

Fr. Collin Poston & St. Mary's Church presents the

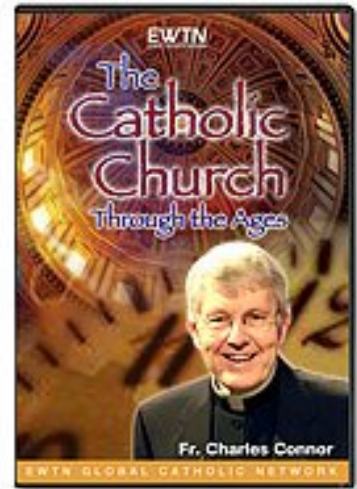
Birth of the Church In America

A Southern Maryland spiritual journey

*With EWTN series host
and Church historian*

Fr. Charles Connor

Including a Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration



April 14-15, 2012

~featuring~

St. Mary's City, Historic Churches, Solomon's Island and more...

Join EWTN series host and Church historian, Fr. Charles Connor, on the *Birth of the Church in America* spiritual journey. Fr. Connor will lead us on a two-day pilgrimage through historic Southern Maryland as we relive the history of the Catholic Church in Colonial America, from the landing of the Ark and the Dove on St. Clements Island, to the establishment of the Diocese of Baltimore, the first Diocese in America.

HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

St. Clement's Island-Potomac River Museum
St. Mary's City ~ St. Francis Xavier Church
Mother of Light Shrine ~ St. Mary, Bryantown
St. Ignatius Church Chapel Point ~ The Dove
Brick Chapel of 1667 ~ Solomon's Island
Samuel Mudd House ~ Carmelite Monastery

JOURNEY INCLUDES:

*Deluxe motorcoach transportation
*One nights lodging
*Three meals {one breakfast, one lunch & one dinner}
*All sightseeing, admissions & donations
*Driver gratuity
*Daily Mass & Prayer
*Magnificat ®
*Pilgrimage Coordinator

TOUR FARE:

\$299.00 per person based on double occupancy

\$359.00 per person based on single occupancy

**Rates are subject to change due to fuel surcharges*

Payment Policy: \$25 deposit is due **NOW TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT. DON'T DELAY & MISS OUT!!**
Balance is due by **February 15, 2012.**

Make checks payable to **WENDT TOURING** and send with registration form to:

WENDT TOURING * PO BOX 520 * WILLIAMSPORT, MD 21795

For further information, phone **410.802.5365**

Refund Policy – Trip Cancellation Protection Plan: All monies are completely refundable until final payment date, February 15, 2012. Optional trip protection plan is available for **\$25.00** per person and is due with payment.

Pickups – Hagerstown & Ellicott City

Travel Arrangements made by **Wendt Touring**
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Registration Form: *Birth of the Church in America* – April 14-15, 2012

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Do you wish to purchase the optional **trip cancellation protection plan** for \$25 (circle one) YES NO

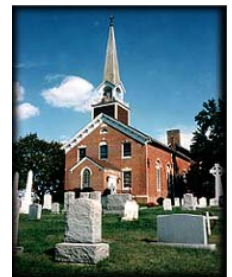
Occupancy (circle one) SINGLE DOUBLE ROOMMATE _____

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Day 1: Home City ~ St. Francis Xavier Church ~ St. Clement's Island ~ St. Mary's City ~ Solomon's Island, MD: After pickup in Hagerstown & Ellicott City we depart for southern Maryland aboard a deluxe highway touring motorcoach. Rest stops will be made periodically. Our first stop is Newtowne for **Mass and lunch at St. Francis Xavier Church**. Founded in 1648, St. Francis Xavier is the oldest Catholic Church from the original 13 colonies. Later we travel to **Colton's Point and St. Clement's Island**. It was here on March 25, 1634 the first English colonists arrived. A large wooden 40-foot cross marks the spot on the island where the voyagers on the Ark and the Dove landed and offered the first recorded Mass of thanksgiving in the English speaking colonies. The **Mother of Light Shrine** at Colton's Point honors that first Mass. The local Knights of Columbus will lead the group in a Living Rosary at the shrine. Later we will enjoy time at **St. Clement's Island-Potomac River Museum** which features exhibits on the early history of Maryland. Later this afternoon we arrive in historic **St. Mary's City**, capital of Maryland from 1634 to 1695. Enjoy time to explore the 800-acre outdoor museum which features the rebuilt chapel of 1667, the Old State House, a 17th-century tobacco plantation and the Maryland Dove which is a replica of the ships of the 1630's that brought the first colonists to Maryland. This evening we travel over to **Solomon's Island** for free time and **dinner** on the harbor at one of the local seafood restaurants. Overnight at a local hotel.

Day 2: St. Ignatius Church at Chapel Point ~ Carmelite Monastery ~ St. Mary, Bryantown ~ Mudd House ~ Journey Home: After breakfast we drive to Chapel Point to **St. Ignatius Church**, the oldest active Jesuit parish in the country dating back to 1641 for **Divine Mercy Sunday Mass** and a tour. Our next stop will be the **Carmelite Monastery** in Port Tobacco. The **Carmelite Monastery** was established in 1790 as the nation's first convent. We will tour the original monastery building as well as the chapel and gift shop. After lunch we will revisit some Civil War history as we stop at the **Dr. Samuel Mudd House** and **St. Mary's**, the church where Mudd is buried. Mudd set John Wilkes Booth's broken leg after he assassinated Abraham Lincoln. We will visit the Mudd House on the weekend of **147th anniversary of the Lincoln assassination**. Dr. Mudd was later convicted of being part of the Lincoln conspiracy, but he was released from prison after his heroic actions during a Yellow Fever outbreak. Later today we leave southern Maryland and begin our journey home.



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