

*The flyer urged me to explore my Celtic Spirituality and from the moment I received Hilary's reply to my inquiry about the Celtic Pilgrimage I knew I had an opportunity to participate in something special!*

*I met fellow pilgrims in Dublin and we arrived together at the beautiful Teach Bhríde in Tullow to a very warm welcome from our hosts - again a sense that something special was about to unfold.*

*The Celtic Pilgrimage experience provides a perfect balance of intellectual stimulation, reflection, discussion and prayer.*

*I was intrigued to learn about the history of Celtic spirituality, the early Celtic Christianity and its strong links to my personal experiences of growing up as a fourth generation Australian Catholic. The information and concepts presented were at times challenging and confusing, but also intriguing and inspirational.*

*"The opportunity to walk in the steps of forebears and saints- to depth the significance of holy places such as the Hill of Slane, Glendalough, Jerpoint Abbey, Kildare, through the wise and gentle leadership of Hilary and Monica – was a true privilege."*

*The pilgrimage experience was enhanced by the wonderful company of likeminded travellers. The faith journey was shared through the "official" talks and excursions and also through social gatherings: storytelling, music, dance, watching a game of hurling (truly odd!), visits to the local pub (conveniently located just down the road!) and of course an enormous amount of laughter.*

*I would thoroughly recommend the Celtic Pilgrimage to anyone who feels Ireland calling and wishes to explore their Celtic spirituality or indeed their overall faith – you will feel very, very welcome!*

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