



Chapter Leaders Guide

Three Hearts Pilgrimage

NEW
2022 Edition

The Purpose of a Pilgrimage

As a *Chapter Leader*, it's important to consider how a pilgrimage is an opportunity to lead others and yourself to sacrifice as thousands of Catholics from centuries past did to venerate Our Lord. A pilgrimage is not simply a religiously-themed vacation, but a serious endeavor undertaken for a great purpose. Keep in mind the specific reasons for making a pilgrimage:

REASONS TO MAKE A PILGRIMAGE

ATONEMENT | Make reparation for sin

PETITION | Request a significant favor

ADORATION | Venerate a specific place or object

THANKSGIVING | Give thanks for gifts received



Chapter Leader Duties & Notes

1. The Chapter Leaders will have a few certain tasks to be accountable for throughout the pilgrimage as well as working with the chapter's Chaplain and Security Leader. (if they have one).
2. The Chapter Leader will want to create a rough schedule of meditations (with the help of your chaplain), rosaries, songs to assist in group morale and spiritual engagement during the walk,
3. Keep your group together and on schedule during the walk. Bring a megaphone in order to make announcements, pray the rosary, give meditations or sermons, or start songs.
4. Communicate issues with pilgrimage coordinators.
5. Banners and Flags - facilitate the design and making of your chapter banner. Chapters are also encouraged to bring a flag to represent their state.
6. Schedule a rotation of people to carry the banner and flag.
7. Be familiar with the Schedule of Events, and Pilgrimage Guide. We'll email you a list of all Chapter Leaders for you to collaborate with before and during the pilgrimage.
8. Chapter Leaders will be responsible for communicating with their members and getting information out to them.
9. Don't hesitate to delegate tasks to other capable people in your Chapter. (such as leading meditations, leading the rosary, creating the banner or a booklet of songs for your chapter members to use etc.)
10. If you have any questions, please contact a pilgrimage coordinator: chapters@threeheartspilgrimage.org



The Purpose of a Pilgrimage

WHY A PILGRIMAGE? “We should consider... how we have the opportunity to walk on a pilgrimage of sacrifice as thousands of Catholic from centuries past have done to venerate Our Lord. We would do well to remember that a pilgrimage is not simply a religiously-themed vacation, but a serious endeavor undertaken for a great purpose. What are the specific reasons for making a pilgrimage? Certainly many could be given, but traditionally, there are four: to make atonement for sin, to venerate a particular place or object, to request a significant favor, to give thanks for favors received. A more succinct way of stating these would be: Atonement, Adoration, Petition, and Thanksgiving. The catechized pilgrim will recognize these as the four ends of prayer. A pilgrimage considered thus becomes a prayer we make with our whole being. The faculties of body, mind and soul come together for a common purpose. Every step we take along the way is another act of adoration, another tear shed for sins, another act of gratitude for favors received, another humble request that our petitions be granted. In preparing our intentions for a pilgrimage, we should spend a great deal of time in prayer. We should remember that we are not going to 'impress' God with our efforts, ability, or piety. A pilgrimage is designed to get OUR attention, not God's.

A pilgrimage will not change God's mind; but ours. Taking the time to properly form our intentions, will better dispose us to receive the very favors for which we ask. As a suggested exercise, make an 'Intentions' list with the four headings of Adoration, Atonement, Petition, and Thanksgiving. Under each, try to think of some fitting intentions. Or, simply write down the intentions you have, and fit them under the appropriate headings. One or two intentions in each would certainly suffice, but feel free to have as many as you would like. God is not bound by quantity! Let us pray for each other in the coming months!” –Chartres Pilgrimage Chaplain, 2019



HOW TO FORM CHAPTERS

Pilgrimage Chapters are groups of 20-60 people grouped together under a particular name (a Saint, a Pope, etc) and led by a Chapter Leader, a Chaplin, and Security Team Leader. Chapter's help keep people organized and safe throughout the three day event.

To form a chapter, you must:

- * Have a designated Chapter Leader AND Security Leader
- * Agree on a Chapter name
- * Register for the Chapter Leader / Security Leader tickets option at threeheartspilgrimage.org/register (It will be the same ticket)
- * Follow instructions for setting up your Chapter's sign-up page
- * Chapter Leader and Security Leader should participate in any group discussions or meetings with other Chapter Leaders