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Bishop Ricken to lead pilgrimage to Mexico in October 2014

GREEN BAY, Wis. (January 13, 2014) – Bishop David Ricken will lead a seven-day pilgrimage next October sponsored by The Compass, official newspaper for the Catholic Diocese of Green Bay. The tour will focus on the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City and other important locations related to the Blessed Mother's apparitions to St. Juan Diego.

"Our church has a wonderful tradition of making pilgrimages, traveling to various destinations where saints walked and lived their lives of faith," says Bishop Ricken. "The Compass once again provides an excellent opportunity to grow spiritually as we journey together. I encourage you to join me in this spiritual and cultural pilgrimage to Mexico and witness first-hand the sites tied to the miraculous apparitions of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patron of the Americas."

Pilgrims will travel to the Metropolitan Cathedral, Museum of Anthropology, Church of the Holy Family and the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe, where they will see the original tilma or cloak of St. Juan Diego bearing the miraculous image of Our Lady of Guadalupe, all in Mexico City; the Church of San Francisco, the Cathedral and historic Chapel of Our Lady of the Rosary, all in Puebla; the Church of Our Lady of the Good Remedy on top of the world's largest pyramid in Cholula; the Church of Tonantzintla; San Miguel del Milagro Church and Our Lady of Ocotlan Church in the state of Tlaxcala; the City of Teotihuacan and home of St. Juan Diego; Zocalo and the old Aztec capital of Tenochtitlan.

Cost for the Mexico pilgrimage through Mater Dei Tours is \$2,299 per person double occupancy. An optional round trip coach bus is available from Green Bay for an additional \$60. For more details or to receive brochure with more details, contact Amy Kawula at 920-272-8212 or akawula@gbdioc.org. A brochure can also be downloaded on The Compass website, www.thecompassnews.org.

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