



Our Lady of Lourdes Hospitality North American Volunteers

CHAPLAIN PILGRIMAGE AGREEMENT

Lourdes is a holy place - a place where miracles happen in an atmosphere of prayer. The opening words of Our Lady's invitation, "would you be so kind as to come here..." gives us the "Spirit of Lourdes" and Bernadette's response provides us our example.

I understand that the journey to Lourdes is a **pilgrimage**, not a vacation or tour. I will do my best to set the example of devotion and decorum characteristic of a pilgrimage and to assist the pilgrimage leadership to spiritually support the pilgrims and volunteers as they journey to and experience Lourdes.

As Pilgrimage Chaplain, I agree to:

- Be consistently present, open and available to administer Spiritual Direction and the Sacrament of Reconciliation as requested by all members of the pilgrimage family.
- Uphold the teachings of the Magisterium and refrain from promoting any ideologies or other apparition sites not approved by the Roman Catholic Church.
- Pray Mass each day for the intentions of the pilgrimage group.
- Integrate into homilies the Immaculate Conception, the Message of Lourdes, and the simple spirituality of St. Bernadette.
- Wear clerical attire with collar (or religious habit). Carry a copy of your Celebret and Letter of Suitability with you at all times
- Bring a pyx, anointing oils, an alb and stole; vestments are provided at each chapel.
- Follow the schedule as provided each day and prudently participate in all activities to the best of my ability (i.e. sufficiently rested, within physical abilities and limitations).
- Be on time for all activities and observe curfews.
- Honor and enforce all rules of the Sanctuary, Hospitalité Notre-Dame de Lourdes and North American Lourdes Volunteers, including: behavior, conduct, curfew and dress code.
- Not accept or solicit monetary donations; not distribute materials, promote organizations, causes or events other than North American Lourdes Volunteers during pilgrimage.
- Donate monies received to pray Masses to Lourdes Volunteers as all pilgrimage costs for chaplains are provided by participants.
- Take any concerns or problems encountered to the Pilgrimage Leadership for private, charitable discussion and confidential resolution.
- Give permission for North American Lourdes Volunteers to use any photos or videos of me at Lourdes.

By affixing my name and signature below, I agree to abide by the terms as set forth:

Printed Name _____

Signature _____ Date _____