### The CCC Difference

- An intimate look at Ireland with Monsignor James Murphy
- Travel arrangements and 11 nights of lodging made by Catholic Charities of CA
- Single or double occupancy rooms with private baths (breakfast included at hotels)
- Small group sizes (up to 12)
- Daily transportation
- Group leaders available for assistance
- Two Catholic Charities of CA-hosted dinners
- Pilgrim booklet with itineraries and hotel information

#### **Details**

Single Occupancy: \$4,500 Double Occupancy: \$3,600

(per person)

All pilgrimages require a \$500 non-refundable deposit to secure your spot!

# Ready to Book or Have Questions?

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Catholic Charities of CA

# THE BEST OF IRELAND

Pilgrimage

~ Small Bus Tour ~

June 24 - July 4, 2024

All proceeds support Catholic Charities of California.



# About this Pilgrimage

Catholic Charities of CA invites you to join us on an 11-day pilgrimage exploring the Best of Ireland, along with Monsignor James Murphy.

Traveling by coach, you will enjoy the island's beautiful coastlines and Irish countryside as we begin our journey in Dublin, and travel throughout the southern and western regions of Ireland.



Skellig Michael

# **Exciting Itinerary**

#### Day 1: Arrive in Dublin

Settle in! Dinner will be hosted by Catholic Charities of CA that evening.

#### Day 2: Explore Dublin

We will tour various sites, including the Book of Kells Exhibition at Trinity College. It will be followed by a historic walking tour of Dublin, including Dublin Castle

#### Day 3: Travel to Wexford

We will travel to Wexford with a stop in Glendalough. Renowned for an early mediaeval monastic settlement founded in the 6th century by St. Kevin, this spectacular site offers beautiful scenery, archaeology, and history. Stay overnight.

#### Day 4: Travel to Killarney

We will travel to Killarney with a stop at Jerpoint Abbey, a national monument. It is notable for its stone carvings. On the way, we will go the Rock of Cashel, also known as the Cashel of Kings. We will also visit Gougane Bara, a scenic valley and heritage site in the Shehy Mountains.

#### Day 5: Killarney

We will explore Skellig Michael, which spans eight miles of the Irish coast. Next, we will visit Illaunloughan Island, which houses a Christian monastery and National Monument. We will also see both the Foilhummeron Cliffs and Puffin Island.

#### Day 6: Travel to Dingle

We will visit the Dingle Peninsula, which is located on the southwest Atlantic coast.

#### Day 7: Travel to Galway

We will head to Galway with a stop at Adare in County Limerick, known as one of Ireland's prettiest towns. We will go north to the Cliffs of Moher, which rank among the most visited tourist sites in Ireland.

#### Day 8: Galway

Today, we will visit the Aran Islands, a group of three islands located at the mouth of Galway Bay, known for their breathtaking scenery.

#### Day 9: Galway

We will spend the day visiting Croagh Patrick, nicknamed "the Reek," which is a mountain with a height of 764m and an important part of pilgrimage in Ireland. Next, we will head to Kylemore Abbey, a haven of history, beauty and serenity.

#### Day 10: Travel to Mullingar

Leaving Galway, we head to Mullingar, with a stop at Clonmacnoise, where we will explore the ancient monastic site founded by St. Claran in the mid-6th century.

#### Day 11: Return to Dublin

We return to Dublin, where you will have a free day to explore. Dinner for the night will be hosted by Catholic Charities of CA.

#### Add-ons:

Additional nights of lodging before and after your trip can be arranged in Dublin.