

Dear Mariza,

This is my fourth pilgrimage with you that you have organized and I must say that all have been different . . . because of the people. It's the people that make the pilgrimage!

My first trip with Fr. Prisco to Israel went perfect, except that my luggage had to catch up with me . . . but that's what your carryon is about . . . and to think that the original pilgrims back then did not have anything with them, so all is well. The most moving and spiritual moments were at the Garden of Gethsemane and seeing the star that marks Jesus' birthplace. They were a great group and my first intro to what a pilgrimage is about.

My second pilgrimage was to Italy with Fr. Efren, a young priest with a wonderful following. His parents and sister were also on this trip and they're a great family. We all got along well and loved a good joke. Noel stood out . . . he missed his calling, he should have been a comedian! But he is also a great human being. Of course the shopping and the food were great in Italy! The 2 best things on this trip were the masses we celebrated in Padua and seeing the Pope. What a true blessing!

My third pilgrimage was to Oberammergau, I met a wonderful Indian couple who showed me what great marriages there are.

On my fourth pilgrimage, you allowed me to do the France portion only although the trip had Fatima and Spain too. That's what I like about you . . . accommodating! This was the smallest group I've been on . . . about 20 people. They were a wonderful group and enjoyed a good laugh. Everyday we said the rosary on the bus which is a nice way to start the day off. Salvatore, Jorge and I were constantly asking for hot sauce during meals. Anyway, I'm glad I have gone on these various pilgrimages. They have helped me in realizing how wonderful God is.

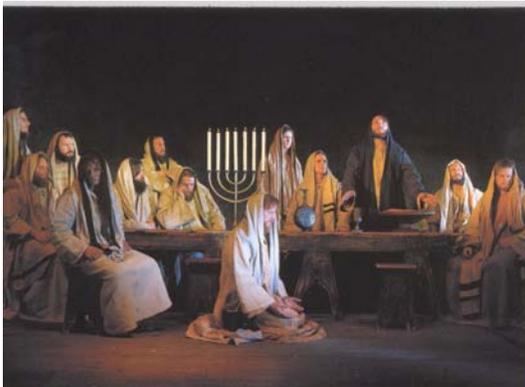
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