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Greetings!

We hope that this letter finds you and your family in good health and peace. We want to inform you that the Catholic Diocese of Wichita is planning a Pilgrimage to Dublin, Ireland to participate in the World Meeting of Families (WMOF). And we are excited to invite you to consider joining us!

Since 1994 every three years, in different places around the world, a WMOF has been held, together with an International Pastoral-Theological Congress. It concludes with a Festival of Families in the presence of the Pope and a great final Eucharistic Celebration. As you may know, the WMOF is scheduled to take place a year from now, in August, 2018 in Dublin, Ireland.

Here is brief overview of our pilgrimage:

- ✓ **Thursday, August 16, 2018** – USA to Dublin arriving in Dublin, Ireland
- ✓ **Friday, August 17 – Tuesday August 21**
 - Touring Ireland, sites include Galway, Our Lady of Knock, Cliffs of Moher, Killarney, Ring of Kerry, Blarney Castle
- ✓ **Wednesday, August 22 – Sunday, August 26**
 - World Meeting of Families Congress with presentations by internationally renowned speakers, sharing our Catholic faith with families around the world.
 - Papal Events:
 - Guaranteed admission to the Festival of Families on Sat Aug 25
 - Guaranteed admission to the Closing Mass on Sun Aug 26
 - Dinner as a group on Sunday evening
- ✓ 48-Hour 'Hop On, Hop Off' Tour of Dublin
- ✓ **Monday, August 27, 2018** - Fly back to Wichita.

Many of the details are still in the works, and planning is underway to orchestrate the arrival of an estimated 15,000 people during the week of the Congress, with the possibility of millions for the Papal events. At this point our best estimate per person cost for this pilgrimage is \$4995. This would include flight, hotel, and registration to the Family Congress, the group meals, and transportation throughout the city.

We'd love to have families from all over the Midwest join us for this global event! See enclosed packet with information about our pilgrimage. You can also visit our pilgrimage website at www.catholicsindublin.com. If you want to learn more about the WMOF, visit the official website at <http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en/>.

Are you interested in joining us in our pilgrimage? Do you have questions? Drop me an email at samourj@catholicdioceseofwichita.org. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

In Christ,

Jake Samour, Director

Enclosure – Diocese of Wichita – World Meeting of Families Pilgrimage Package