

What is a pilgrimage? (response from LPi)

A pilgrimage is a spiritual journey to visit a holy site, such as the shrine of a saint, a place where the Blessed Virgin Mary has appeared, or an historic church or chapel. What makes a pilgrimage different from a vacation and a pilgrim distinct from a tourist is the spirit in which the journey is made. Pilgrimages are really a symbol of our spiritual journey in life, reminding us that this world is not our true home and that we spend our lives journeying to our homeland, which is the Kingdom of God.

Pilgrimages — which can be as involved as a trip to Rome or the Holy Land or as simple as visiting the Blessed Sacrament in a local parish church — are also an opportunity for us to step out of the rhythms and limits of our daily lives to seek out connection with God in a special way, by visiting a holy place. At times, such as on a special feast, a jubilee, or the anniversary of the dedication of the church, special graces (called “indulgences”) can also be offered to pilgrims, helping to enrich our experience of the celebration.

Did you know that Kelly has created four different self-guided pilgrimages for our parish? These are family centered but can be adapted for individuals or couples to do as well. Also, if you’d rather not go to any of the locations she has prepared, you can use them as a guide to create your own pilgrimage to whatever holy location you’d like to visit. If this is something that interests you, give Kelly a call. She currently has prepared them for ...



The National Shrine of The Cross in the Woods, Indian River

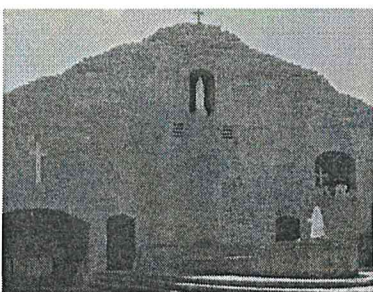


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