

MILAN BERGAMO AIRPORT RECEIVES THE REMAINS OF SAINT BERNADETTE OF LOURDES

The remains of Saint Bernadette Soubirous, which are arriving for the beginning of a pilgrimage to Italy on the occasion of the 175th anniversary of her birth and the 140th of her death, have been transported from Lourdes to Milan Bergamo Airport on a flight operated by the airline Albastar in collaboration with the tour operator Brevivet.

The remains, contained in a special chest provided by the specialist airline to allow the protected transportation from the Sanctuary of Lourdes to the places of worship, were received on the morning of Wednesday 24 April in the presence of the management of SACBO and the airport authorities, as well as the general secretary of the diocesan curia of Bergamo, Monsignor Giulio Dellavite, and the parish priest of Orio al Serio, don Massimo Gualdi.

The remains of Saint Bernadette were accompanied by father Nicola Ventriglia, the Italian chaplain of the Sanctuary of Lourdes. The chest containing the remains then continued to the city of Alessandria, the first stage in the pilgrimage which will visit 34 dioceses from the north to the south of Italy and which will last until 22 August 2019.

Albastar, the main airline for religious travel to Lourdes on a European level, has a base in Milan Bergamo Airport, the main airport in North Italy for connections to Lourdes airport.

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The logo for Milan Bergamo Airport, featuring the text "MILAN BERGAMO AIRPORT" in a smaller font and "BGY" in a larger, bold font, both in white on a dark blue background.

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