **Albuquerque and Santa Fe, New Mexico**

**American Saints to see:** First Martyrs

**Other points of interests:** Tome Hill, Sandia Mountains, service projects, El Santuario de Chimayo (walking pilgrimage and shrine), Old Town, St. Joseph Stairs, St. Michael's Catholic Church (oldest church structure in the US), and St. Francis Cathedral.

### **Tulsa, OK; St. Louis, MO; Saint Mary-of-the-Woods, IN; Chicago, IL; Marytown, IL; Topeka, KS**

**American Saints to see:** St. Mother Theodore Guerin (Saint Mary of the Woods, IN), St. Maximilian Kolbe (Marytown, IL), Servant of God Fr. Kapuan (Topeka, KS); Fr. Juan Padilla, a Franciscan Friar, the First American Martyr (Historical Marker near Council Grove, Kansas).

**Other Points of Interest:**

*Hulbert, OK near Tulsa, OK:* Clear Creek Abbey

*St. Louis, MO:* Cathedral, Old Cathedral, the Arch

*Chicago, IL:* Sears Tower, Cathedral, Lake Michigan, polish parishes in Chicago

*Marytown, IL:* The National Shrine of St. Maximilian Kolbe, Retreat Center

### **Baltimore - Emmitsburg, MD**

**American Saints to see:** St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Shrine

**Other Points of Interests:** National Shrine of Lourdes, First Diocese in America, Gettysburg, Hershey Park

### **Washington D.C.**

**Saints to See:** St. Innocent (Not American Saint, but one of the oldest saints in our Church)

**Other points of interests:** Presidential Monuments & War Memorials, Mall, Smithsonian Museums, Holocaust Museum, The Basilica of the Immaculate Conception, Catholic University of America, Pope John Paul II Cultural Center, Franciscan Monastery, Perpetual Adoration of the Poor Clares, Orthodox Catholic Book Store, Prayer at Planned Parenthood, White House, Capital, Supreme Court, St. Matthews Cathedral. \*Also can be adapted for a March for Life pilgrimage in January.