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### VINCENTIAN HERITAGE TOUR TO

# France

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# TOUR PROGRAM

AUGUST 2011

02, TUESDAY

DEPARTURE

D-ON BOARD

This afternoon check in at the Chicago O'Hare Airport (or your home city) for our flight to Paris.

03, WEDNESDAY

B-ON BOARD

L-INDEPENDENT

PARIS

D-RESTAURANT



*Bonjour!* After passport control, proceed to the baggage claim area and continue to the Arrival Hall. Our driver/guide, Mr. Joop Timmers, will meet us here and direct us to the waiting motorcoach for our drive into Paris. Father Udovic and Father

Rybolt will give an orientation tour of some of the famous landmarks. We'll stop for a visit to the Notre Dame Cathedral before having an independent lunch. As soon as our rooms are ready this afternoon, we'll check into our hotel. After time to unpack, rest, and freshen up, we'll get together for dinner.

04, THURSDAY

B-HOTEL

L-RESTAURANT

D-INDEPENDENT

PARIS

A fascinating day is in store for us as Father Udovic and Father Rybolt give us a tour of some of the Vincentian sites in Paris. We will begin our day visiting the Vincentian motherhouse on rue de Sèvres. Highlights of this visit will include the magnificent chapel with its reliquary containing St. Vincent's remains, and the accompanying Vincentian Museum. Also included will be a visit to the nearby motherhouse of the Daughters of Charity with its famous Miraculous Medal Chapel. We will also visit the nearby Church of St. Sulpice. After our 1:00 p.m. lunch at the Café du Commerce, we'll visit the famous Hotel des Invalides and possibly make one last stop at the Museum of the History of the City of Paris. The evening will be free with an independent dinner.

05, FRIDAY

FOLLEVILLE, AMIENS, PARIS

B-HOTEL

L-RESTAURANT

D-INDEPENDENT

A full-day excursion with Father Udovic and Father Rybolt as our guides is planned from Paris to Folleville and Amiens. The Congregation of the Mission had its origins in a sermon given by St. Vincent in the parish church at Folleville. Upon arrival at approximately 10:30 a.m., coffee and refreshments will be served, followed by our visit to the church. At 1:00 p.m. we'll have lunch at the lovely Le Relais de Sains restaurant. Then we'll visit the Cathedral of Notre Dame at

Amiens. Begun in 1220, this magnificent cathedral has an elegant nave, the highest in France. The interior has late medieval stained-glass windows and an 18<sup>th</sup>-century wrought-iron screen. Later we'll travel through the beautiful French countryside and return to Paris.

06, SATURDAY

B-HOTEL

L-INDEPENDENT

D-INDEPENDENT

PARIS

*Our driver will give us instructions on collecting the large suitcases for his long drive to Dax. He will be departing for Dax immediately after the morning tour. Everyone will need to keep a small carry-on with whatever you need until arrival in Dax on Monday. You are welcome to keep your large suitcase with you; however, you will need to be able to get your luggage on and off the train quickly.*

With Father Udovic and Father Rybolt as our guides, the group will be introduced to some additional Vincentian sites in Paris. Among these are the original site of Saint Lazare, and the churches of St. Laurent and Ste. Marguerite. The afternoon and evening are free with independent meals.

07, SUNDAY

B-HOTEL

L-INDEPENDENT

D-INDEPENDENT

PARIS

You may wish to attend Mass at the Daughters of Charity motherhouse or the Cathedral of Notre-Dame. The day is also yours to enjoy Paris and "do your own thing." The Paris Vision Tour service has a variety of half- and full-day side trips to choose from, including such sites as Monet's studio and gardens at Giverny. This is your last free evening for dining in Paris.



08, MONDAY

B-HOTEL

L-INDEPENDENT

D-HOTEL

TGV, DAX, PAU

After an early breakfast, a local Parisian motorcoach will arrive at the hotel around 5:30 a.m. for our transfer to the Paris Montparnasse Station. We have reserved seats on the 7:10 a.m. train to Dax. Relax and enjoy the comfort of the TGV (high-speed train system). Around 11:40 a.m., we'll find ourselves in Dax in the southwest corner of France. Joop will meet us at the station and take us seven kilometers north of Dax. After time for an independent lunch, we will visit sites in the city. At approximately 3:00 p.m. we'll visit the Berceau-de-St. Vincent de Paul (Cradle of St. Vincent de Paul), which

was the saint's birthplace. On the church square by the large oak, where Vincent kept his father's flocks, is the house where Vincent was born. We will also visit the church that contains the baptismal font where Vincent was baptized. From here, we continue to the town of Pau where we will be spending the night. After hotel check-in, there may be time to relax before dinner together.

**09, TUESDAY** **TOULOUSE, CARCASSONNE**  
 B-HOTEL L-INDEPENDENT D-HOTEL  
 We'll leave Pau and travel east to Languedoc, one of the great old provinces of Southern France. Our first stop will be the ancient city of Toulouse and its university where St. Vincent studied and received his degree. After an independent lunch, we'll continue east and slightly south. Our destination is Carcassonne, the greatest fortress city of Europe. After hotel check-in, Father Rybolt will give us an informal walking tour of the Old Town. Its fortifications consist of an inner and outer wall. At the end of the tour, those who are ambitious can walk on the ramparts or between the walls. Tonight's dinner is included at the hotel.

**10, WEDNESDAY** **PONT DU GARD, AVIGNON, LYON**  
 B-HOTEL L-INDEPENDENT D-INDEPENDENT



We'll get an early start today as we need to cover quite a bit of distance. Most of our journey this morning will be via motorway. We'll detour from the main road to visit Pont du Gard, the spectacular ancient Roman aqueduct. After this stop, we continue to the town of Avignon. Protected by its ramparts, the historic core of the city is a lively center for art and culture. For 68 years in the 14<sup>th</sup> century, it was the residence first of the seven French popes and then of three others once Pope Gregory XXI had returned to Rome. After time for an independent lunch and exploration, we'll leave Avignon and again travel by the motorway north to the large city of Lyon. Following hotel check-in, dinner is independent.

**11, THURSDAY** **PÉROUGES, CHATILLON-SUR-CHALARONNE, LYON**  
 B-HOTEL L-RESTAURANT D-DINNER CRUISE  
 Following breakfast, we'll journey to the hilltop medieval village of Pérouges where many scenes from the famous film *Monsieur Vincent* was filmed. We next visit Châtillon-sur-Chalaronne—a lovely town with ramparts, a 15<sup>th</sup>-century covered market, and 11<sup>th</sup>-century castle ruins. Around 11:00 a.m., we'll have the opportunity to visit the Gothic church where



St. Vincent de Paul was pastor. Following our 1:00 p.m. lunch at Hotel du Commerce, we plan to return to Lyon for an afternoon tour of the old city. Tonight at 8:00 p.m., we'll board the

restaurant boat *Hermes* and enjoy a dinner cruise down the Rhône and up the Saone. Our cruise takes us through Europe's largest Renaissance district after Venice and also along the 18<sup>th</sup>-century district of Vaise and the Barbe Isle.

**12, FRIDAY** **TOURNUS, BEAUNE**  
 B-HOTEL L-INDEPENDENT D-RESTAURANT  
 After breakfast, we'll get back on the motorway and head north to the area of France known as Bourgogne. We will stop in Tournus to see the magnificently-restored Romanesque church. From here, we continue to the town of Beaune, which lies in the center of the Côte d'Or wine producing area. After time for an independent lunch, we'll tour the Hôtel-Dieu, built in the 15<sup>th</sup>-century as a hospital. This is typical of the hospitals that the church operated in the time of St. Vincent de Paul. In the museum here, we'll also see the elaborate altarpiece of the *Last Judgment* by the Flemish artist, Roger van der Weyden. After our visit here, we'll sample some Burgundian wine at Patriarche Père et Fils, a local wine cellar. Our 7:30 p.m. dinner will be at the restaurant Abbaye de Maizières.

**13, SATURDAY** **BEAUNE, JOIGNY, PARIS, ROISSY**  
 B-HOTEL L-RESTAURANT D-INDEPENDENT  
 Before leaving Beaune, we will have the opportunity to shop at a classic French country market set up in the city. We then begin our journey back to the area around Paris. We'll stop in Joigny, where we'll visit some of the sites associated with St. Vincent. After our closing gala lunch at the restaurant Le Petit Claridge, we'll travel to Roissy-en-France, near the Paris-Charles de Gaulle Airport. Following hotel check-in, there will be time to freshen up and do final packing. Food service is available at the hotel for an independent dinner.

**14, SUNDAY** **RETURN**  
 B-HOTEL L-ON BOARD  
 After one last delicious French breakfast, Joop will take us the short distance to Paris-Charles de Gaulle Airport. Here we'll check in for our return flight back to the U.S. We hope the *DePaul VSI Vincentian Heritage Tour* has been a wonderful experience!

B = Breakfast L = Lunch D = Dinner

## YOUR VINCENTIAN LECTURERS AND GUIDES

REVEREND EDWARD R. UDOVIC, C.M., PH.D., is a Vincentian priest from the Western Province of the Congregation of the Mission. Ordained in 1984, he has a Doctorate in Church History from the Catholic University of America. He presently serves as Secretary, Senior Executive for University Mission, and Vice President for Teaching and Learning Resources at DePaul University and is an Associate Professor in the Department of History. He has written extensively in the area of Vincentian history and has given presentations throughout the United States and internationally on Vincentian history, spirituality, and leadership. He has also led numerous heritage trips to Vincentian sites in Paris and throughout France.

REVEREND JOHN E. RYBOLT, C.M., PH.D., is a Vincentian priest from the Congregation of the Mission Western Province. He is a Life Trustee of DePaul University, and serves as the Vincentian Scholar in Residence at the university's Office of Mission and Values. He is also a founding member of the Vincentian Studies Institute of the United States. A Vincentian since 1959, Fr. Rybolt is a world-recognized scholar on Saint Vincent de Paul and Vincentian history. From 1994 to 2003, he lived and worked in Paris at the Vincentian motherhouse, directing the Centre International de Formation: St. Vincent de Paul.

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## TOUR COST

\$4,585 per person from Chicago (add-on fares available from other cities)

A complete travel protection package is available in connection with your tour. The premium of \$215 will automatically be added to your account. However, travel protection is optional and you may choose to decline it. Refer to the Terms and Conditions for more information. Indicate on your form if you choose to decline the travel protection.



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## TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### The cost of your tour includes:

**Air transportation** roundtrip Paris with any regularly scheduled air carrier, based on a nonrefundable/nonchangeable fare, which requires a minimum of 10 passengers traveling roundtrip together. Tickets are issued 45 days prior to departure. **Passengers who cancel after tickets are issued will forfeit the total airfare in addition to the penalties noted under "Cancellation and Refunds."** If cancellation results from the documented hospitalization or death of the passenger, part of the airfare penalty will be waived.

**Secure flight information.** The requirement to collect date of birth, gender, and full name are federally mandated by the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) Secure Flight Program. While disclosure of this information is voluntary, if it is not provided, participants may be denied boarding. TSA's privacy policy, as well as additional details, can be found at [tsa.gov](http://tsa.gov) using the keywords Secure Flight. Witte Travel takes all reasonable steps to safeguard the privacy of this and any other information collected from its tour participants.

**Land transportation.** A deluxe air-conditioned motorcoach will be used for transfers, excursions, and travel between cities. The exception will be the afternoon of August 6 and all day on August 7. Because many of Europe's old cities restrict the routes over which motorcoaches can travel, sightseeing within cities will often be done on foot and via public transportation. Second-class reserved seats on the TGV from Paris to Dax are also included.

**Accommodations** based on two persons sharing a room with private facilities. Most hotels we use range from moderate first-class to standard first-class. When hotels in these categories are not available, top-quality superior tourist-class properties are selected. **The supplement for single accommodations is \$900.** Single rooms in European hotels are often very small. If you register alone but prefer to share, we will do our best to assign a roommate. If a single room must be assigned to any member of the group for any reason, even if it is at the last minute or while on tour, we will need to charge the single supplement. Changes in rooming arrangements requested by the participant 45 or fewer days prior to departure may result in additional charges.

**Buffet breakfast daily, lunches, and dinners** as indicated in the itinerary. Dinners do not include beverages.

**A multi-lingual driver/guide** to accompany the group from arrival in Europe until departure from Europe. The tour manager will be assisted by local guides as needed. Fr. Edward Udovic and Fr. John Rybolt are the Vincentian Lecturer/Guides.

**Sightseeing and admission fees** in accordance with the itinerary.

**Porterage** of one suitcase—with a maximum size of 62" (height plus width plus depth) and weight of 50 pounds—per person is provided at hotels to the greatest extent possible. Porterage is not provided at airports and some hotels do not have porters. You may also carry a purse, a camera, and one small piece of hand luggage weighing no more than 15 pounds and measuring 45" (height plus width plus depth). Soft-sided hand luggage is recommended. Wheeled hand luggage is acceptable. Please note that hand luggage does not fit in the overhead bins on the motorcoach. Depending on the size of the group, there may be room for hand luggage in the storage compartments under the motorcoach or by an empty seat inside the motorcoach. If there isn't room in the storage compartments or any empty seats, hand luggage will need to be placed on the floor in front of your feet. The size and weight restrictions noted for suitcases and hand luggage conform to most airlines' requirements and they are essential for everyone's comfort on board the motorcoach.

**Tippling and taxes** are included for all services, including the tip for the driver/guide.

**The tour cost does not include** passports, airline luggage fees, optional travel protection plan including luggage and trip cancellation coverage, optional excursions, independent meals, and any other items not mentioned as included.

**Optional travel protection.** Witte Travel recommends that each traveler purchase a travel protection package. For your convenience, we make available a travel protection plan offered by Trip Mate. This travel protection can be purchased at any time prior to making the final payment for your tour. The policy exclusion for pre-existing conditions will be waived if your premium is received by Witte Travel within 14 days of the initial deposit for your tour, provided you are not disabled from travel at the time you pay your premium. Tours over 30 days are not eligible for coverage. The premium for the travel protection plan that applies to your tour is noted on the application form. It may be necessary to increase the travel protection premium for those participants who purchase additional services and/or upgrade their arrangements. The premium for the travel protection plan is non-refundable. The travel protection plan does not cover any travel arrangements not made by or purchased from Witte Travel.

### Schedule of Coverages

### Maximum Benefit Amount

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| Accidental Death & Dismemberment .....      | \$25,000  |
| Medical Expense/Emergency Assistance        |           |
| Accident and Sickness Medical Expense ..... | \$50,000  |
| Emergency Evacuation and Repatriation ..... | \$250,000 |
| Pre-Departure Trip Cancellation .....       | Trip Cost |

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| Post-Departure Trip Interruption .....   | 150% of Trip Cost |
| Missed Connection .....                  | \$750             |
| Travel Delay (Up to \$150 per day) ..... | \$750             |
| Baggage / Personal Effects .....         | \$1,500           |
| Baggage Delay .....                      | \$250             |

Certain exclusions and limitations apply and are detailed in the Travel Insurance Certificate. For example, coverage does not apply to any sickness or condition of a Traveling Companion or an Immediate Family member traveling with you that existed during the 60 days prior to the effective date of the coverages (this exclusion is waived if your premium is received within 14 days of the initial deposit/payment for your Trip and you are not disabled from travel at the time your premium is received), suicide, normal pregnancy, war or any act of war, mental or nervous disorders. A Traveling Companion is defined as a person or persons with whom you have coordinated travel arrangements and intend to travel with during the Trip. Sickness or injury must commence while the travel protection plan is in effect for you. This plan does not cover a loss that results from an illness, disease or condition (of you, an Immediate Family Member, Traveling Companion or Business Partner), event or circumstance that occurs at a time when the plan is not in effect for you. A Travel Insurance Certificate, which fully details the coverages, provisions, limitations and exclusions of the insurance offered, will be included in the confirmation packet of those travelers who purchase this travel protection. For more information prior to purchase, go to [wittetravel.com/group-travel/travel-protection/](http://wittetravel.com/group-travel/travel-protection/). You may also request a copy of the Certificate from our office at any time. This plan is administered by United States Fire Insurance Company, Eatontown, NJ.

**Documentation:** U.S. citizens are required to have a valid passport. If you already have a passport, check its expiration date now since most foreign countries require that passports be valid for at least three months beyond the traveler's intended return date. If your passport is due to expire shortly after your intended return, you will need to apply for a new one before departure. If you plan to visit countries other than those included in this tour on your own, contact Witte Travel & Tours for any special requirements. All non-U.S. citizens should contact Witte Travel & Tours for their special requirements. We will check the requirements for non-U.S. citizens both at the time they register for the tour and again approximately 45 days prior to departure. Witte Travel & Tours is not responsible for any changes in requirements for non-U.S. citizens that occur after our final check.

**The tour cost** is based on a group of 37 passengers, current tariffs for air and land arrangements, and on an exchange rate of \$1.35 to €1.00. The cost is subject to adjustment in the event of changes therein.

**Reservations and payments.** To make reservations on this tour, complete the Travel Form and return it as indicated. Reservations cannot be accepted over the telephone. Payments are due as follows:

- Deposit of \$500 per person with Application Form by December 1, 2010
- Payment of \$1,500 per person by March 1, 2011
- Payment of \$1,500 per person by May 1, 2011
- Balance due on receipt of final invoice sent approximately 30 days prior to departure

If you are registering for the tour after one of the above payment dates, increase your deposit amount accordingly so your account will be up to date. **Please note that checks returned due to insufficient funds are subject to a \$30 service fee.**

**Credit card payments.** Visa, MasterCard, Discover or American Express credit cards can be accepted for the deposit and/or scheduled payments, provided that the request to charge is indicated on the Travel Form. The deposit charge will be processed shortly after receipt of your application. Subsequent payments will be charged in keeping with the payment schedule as outlined above.

**Cancellations and refunds.** Witte Travel & Tours must receive notice of cancellation in writing. Penalties are per person and will be based on the date of receipt, as follows:

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| More than 120 days prior to departure      | - \$ | 100       |
| Between 120 and 91 days prior to departure | - \$ | 175       |
| Between 90 and 61 days prior to departure  | - \$ | 325       |
| Between 60 and 31 days prior to departure  | - \$ | 475       |
| 30 or fewer days prior to departure        | -    | No Refund |

**The above penalties apply to the cost of the land arrangements and are in addition to the airfare penalty noted under "Air Transportation." The service fee noted under "Special Flight Arrangements," any nonrefundable portion of special arrangements made on behalf of the canceling participant and the cost of travel protection, if purchased, will also be added to the above penalties. Cancellation insurance is available.** Please allow four to six weeks for processing of refunds. Refunds will be returned in the same form in which payments were received, i.e., payments made by check will be refunded via check to the person or organization that made the payments, and payments charged to a credit card will be refunded via a credit back to the same credit card.

**Membership.** Witte Travel & Tours reserves the right to accept or reject any person as a member of the tour and to expel from the tour any participant whose conduct is incompatible with the interest of the tour group. Each special needs participant must be

accompanied by a qualified helper who assumes total responsibility for his or her well-being. Witte Travel reserves the right to exclude from the tour any special needs person whose condition impairs customary operation of the tour.

**Land-only participants.** If you wish to make your own flight arrangements, contact Witte Travel for the land-only cost at least 90 days prior to departure. Participants who make their own flight arrangements are strongly encouraged to coordinate their flight schedules with the group's flight schedule and to use the same airports. The group's airport transfers on the arrival and return days will be timed to the group's flight schedule. Land-only participants may need to arrange for their own airport transfers. Contact Witte Travel for information and costs on options for private transfers. Witte Travel & Tours cannot be responsible for any inconveniences to land-only participants resulting from changes in the group's flight schedule. Participants who change their status to land-only less than 90 days prior to departure may be subject to penalties imposed by the airlines.

**Domestic flight connections.** Note on your travel form if you would like to fly to and from the international departure city. You will be contacted with schedule options and costs. **Witte Travel & Tours must receive requests for connecting flights at least 45 days prior to departure.**

**Special flight arrangements.** Note on your travel form if you would like to extend your stay in Europe and/or if you would like to depart from and/or return to another city. The number of passengers who can deviate from the group's flight schedule is restricted. You will be contacted to let you know if the arrangements you requested are possible and to advise you of schedule options and costs. Upon confirmation of your special flight arrangements, a non-refundable service fee of \$75 will be added to your account. **In the event of cancellation, the service fee and any nonrefundable portion of special air or land arrangements made on behalf of the canceling participant will be added to the penalties noted under "Cancellations and Refunds." Witte Travel & Tours must receive requests for special flight arrangements at least 45 days prior to departure.**

**Special Meal Requirements.** Please indicate on your travel form if you need special meals such as vegetarian, diabetic, gluten-free, or low-sodium. Special meal requests cannot be guaranteed, but we will pass them on to the airlines and hotels. We will also inform your tour personnel, who will make every effort to see that your requests are met at the hotels. **Witte Travel & Tours must receive requests for special meals at least 45 days prior to departure.**

**Time away from the tour.** Advise Witte Travel & Tours in writing at least 45 days before departure if you plan to spend some time away from the tour. Wherever possible, you will be credited for missed hotel nights.

**Final tour documents**—including itinerary, hotel list, passenger list, flight schedules with departure instructions, and luggage tags—are sent about 10 days prior to departure. Flight tickets are usually made available at the airport at check-in time.

**Responsibility.** As the tour operator, Witte Travel & Tours will be responsible for supplying the services and accommodations outlined in the brochure as constituting the tour, except to the extent that such services cannot be supplied, wholly or partially, owing to circumstances beyond its control. In such cases, Witte Travel & Tours will use its best efforts to supply alternative services and accommodations, and no refunds will be granted provided that the alternatives are comparable to the original services and accommodations included in the tour cost. Witte Travel & Tours, its agents, sponsors, organizers and employees shall not be responsible for any injury, loss, damage, accident, delay, irregularity or expense arising from strikes, weather, sickness, acts of war or terrorism, governmental restrictions or regulations or from any act or omission on the part of any individual or company furnishing transportation, accommodations or any other services to the tour participants; nor shall Witte Travel & Tours be responsible for any injuries, death, damages, loss or delay in any means of transportation or by reason of any event beyond its actual control. Witte Travel & Tours reserves the right to make changes in the tour dates or itinerary routing should circumstances make such necessary. In case of insufficient participation, Witte Travel & Tours may cancel the tour. In the event of cancellation of the tour by Witte Travel & Tours, its liability will be limited to a refund in full of all monies paid by the participants. If available, Witte Travel & Tours will offer an alternative trip, which the participants may accept or reject. California Passengers: Witte Travel & Tours is licensed under the California Seller of Travel Act—registration number 201-3304-40. Witte Travel & Tours is a member of the National Tour Association, the mark of excellence in the group tour industry. Witte Travel & Tours is also a member of the World Religious Travel Association.

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