

Pilgrimage to Martyrs' Shrine

July 19 to 25, 2010



This is a **walking pilgrimage** open to boys and girls between grade 9 (September) and first year university. It will be supervised by Fr Martin Hilbert and several adult helpers. **Meet at Holy Family Church for Mass on Monday, July 19, at 7:45 a.m.** There will be breakfast provided in the parish hall after Mass. We will then drive to Colgan, Ontario, where we will begin the walk. We will arrive in Midland on the afternoon of Friday, July 23. We will stay overnight at Martyrs' Shrine and leave for Toronto on Sunday, July 25 in the morning. The total walking distance is 120 km, mainly along bicycle and snowmobile trails and along roads with sparse traffic.

Along the way we will sleep in parish halls in Alliston and Angus, and in tents on the parish grounds in Phelpston and Perkinsfield. At Martyrs' Shrine, we will sleep in tents on the grounds. The tents and the parish facilities will preserve modesty between the boys and girls.

What to bring:

A sleeping bag, a camping mattress, change(s) of clothes, especially socks, personal toiletries, plastic or metal plate, cutlery, cup, water bottle, a Rosary, and a backpack. Make sure you have good sturdy walking shoes – an extra pair may be a good idea if there is rain. A hat with a brim as protection against the sun is a must. **Also, make sure to bring a bathing suit.** (Showers are the one thing that parish halls do not provide. So we will improvise by using a watering hose.)

Pilgrims will need to carry their belongings. What this means, of course, is that you need to pack lightly. Soap, shampoo, toothpaste, sunscreen, and mosquito spray will be provided, so you do not need to bring your own.

What not to bring:

Food and drink (will be provided by the adult organizing committee).

MP3 players, computer games, cell phones, and other electronic gadgets (with the exception of cameras).

Cost: \$100 per pilgrim. If paying by cheque, please make it out to Fr Martin Hilbert.

If parents need to get in touch with us (in case of real emergency), the adult supervisors will have a cell phone. Please call the Oratory at 416-532-2879 and the receptionist will put you in touch with the pilgrims.

Registration / Permission Form

Name of Pilgrim(s): _____

Name and emergency contact information of parent or legal guardian:

Please list any medical conditions that your child has that the organizers need to be aware of, such as allergies, epilepsy, asthma, diabetes, etc.

I give permission to my child(ren) to go swimming: [] yes [] no

Pilgrim's OHIP number: _____

Doctor's Name _____ Phone number: _____

Please list any restrictions or instructions about releasing your child(ren) at the end of the trip. We anticipate that some parents will offer to help with the driving at the end of the trip and may not find it convenient to stop at St Vincent's at the end of the trip.

I understand that every effort will be made to protect and safeguard all participants. I understand that a reasonable attempt will be made to contact me concerning any serious illness or injury involving my child(ren). I agree not to hold the Oratory liable for any illness or mishap from any cause whatsoever. I give Fr Martin Hilbert and the adult supervisors he has chosen full authority in dealing with problems of discipline. I give my child(ren) permission to participate in the walking pilgrimage from July 19 to 25, 2010.

Signature of parent / guardian: _____ Date: _____

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