

Father Kevin's reflection: Mary is accompany the pilgrimage

I asked the priests in the group to share their some of their reflections on the pilgrimage. Here's one from Redemptorist Father Kevin Milton. - CG

We arrived in Jerusalem Oct. 12. Our first Mass occurred there at the Pontifical Institute Notre Dame of Jerusalem Center. In the sacristy, I came across a picture of Mary that I have known from my earliest days, an icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. Immediately, I felt deeply within that Mary will accompany me on this pilgrimage. And not only with me but also with all those whom I love and are loved.



A statue of Our Lady of Fatima graces the chapel at Mount Nebo, where Moses saw the Promised Land. (Catholic Review photo | Christopher Guntz)

A few days later this became more apparent to me when we journeyed to Mount Nebo. It was there that God showed Moses the overpowering view of the land below where God's people would inherit the land. In the small chapel there, we celebrated another Mass. It contained one image of Mary: Our Lady of Fatima. Another renewed friendship on our pilgrimage was forged. This privileged pilgrimage is not just for me but for all the people I am called by God to serve - to share with them the vision God has for them. Mary is always there. She will continue to help me understand more deeply that all of us are on a privileged pilgrimage together to the new and eternal promised land of heaven. Rev. Kevin Milton, C.Ss.R. Pastor, Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Baltimore Sunday, October 17, 2010