

## Office for World Mission

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Thank you for inquiring about the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Pilgrimage to our archdiocesan sister parish, Sagrada Familia in the Dominican Republic. We are delighted that you may take part in this inaugural event in the year long celebration of this important relationship.

The main group will leave Milwaukee on October 24 and return on November 1. From the 28<sup>th</sup> to the 31<sup>st</sup> we will be privileged to enjoy the company of both Archbishop Dolan and Bishop Sklba.

The primary focus of this trip will be on the Sunday October 29<sup>th</sup> "Gran Fiesta" celebrating 25 years of sharing faith and friendship between the Archdiocese of Milwaukee and our sisters and brothers in Sagrada Familia. However during our days in the parish there will be opportunities to meet with some of them personally and have opportunities to talk with them about their, and our, lives and interests.

The day after the *Fiesta* we will shift our focus to the Shrine of Our Lady of Altagracia, patroness of the whole island of Hispaniola. On that day we will visit her shrine in Higuey and from there bring a copy of the image back to Milwaukee to place in the cathedral – a sign of our ongoing solidarity.

Accompanying this message, you will find a tentative itinerary and an application form. Applications are due on or before May 15. Please note that you will need a passport and the name there needs to be the same as that on the application. The all-inclusive cost in the Dominican Republic will be \$700 double (\$900 single.) Airfare is additional and runs between \$500 and \$900. Once we have the names of the whole group, Travelplus will find us the best available fares.

In September and early October we will have two orientation sessions. In the meanwhile, if you have questions or would like further information, please contact Rosemary at either huddlestonr@archmil.org or 414 769 3405.

Blessings as you decide whether to join us in October!

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