FAQ's about Camino de Sanibel

1. **How do I know I am registered?** Each walker who registered before registration closed and paid was sent a confirmation email. If you did not receive the email, you are not registered.

2. **I am registered but I have someone who wants to also do it but is not registered?** To help us abide by the City of Sanibel permit, please do not invite anyone to walk alongside you "unofficially." Yes, it's a public space, but we need to respect the commitments we have made for the capacity for this walk. There is no more room for anyone to be added at this point. We will have a check in at the beginning of the Camino and only those on the list will be a part of the Camino de Sanibel, receive a pilgrimage passport, Camino shell, lunch, water, etc

3. **What about a waitlist?** We initially took names for a wait list, but the number of participants is limited by our city permit. The wait list is now closed, and it is highly unlikely that anyone will come off of it.

4. **Do we walk on the beach or shared use path?** Almost the entire route is on the paved shared use path which runs parallel to major roads on Sanibel. The beginning is at Lighthouse Beach by the lighthouse, and at the very end, you will cross the road and complete the Camino walking on the sand at Blind Pass Beach.

5. **Is this a race or a walk?** It is NOT a race! This is a day to engage in an intentional walk that is completed at your own pace and without any competitive spirit at all

6. **Is there a time limit?** Yes, in order to ensure the safety and supervision of all participants, you must be able to keep up a 30 minute per mile pace on the route. If a walker fails to do so, they will be picked up by a support driver.

7. **Are there restrooms along the way?** Yes, at the designated stops about every couple miles there are restrooms, so please plan on using them, even if you don't think you need to as at some point there is no other place to use the bathroom.

8. **What about transportation?** We highly encourage you to carpool and have someone drop you off at the starting point and be available to pick you up at the ending point. We did offer limited capacity shuttle service at the time of registration which is now completely full. If using the shuttle you will park at St. Michael's, 2304 Periwinkle at the time assigned to you, check in and board a 15 passenger shuttle bus. Please allow for traffic, parking and check in and arrive at least 10 minutes before your assigned shuttle departure time. (realize we have limited capacity for the shuttle service and you might have to wait for a ride on the shuttles) Anyone not on the shuttle list will not be allowed to board a shuttle.

9. **What is the limit for the Camino? Why?** When we applied for the special event permit, we had to appear before City Council and they put a restriction of 100 people on the full route, when registration exploded when it opened, quickly closed it down and had to return to City Council to request a total of 300 spots, which they graciously granted, but we can not go above that number.

10. **Why is there a staggered start time? How do I know what time I start?** City Council requested that as part of granting our permit to avoid overwhelming the shared use path. You will receive an email in January and will be given your start time, between 6:45am and 8:30am, please adhere to the time you are given. We cannot guarantee a shuttle ride and/or being allowed to begin the pilgrimage if you miss your assigned time.

11. **Once I register, what happens next?** Mark your calendars for the mandatory pre walk meeting on Saturday February 20 at 10am at St. Michael's church hall, 2304 Periwinkle Way, Sanibel to receive important information and details, including your starting time. You must attend in person ideally, or if you are not able you can attend via zoom. You will receive an email in early January with details about the meeting and zoom link. If for some reason you can not make either option, you must contact the Pilgrimage Director Sally Haynes, revsal@gmail.com, to make other arrangements in order to participate in the walk.

12. **I can't walk but I'd like to volunteer, how can I do that?** We would LOVE to have you as a volunteer! We need many volunteers to help at the stops, be support drivers, set up signs before the race and take them down after, etc. Please contact Sally Haynes, revsal@gmail.com for more information on volunteering.

How do I make sure I walk with other people in my family/friends who also registered?
IMPORTANT: WALKING WITH OTHERS? PLEASE READ:

- If you are walking with others, a spouse, family or friends, and want to be in the same starting time, talk with them and **designate ONE person** to be the group leader.
- Then **ONLY THE GROUP LEADER** fills out a quick form that was sent to all registered walkers listing the names of everyone in your group.
- That form needs to be submitted by November 30 by the group leader only
- Groups start together, so plan to walk at your slowest member's pace.
- Remember only ONE person per group submits the form.
- If you're walking alone, or you're already registered under the same email as your walking partner, you don't need to do anything.
- List each person in one group only.
- Anyone not on a form by the deadline gets a start time on their own.

13. If you have questions not answered by this FAQ, you can contact Sue Van Oss for logistics questions, communications@saintmichaels-sanibel.org or Rev. Sally Haynes for volunteering or general questions; mailto:revsal@gmail.com