

To: The Pastor of St. Augustine Parish, SSF; Fr Raymond Reyes

Date: August 31, 2025

Subject: Report on the Holy Doors Pilgrimage

Dear Fr Ray,

Greetings in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Hope this reports meets you well.

This report details the recent pilgrimage undertaken by a group of 52 parishioners to visit several holy doors and significant Catholic sites in the region. The pilgrimage was a fruitful and spiritually enriching experience for all participants, with highlights including prayer, fellowship, and historical education.

#### Highlights of the Pilgrimage:

- St. Mary's Cathedral: Our journey began with a visit to St. Mary's Cathedral, where the group had the opportunity to pray together and take a group photo, marking the commencement of our pilgrimage.
- Mission Dolores: We continued to Mission Dolores, where we engaged in prayer and explored the mission's museum. The historical artifacts and exhibits provided a powerful sense of the rich heritage of the Catholic Church in California. The Pastor Fr Francis was there to welcome us and offered explanations that increased our experience
- National Shrine of St. Francis: The pilgrimage also included a visit to the National Shrine of St. Francis, a place of profound spiritual significance for many.
- Mission San Rafael: We made a stop at Mission San Rafael, another important site in the chain of California missions, where we offered our prayers and spent time with the Pastor Fr Lu.
- St. Patrick's Seminary: A particularly special part of our journey was the visit to St. Patrick's Seminary. The seminarian Kyle offered a warm welcome, and we were able to pray together. A memorable moment was the blessing of holy rosaries, which were generously offered as gifts to each participant.
- Mission San Antonio de Padua (Monterey): Our pilgrimage culminated at Mission San Antonio de Padua in Monterey. We were received with exceptional hospitality by the center's director, who made our final stop a truly welcoming experience. The group gathered for dinner, followed by introductions, communal prayer, brief reflection on Our Parish 55th

anniversary in connection to the universal Jubilee of Hope celebration with the accompanying jubilee indulgence and the opportunity for individual confession for those who wished to partake.

The museum at Mission San Antonio was a standout feature, providing an exceptional and comprehensive look into the mission's long history. The exhibits vividly highlighted the mission's age and its enduring presence.

#### Participants:

A total of 52 persons participated in this pilgrimage, some from different parishes as far as St Philip Bakersfield. The spirit of community and shared faith was evident throughout the journey.

#### Conclusion:

You were not left out, for we dedicated some moments to pray for you and all those in need of God's healing, also asking our Blessed Mother Mary to look after you. The pilgrimage was a resounding success, offering our parishioners a unique opportunity for spiritual growth, historical appreciation, and communal bonding. We are grateful for the support of the parish in making this journey possible. I am also delighted for the privilege you gave me to partake in this spiritual journey, it was really so satisfying for me. May God continue to strengthen you as you recover. Worthy to mention are those who really helped in coordinating this journey, especially Sr Ruth, Ates Patricia, Nerissa, Rita, and Khay and Deo. Thank you very much, May God bless you all. Amen.

Respectfully submitted,  
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