

WUCWO – UMOFC

2010 CENTENARY ASSEMBLY JERUSALEM

OCTOBER 5 – 12, 2010



The World Union of Catholic Women's Organizations (WUCWO) will be holding its centenary assembly in Jerusalem, October 5-12, 2010. As the League is a member organization, the invitation to participate is extended to all League members. Come and join with Catholic women from around the globe as they share their stories, grow in faith and explore the assembly theme, *You will be my witnesses*. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity to gather with your sisters from every continent in the Holy Land and hear about the Good News from abroad.



The itinerary for the assembly is as follows:

- **October 5: Arrive Tel Aviv/Jerusalem.** Upon arrival at Ben Gurion Airport in Tel Aviv delegates will be met at the airport and then driven to Jerusalem, their home for the next five nights.
- **October 6: Jerusalem.** Opening liturgy at 10:00 a.m. at St. Saviour's Church. Return to the Pontifical Institute Notre Dame of Jerusalem Center for lunch. WUCWO activities in the Notre Dame's auditorium for the remainder of the afternoon.
- **October 7: Jerusalem.** WUCWO activities in the Notre Dame's auditorium from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. After lunch enjoy a half day tour of Jerusalem. Drive to the Mt. of Olives for a spectacular view of Jerusalem. Then proceed to the Garden of Gethsemane to visit the Church of All Nations. Continue on to Bethlehem to visit the Nativity Church which was built by Constantine in the 4th century over the traditional Grotto of Jesus' birth. See the Manger, the Grotto of St. Jerome, the Church of St. Catherine, and the Shepherd's Fields.
- **October 8: Jerusalem.** WUCWO activities in the Notre Dame's auditorium from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. After lunch enjoy a half day tour of Jerusalem. Enter the Old City of Jerusalem. Visit the Church of St. Anne, the Pool of Bethesda, the Chapel of Flagellation, Lithostrotos, and the Arch of the "Ecce Homo". Take part in the weekly Franciscan procession which takes place each Friday along the Via Dolorosa to the Church of the Holy Sepulchre where delegates will see Golgotha and the Tomb of Our Lord.
- **October 9: Jerusalem.** WUCWO activities in the Notre Dame's auditorium from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.
- **October 10: Jerusalem.** This morning will be spent visiting different Catholic parishes in and around Jerusalem and Bethlehem. WUCWO activities in the Notre Dame's auditorium from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. This evening half of the group will have a special Middle Eastern dinner at the Christmas Hotel and the remainder will have a regular meal at the various hotels they are staying at.
- **October 11: Jerusalem.** WUCWO closing ceremonies and liturgy in the Notre Dame's auditorium from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. After lunch enjoy a half day tour. Drive to Mt. Zion to visit the Cenacle, King David's Tomb, Dormition Abbey, and St. Peter in Gallicantu where Peter denied Jesus three times. Then proceed to Ein Karem, birthplace of St. John the Baptist, to see the Visitation Church where Mary proclaimed her famous "Magnificat". This evening the other half of the group will have a special Middle Eastern dinner at the Christmas Hotel while the people who dined there previously will have dinner at the various hotels they are staying at.
- **October 12: Jerusalem/Tel Aviv.** Transfer to the airport for departure or embark on the optional tour to Galilee. An extended two-day tour to Galilee has been arranged by WUCWO for interested participants. The extended tour (from October 12-14) includes a drive through the Judean wilderness to Jericho, the oldest known city in the Western World. From the top of the ancient "tel," delegates will enjoy an excellent view of Elisha's Fountain, the Qarantal, and the Mt. of Temptation. Continue north through the Jordan River Valley to the Sea of Galilee where delegates will take a boat ride



to Capernaum, home of Our Lord during His ministry. After visiting the synagogue where He taught, proceed to Tabgha, site of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. Nearby visit the Church of the Primacy of Peter. Then drive up to the Mt. of the Beatitudes to visit the site of the Sermon on the Mount. After an overnight stay in Tiberias, drive to Cana of Galilee, where Our Lord performed the first miracle changing water into wine at the wedding feast. Here, couples are invited to renew their marriage vows. Then proceed to Nazareth to visit the Basilica of the Annunciation, Joseph's Workshop, the Church of St. Joseph, the Church of the Holy Family, the

House of Mary & Joseph, and Mary's Well. In the afternoon take an excursion to the summit of Mt. Tabor to visit the site of the Transfiguration of Jesus. Return to Tiberias for another overnight stay. On the 14th, transportation to the airport in Tel Aviv will be provided for the return flight home.

The cost to attend the assembly from October 5-12 is \$1,700US and includes assembly registration fees; per person/double occupancy accommodations at the Notre Dame Center, Knights Palace or Gloria Hotel in Jerusalem; hotel taxes; breakfast, lunch and dinner daily; land transportation by deluxe motorcoach; arrival and departure transfers; portage for one piece of luggage; sightseeing with professional Christian guides; and all entrance fees as per the itinerary. Single rooms are available for an additional \$400US. Air transportation to Tel Aviv and travel insurance are not included in the package.

The optional tour to Galilee from October 12-14 is \$500US per person-double occupancy or \$630US for a single room, and includes all of the costs listed above.

For more information, conditions and a Reservation Application, please contact Kim at national office (888) 656-4040. WUCWO requires that reservation applications, along with a \$200.00US non-refundable deposit be received no later than April 5, 2010, with final payment due no later than July 5, 2010. †

MEMBERSHIP INCENTIVES FOR 2010

Is your parish council ready for a growth spurt? Are you ready to take on a national challenge? If your council can record the highest absolute increase in members or the highest percentage increase in members for 2010, your council's per capita fees for 2011 will disappear! The amount due will be the \$0.00! Plus, you will put your council on the national map for some pretty impressive bragging rights.

Don't worry about a drop in financial support for your diocesan and provincial council; those fees will be paid from the national treasury. Appealing new recruitment materials are now available to help you in your quest, but the best resource is every member's spirit of welcoming hospitality.

Magazine Deadlines:

Spring issue – February 28, 2010

Fall issue – July 31, 2010

Winter issue – November 30, 2010

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Congratulations to the following centenarians!

Eva Tremblay

109 years on November 10, 2009

Nellie Van Moorsel

103 years on November 16, 2009

Angelina Sturgis

101 years on October 6, 2009

Ruth Gravelle

100 years on August 17, 2009

Bennie Panaro

100 years on July 5, 2009