



KENYA PILGRIMAGE TOUR

JUNE 21 - JULY 5, 2023



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PILGRIMAGE

ST. ALOYSIUS GONZAGA
SECONDARY SCHOOL



JESUIT MINISTRIES IN THE
EASTERN AFRICA PROVINCE

CULTURAL SITES IN NAIROBI



MASAI MARA GAME PARK
AND SAFARI

KENYA PILGRIMAGE TOUR

What makes this a Pilgrimage?

Pilgrims go on a journey far from the security of home in search of deeper spiritual conversion. Think of it as a retreat, an extraordinary learning opportunity in the classroom of life, and an opportunity for some exhilarating fun.

This pilgrimage will break your heart and heal it again and again. Local experts will teach us about the challenges facing Africa today. We will learn about the great work being done at **St. Aloysius Gonzaga Secondary School** and have opportunities to interact with students and faculty. We will pray daily and reflect on what we experience. On our mini-safari, we will witness breathtaking vistas and marvel at the wonder of God's creation.

This pilgrimage is not for the faint of heart. It is for those who are willing to peer into the shadows of life and embrace the joy that faithful courage can bring. This is the kind of experience that may challenge your understanding of where God is found in our world. We invite you to join us on this spiritual adventure quest.

Experience St. Aloysius Gonzaga Secondary School in Kibera slum in Nairobi, Kenya



Celebrate St. Al's Feast Day with students and staff on Sunday, June 25, 2023. Students at St. Al's have lost one or both of their parents to AIDS or are vulnerable due to other family circumstances. This Jesuit school gives these students hope for a bright future by providing a solid high school education and a graduate program as well. Through the generosity of numerous benefactors, a new school was built in 2010 that has twelve classrooms,

three science laboratories, a chapel, two computer centers, a library, several offices, and a dining hall. Currently, we are raising funds to build residence halls for up to 480 students.

Trip to Masai Mara

Visit one of Africa's greatest wildlife reserves and one of the world's top safari big game viewing eco-systems. The safari includes lodging for two nights at the Sarova Mara Resort (or comparable), meals, and airfare to and from Masai Mara. www.masaimara.org



Lodging

We will be staying in a private building at Mwangaza Jesuit Spirituality Centre on twenty four acres of lightly wooded grounds. This package includes a private guest room and bathroom and two meals daily. Dining at a variety of local restaurants is also included. A sundowner is included most evenings.

PILGRIMAGE PACKAGE—Cost per person: \$2,850 USD

Attractions

All entrance fees and transportation to and from all museums and places of interest are included. Gratuities are at the discretion of pilgrims.

Deposit required

A minimum deposit of 50% (\$1,425/person) is due ASAP.

Airfare

Airfare is not included; please make arrangements to join us in Nairobi the evening of June 22. Most flights will depart from a US city on June 21 and have a layover in Europe. Schedule a flight to arrive at the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport in Nairobi, Kenya Airport on the evening of June 22 and a return flight departing from Kenya on the evening of July 4. If your airline arrives in the morning or its frequency is less than daily, we recommend that you arrive earlier or stay later; charges for extra accommodation are \$30 per night with meals included. Late arrivals can make it more difficult for the group to come together, and early departures can cause difficulty with bringing closure.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

Tourist Visa

Each pilgrim will need to secure their own visa for "single entry" into Kenya. Visas cost \$51 (plus credit card fees) and can only be purchased online. Please use the official site of the Kenyan government at <https://evisa.go.ke/single-entry-visa.html> to obtain the visa.

Vaccinations

Proof of COVID-19 vaccination is required for entry into Kenya. Vaccinations for Yellow Fever, Hepatitis A and Typhoid, as well as medication for malaria prevention, are recommended. Consult a doctor for more details.

OUR SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

Daniel G. O'Hare, SJ, Ph.D., a Jesuit priest, is a professor of Medical Ethics and currently lectures at New York Medical College in Valhalla, New York; the Doctor of Nurse Anesthesia Practice Program of Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington; and the Physician Assistant Program of Sacred Heart University in Bridgeport, Connecticut. Dr. O'Hare also participates in the ACGME curriculum for medical residents in Connecticut and regularly lectures to physicians, nurses, social workers, respiratory and physical therapists, pastoral care personnel, and mortuary science students.



He is the consultant ethicist to several hospitals and health care agencies and previously held the position as the first institutional ethicist at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York. He has published in the areas of Ethics, AIDS, and Physician-Assisted Suicide.

A frequent speaker, both nationally and internationally, Dr. O'Hare was awarded a Visiting Professorship in Ethics in Australia and was named a Harris Fellow by the American Bureau for Medical Advancement in China, lecturing extensively at medical and nursing schools in Asia. Most recently, he presented at an international congress on palliative care in Berlin, Germany.

In addition, with nearly forty years' experience with terminally ill patients, their families, and loved ones, Dr. O'Hare has been involved in grief counseling and conducts a bereavement series through the auspices of a number of funeral homes in the New York area.

DAILY ITINERARY

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21

Depart USA

THURSDAY, JUNE 22

Night Arrive in Nairobi

FRIDAY, JUNE 23

Morning Visit original site of St. Al's and tour of Kibera Slum
Meet the Principal
Meet your student buddy, tour of the permanent school, visit a classroom

Lunch Java - Galleria

Afternoon Shopping and money exchange
Introduction to Mwangaza Jesuit Retreat Center

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

Morning Visit Nyumbani (Jesuit-founded orphanage for AIDS-infected)

Lunch Spur, The Hub

Afternoon Dedication of Phase 1 Buildings at the Dormitory Site, visit site of dorm construction

Evening Visit Provincial and supper at the Loyola House Jesuit Community



SUNDAY, JUNE 25

Morning and Afternoon:

St. Al's Feast Day Celebration



DAILY ITINERARY

MONDAY, JUNE 26

- Morning** St. Al's presentation on the school programs
Visit Christian Life Community National Office
- Lunch** Mwangaza
- Afternoon** Presentations on culture, religion, history and politics of Kenya
The Zaidi Centre for Ignatian Spirituality

TUESDAY, JUNE 27

- Morning** The Projects of St. Joseph the Worker
- Lunch** ArtCafe – Galleria
- Afternoon** Giraffe Centre
Kazuri Beads

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

- Morning** National Museum –
Human Ancestors
- Lunch** For You
- Afternoon** Bomas of Kenya –
Cultural Dance

THURSDAY, JUNE 29

Flight to Masai Mara National Reserve – first game drive

FRIDAY, JUNE 30

Game drives at Masai Mara, including a visit to a Masai village



Masai Mara National Reserve



DAILY ITINERARY

SATURDAY, JULY 1

- Morning & Afternoon** Final game drives at Masai Mara and flight to Nairobi
- Supper** Pedro Arrupe Community with the Jesuits



SUNDAY, JULY 2

- Morning** Sunday Mass at St. Joseph the Worker Jesuit Parish
- Lunch** Art Café – The Hub
- Afternoon** Karen Blixen Museum

MONDAY, JULY 3

- Morning** Lea Toto (Outreach to children living with HIV-AIDS)
Visit Elephant Orphanage
- Lunch** Urban Burger – Galleria
- Afternoon** African Jesuit AIDS Network (meet at St. Al's)
Pilgrims meet St. Al's students in small groups
- Evening** Final Celebratory Dinner: The Talisman

TUESDAY, JULY 4

- Morning** Group Recollection and packing
- Lunch** Mwangaza
- Afternoon** Final visit with St. Al's; farewell to buddies
- Night** Depart for USA

WEDNESDAY, JULY 5

Arrive in USA

Note: All suppers are at Mwangaza unless otherwise noted.





SCHOOL OF HOPE FOUNDATION provides fundraising and operational support for **St. Aloysius Gonzaga Secondary School** for children whose lives have been impacted by AIDS, and for other vulnerable youth in Nairobi, Kenya.

SCHOOL OF HOPE FOUNDATION

PO Box 12453

Chicago, IL 60612-0435

Foundation: www.schoolofhopekenya.org

School: www.sagnairobi.org

For more information, contact Cristine Pope at cristinepope@schoolofhopekenya.org or call 312-834-6118

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA:



[St. Aloysius Gonzaga Secondary School–Nairobi Kenya](#)



[@stalskenya](#)



[School of Hope Kenya](#)