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Blessings to our beloved Cor Episcopoi, Vicars, Asst. Vicars, Priests of the locality, Trustees, Members of the Managing Committee and the faithful members of all our parishes in the diocese of South-West America.

Dearly Beloved,

We are happy to announce the much-awaited launch of the Holy Land Pilgrimage Tour organized by our Diocesan Council. As you may recall, the Holy Land Tour is one of the many initiatives the diocesan council had presented at the last Diocesan Assembly held at Houston in June 2018. The council members Rev. Fr. Binny Kuruvilla and Mr. Roy Thomas has worked hard to put together this tour in partnership with Faith Holidays, a renowned tour organizer.

We heartily encourage all our faithful to make use of this opportunity and experience a meaningful spiritual pilgrimage. We are also happy to let you know we will be also joining the maiden 13-day tour that will take place from January 28th, 2019 and provide leadership to the spiritual nature of the tour. The tour is a journey that covers the land of Jordan, Israel, Palestine and Egypt which are the places of historic importance in our faith journey. There will be two tours arranged during the year 2019. The first one will be from January 28th and the second one will be in the first week of October 2019. This is a historic effort from our diocese and we hope you all will extend your whole-hearted support to this venture.

The details and specifics of the tour is well explained in the attached flyers and we request the Vicars and Trustees to make sure the faithful gets it through announcements, publishing in your parish websites and through emails. The detailed flyer of the tour is also published in our diocesan website- [www.ds-wa.org](http://www.ds-wa.org).

We extend our love and greetings and pray that this pilgrimage tours may be a blessed experience that will nourish our spiritual growth and strengthen our fellowship.

May the Grace and Blessings of God Almighty abide with you forever.

From  
From Sreyas Aramana,  
Adoor, Pathanamthitta, Kerala  
October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018

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