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As you read this, I am in the Holy Land, tracing with my own feet and heart, the roads, towns, synagogues, and hills where Jesus walked, preached, and prayed.

Soon I will be back home with all of you and will share more fully our experience. In the meantime, I couldn't let this bulletin be published without telling you that, as promised, I have taken with me all your written prayer intentions and the ones too that I know you still have in your hearts.

My plan is to place all these prayers at the very tomb from which Jesus rose from the dead— the Holy Sepulchre in the Old City of Jerusalem.

Please pray for me and for the other pilgrims (including Fr Henry and Fr Pio) that we may take advantage of the spiritual graces here and become better disciples of Jesus.

Although I did not plan this pilgrimage, I would love to plan one next year and invite all of you. We could go to Israel or maybe to Italy? Or someplace else? I'm open to suggestions. Above all, it would be a great time to be together.

God bless, Fr. Jonathan