

Limerick Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Lourdes



Information & Application Pack

Pilgrimage Travel & Booking Information

The cost and dates of the pilgrimage are yet to be finalised.

Dates: To Be Confirmed

We intend travelling for 6 nights, flying from Shannon on Thursday June 21st and returning to Dublin on Wednesday June 27th. We will travel by bus from Dublin to Limerick.

Cost To Be Confirmed (The cost of the trip will be approximately €750.00)

This includes:

- Return flights
- 6 nights in Vatican/Astoria Hotel, Lourdes – full board
- All coach transfers and trips per itinerary
- Travel Insurance & Taxes

Booking Policy for Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage

- Participants must be 16 years of age on the date of departure and must be willing to take part in all Lourdes preparation and fundraising events in as much as it is possible.
- Individual bookings cannot be made over the phone; in order to reserve a place on the pilgrimage we must receive a completed Application Pack and a deposit of €200.
- We will begin taking bookings from **3-5pm on Friday November 3rd**. No bookings can be made before this date. Bookings that arrive by post or forms that are handed into reception will not be processed until after 5pm.
- We will only accept **2 forms** per person.
- You will only be guaranteed a place on the pilgrimage when you have received a confirmation letter from the Pastoral Centre.
- We encourage those who have been part of the youth group for over 3 years and who are over 25yrs of age to progress on the pilgrimage by joining the brancardia, hand-maidens, nurses, musicians or other working groups. You do not have to be over 25 to join one of these groups and if you are interested in finding out more please contact us for further information.
- Garda Vetting – If you will be over 18 on the date of travel you will need to complete Garda Vetting. This vetting will cover you for all Diocesan events/activities for 3 years. If you have travelled with us in the past please check that your vetting is up to date. If you need to be Garda vetted please include your email address in the designated area of the application form and we will email you a link for your e-vetting.
- If you have received confirmation from your school/parish that a place on the pilgrimage has been reserved for you, **you do not need to queue** on Friday November 3rd. Simply return your application form to us in the post by that date. Failure to do so will result in this place being allocated to the next person on our waiting list.
- If you are unsure as to whether or not your parish/school has reserved places on the pilgrimage, we recommend that you contact them to see if they have a space available for you. If they do, this would save you the bother of queuing.

Please Note- Your booking form will not be processed unless you have completed the following;

- Filled in all the details on the Application and Code of Behaviour form.
- Ensured the form is signed by Participants and a Parent / Guardian (if participant is under 18)
- Completed Garda Vetting Form (If over 18 on day of travel)
- Enclosed a copy of participants passport (if available)
- Application and code of behaviour form to be submitted to the Pastoral Centre on November 3rd 2017. They cannot be taken beforehand or before the nominated time on November 3rd.
- Please retain this page for your own information.

All information provided on the application forms will be treated with the strictest confidence.

Name:	
Address:	
Parents /Guardians name & number (the first name & number listed will receive all text correspondence): 1. 2.	
Participant's Mobile:	Home Telephone No:
Date of Birth:	
Passport No:	Age on day of Travel:
Name as printed on your passport:	
European Health Insurance card no & expiry date:	Passport Expiry Date:
Parish name:	
GP Name & Address:	School/College name:
Phone Number:	School/College year:
Number of times (if any) you have been to Lourdes?	
Garda Vetting Requirement	
If you/your son/daughter will be over the age 18 on the date of travel and your/their vetting is not current please provide a contact email address so we can email you a link for an online e-vetting form:	
Medical / Dietary Information	
Do you/your child have any medical conditions, allergies or otherwise of which the organisers ought to be aware? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Please give details Include details of any illnesses, allergies, current medications, dietary requirements, emotional issues, concerns etc.	
Room Sharing: <i>Who would your son/daughter like to share a room with in Lourdes? _____</i> <i>We will make every effort to ensure that your son/daughter shares a room with the person of their choice however this may not always be possible. If you are unsure of who you want to share with you can let us know at a later date.</i>	
It is customary for us to use photographs of young people in promotional material and on our website. If you would prefer for us not to use photographs of your child please contact us.	

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Participants Code of Behaviour – Conditions of Travel

1. The taking of unauthorized drugs or alcohol on the pilgrimage is absolutely forbidden. The Pastoral Centre actively discourages smoking and we ask that smokers would be respectful of this around other people.
2. At all times only females are allowed in the female sleeping areas and only males are allowed in the male sleeping areas. Under no circumstances are participants to entertain members of the opposite sex in their room, or be entertained in any other room by another individual.
3. No-one has permission to be outside the hotel after curfew except in the company of one of the appointed Leaders. After curfew everyone is obliged to be in bed in their own room.
4. Participants are to keep to the timetable to facilitate the achievement of the objectives of the week. They will participate actively, fully and in cheerful spirits to the best of their ability in the entire programme of events. Each participant will try their best to make the pilgrimage a success for all.
5. To ensure that we can properly look after the young people who travel with us parents, or participants (over 18 yrs) are obliged to inform us if they or their child suffer from any physical or emotional ailment which may affect them during the pilgrimage. (All information received will be treated with the strictest confidence)
6. Participants must take full responsibility for any valuables/ money/ passports etc. that they bring with them.
7. Participants are forbidden from getting tattoos or piercings while on the trip.
8. Participants are forbidden from purchasing any of the following: fireworks, knives, swords etc or anything that may be deemed a risk by airport security.
9. We will make every effort to ensure that participants share a room with the person of their choice; however this may not always be possible. In this case we ask that participants accept the room they are assigned to.
10. Each person treats everybody with courtesy and respect.
11. Bullying will not be tolerated and the Pastoral Centre has a very strict anti-bullying policy. If you are being bullied or are aware of any bullying (e.g. deliberate exclusion / offensive behaviour / ridiculing) taking place you must inform a leader or the Director immediately.

“I give consent for my child to participate in the Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage and all associated preparatory fundraising and follow up events. I have read the code of behavior and conditions for travel. If my child infringes any of the above rules I accept responsibility for the consequences that may follow. I accept that the leaders are responsible for my child only as long as he/she complies with the pilgrimage code of behaviour”.

Signature of Parent / Guardian if participant is under the age of 18: _____

“I understand and accept the above conditions and wish to travel with this group”.

Signature of participant: _____

Date: _____

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			Cash	Cheque