



From the journey of Moses and the Israelites through the desert to the promised land, to the Emmaus Walk taken by Jesus and two disciples—our faith has always had the experience of walking.

At the Archbishop's Youth and Young Adult Pilgrimage we walk through the streets of Baltimore as an act of prayer. We hope you encounter God, both along the way as well as at the end of your journey.

You will go from place to place, learning a little more about your faith at each stop. Amidst the physical challenges of the walk, muscles strained and weary, may you seek the internal changes in your soul and experience Jesus, as your way, your truth and your life!

Saturday, **April 12, 2014**

Registration Deadline: **April 2, 2014**



On the Pilgrimage theme: *Glory*



Throughout the Christmas season, we hear of the angels singing Glory to God in the highest. In the midst of many award shows, we see the honored arrive with a pretty cool looking ride and walking a red carpet through a glorious reception. In our sports, from the Super Bowl to the Olympics, we hear of the glory of overcoming challenges to an ultimate victory. Those who seem to live a celebrated and glorious lifestyle seem to be able to call their own shots, maybe even being above the law. At the end of the Lenten season, we come to hear the scandal of death and wonder how that might all be possibly connected to glory?

Of course, Jesus enters into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. The crowds cheer “Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.” That sounds pretty glorious...but, the same king was born in a stable and now we understand what is occurring in Palm Sunday is that we are to “*Behold, your king comes to you, meek and riding on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.*”

As believers and disciples of the Lord, we praise the Lord, give glory to Him; and revere Him. But, if we are following in His example, we find a life not in the spotlight but of washing feet, no matter how important we might be. We do this because we have chosen to do not as we will, but as God’s will be done.



This Pilgrimage walk is not to create a spectacle of ourselves, to post up a selfie of your good action, or your good deed. In this Pilgrimage walk, we confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. At the end of our day, we hope that our witness might inspire others with whom we walk as well as those along the way to understand that truly, these people walk with as the Son of God! What a moment of Glory that might be!

Purpose and Goal of the annual Youth and Young Adult Pilgrimage:

1. To evangelize participants and observers

- > We will know that we have accomplished this goal when participants and observers are able to articulate the purpose of our pilgrimage.
- > We will use the following to achieve this goal: public rally, buttons, literature, and concert.

2. To help participants prayerfully begin Holy Week

- > We will know that we have accomplished this goal when participants fully participate in Eucharistic Adoration, praying of the Rosary and Mass.
- > We will make the following prayerful experiences available in order to achieve this goal: Reconciliation, Eucharistic Adoration, Stations of the Cross, praying of the Rosary. and Mass.

3. To impact the Archdiocese and the surround community by witnessing to our Roman Catholic faith

- > We will know we have accomplished this goal when we make the news; people actually stop to stare and ask what we are doing.
- > We will use the following to achieve this goal: a public rally, walking the streets of Baltimore carrying the Cross/Palms and public prayer.



WHAT IS THE ARCHBISHOP'S YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT PILGRIMAGE?

For the past twenty years, the Archbishop of Baltimore has commemorated Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem at the beginning of Holy Week by walking with hundreds of young adults and youth in the **Archbishop's Youth and Young Adult Pilgrimage**. Carrying palms and a cross, young pilgrims have walked through the streets of Baltimore and visited holy sites along the way. The young church will again bear witness to their love of Jesus Christ, pray, and celebrate at Archbishop Lori's Annual Youth and Young Adult Pilgrimage to be held on **April 12, 2014**.

1. WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Our Archbishop, **William Lori** invites all young adults [18-35] and high school age youth to attend the Youth and Young Adult Pilgrimage. As you are assembling the delegation from your parish or school to attend the Pilgrimage, you may want to think about extending an invitation to the following: high school confirmation candidates, high school campus ministry teams, religion classes, scouts, youth leaders, youth group members, youth involved in justice and service, Hispanic young adult and youth groups, young adult faith sharing groups, college students, or college campus ministry teams.



This is also an event where those who have been recently confirmed can meet again with the Bishop who presided at their Confirmation.

The pilgrimage is NOT an event intended for groups of middle school youth.

3. WHAT IS INCLUDED IN THE COST?

The \$17.00 per person registration fee includes: the Pilgrimage experience itself, a giveaway, and performance by Jackie François www.spiritandsong.com/artists/65259. It is the Archbishop's desire that all young people in the Archdiocese be able to attend the Pilgrimage. Therefore, scholarships are available for individuals experiencing personal hardship. (to follow on website)

4. WHAT SHOULD I WEAR?

For the Pilgrimage, please wear sturdy comfortable shoes. Appropriate to the weather of the day, comfortable clothes (preferably layers), sunscreen, a rain poncho, and/or gloves and a hat might be advised. While the route might be adjusted due to weather conditions, we do anticipate walking no matter if it is sunny or stormy.

5. WHO IS THE PERFORMING ARTIST FOR THE CONCERT THIS YEAR?

Jackie François - Jackie is a full-time traveling speaker, singer/songwriter, and worship leader from Orange County, CA. For 22 years Jackie attended St. Joseph Catholic Church of Placentia, where the LIFE TEEN program started during her freshman year of high school. Through retreats, youth conferences and World Youth Day 2000 in Rome, Jackie has truly come to experience Jesus in a deeper way.



Coming from a musical family, she has been singing nearly her whole life, learning music theory at a young age. Jackie learned how to play the violin and performed in many musicals. During her senior year of high school, she taught herself how to play guitar, which led to the beginning of her songwriting.

In June 2003, spiritandsong.com recording artist Tom Booth heard Jackie's two-track CD and instantly recognized her talent. The Booth family mentored her both spiritually and musically and invited Jackie to sing at major faith events with audiences as large as 5,000 people. In 2006, she became an artist with OCP/SpiritandSong.com with whom she has released two albums. She has been involved in youth ministry since she graduated high school, and she now travels the globe speaking to young people about God's love and leading worship for various events and ministries. Many from Baltimore recently saw Jackie serve as a keynoter presenter at the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis.

6. WILL FOOD BE PROVIDED?

Food **will not** be provided during the Pilgrimage experience by the Archdiocese. There will be a lunch period available where you can sit and eat lunch with your group. As they have done in past years, **Pilgrims need to provide their own snacks which can be eaten throughout the day and pack a light meal (bag lunch).** You will also want to pack at least one bottle of water.

7. WHAT SHOULD I CARRY?

This year, we are collecting canned goods for My Sisters' Place which is a transitional housing program for homeless women of Baltimore City who have been diagnosed with a disability. The Lodge provides a safe, therapeutic, and nurturing environment where residents can increase their self-esteem and develop the skills necessary to successfully transition into the community once they complete the program. The primary goal of the program is to assist residents in becoming self-sufficient, active members of their community who reside in affordable and safe permanent housing.

Please consider inviting young people to individually donate:

- > Canned or dry fruits and vegetables. This might include canned vegetables, vegetable juice, diced tomatoes, tomato juice, tomato sauce, spaghetti sauce, canned fruit (in its own juice), fruit juice (100%), or dried fruit.

- > Non-perishable whole grains. This might include oatmeal, whole grain crackers, all types of pasta, low sugar / high fiber cereal (Cheerios®, Raisin Bran®, etc.), Cream Of Wheat®, and whole grain rice.
- > Canned lean meats and canned or dry beans as a good source of fiber. This might include canned tuna fish, canned salmon, canned chicken, canned bean soup, canned baked beans, dried and canned beans and peas, canned chili, canned beef stew, peanut butter, and nuts.
- > Low-fat dairy products fortified with vitamin D. This might include dry milk and evaporated milk

8. WHAT IS THE GENERAL TIMELINE / NARRATIVE FOR THE DAY?

Please note that we have shortened the day from previous years. We will start a little earlier, but also anticipate finishing the day significantly earlier. We have done this in response from groups of the Archdiocese who make sacrifices for longer travel time to be the youngchurch of the Archdiocese of Baltimore. Further, please note throughout the narrative that we have made modification to be responsive to both the evaluations for last year as well as the work of last fall's survey and focus group.

DROPPING OFF

Drivers should drop off all pilgrims and adequate adult supervision at Wyman Park. Between 10:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m., the group can register and participate in the rally. Drivers can then proceed to the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen via a charter shuttle that they can meet at the front of the cathedral. Bus drivers should procure a spot at the farthest end of the parking lot.

We are not equipped to transport young people from CMOQ to Wyman Park, just the drivers of vehicles. Shuttle drivers will be informed that YOUNG PEOPLE ARE NOT to ride in the shuttle. As you will note in the timeline above, the Pilgrimage ends at CMOQ so you will have easy access to your vehicles in the evening.

10:00 a.m. **REGISTRATION OPENS**

When registration opens, we will begin a pre-rally. Throughout both the pre-rally and the rally, we hope that each delegation will take advantage of two opportunities. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be made available during these times. Young people may unburden themselves of that which might weigh them down before engaging in the Pilgrimage walk. Resources will be available on-line to assist your participants in their celebration.

The Pilgrimage cross will be placed in the middle of the crowd. Each participant will receive a cross as part of their registration. Each participant will be invited to attach their own cross to the Pilgrimage cross and offer a brief prayer that attaches their own concerns to all those concerns of the pilgrimage walkers and the greater Church.

10:45 a.m. **RALLY**

Our Pilgrimage walk will be placed into the context of the theme and prayer as we begin our day together. Participants will be encouraged to continue to take advantage of the Sacrament of Reconciliation as well as to pray with their own Pilgrimage crosses.

Throughout our pre-rally and rally, we will be including elements of service and mini-catechetical moments similar to what we had last year.

11:15 a.m. MOVE TOWARDS ADORATION

Our group will walk across the street to Ss. Philip and James and participate in Eucharistic Adoration. Resources will be available on-line to assist your participants in their celebration.

12:15 p.m. LUNCH BREAK

We will proceed outside and take a brief lunch break before our walk.

12:45 p.m. WALK BEGINS

This year, we will be walking north on St. Paul Street. We anticipate a busier thoroughfare and therefore, an increased opportunity for witness.

For the purpose of making the Pilgrimage a prayerful Lenten experience, guitars and harmonicas are welcome. Walking musicians should have appropriate Lenten music to play on the route. Please indicate on the registration form what, if any, instruments will be brought on the route.

Parish and schools are encouraged to bring along flags and/or banners. Not only does it make “re-grouping” easier, but it is a great way to show your community’s spirit. Banners must be no wider than four feet and be able to be carried by one person using one pole.

At University Blvd, we will proceed east and then rejoin last year’s route on Charles Street. At Saint Paul Street we will cross over to Millbrook Road.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

As we climb the slight hill on Millbrook towards Cold Spring Avenue (alongside the reservoir), we will participate in a brief version of the Stations of the Cross. As we proceed past each station, we will pray:

We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.
Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Resources will be available on-line to assist your participants in their celebration.

WALK CONTINUES

We will proceed through the catholic campuses of Loyola University Maryland and Notre Dame of Maryland University.

ROSARY

At Notre Dame of Maryland University, we will pray the Rosary. We will ask each group to meet and/or gather in sub-groups for this prayer.

3:00 p.m. CONCERT

Jackie François will lead us in an hour of song and witness.

WALK CONTINUES

As participants walk towards N. Charles Street, they will be encouraged to give extra effort, and to hold their crosses high as a witness to all they meet.

ARRIVAL AT THE CATHEDRAL OF MARY OUR QUEEN

Participants will engage in what has become our traditional “cross surf” where each participant has an opportunity to touch, carry, and pass the cross overhead to others. The Pilgrimage Cross will then be placed in the middle of the courtyard. Here, all participants will again be encouraged to attach their own cross to the Pilgrimage cross and to offer a brief prayer that attaches their own concerns to all those concerns of the pilgrimage walkers and the greater Church.

5:00 p.m. VIGIL MASS FOR PALM SUNDAY

We will join the parish community of the Cathedral of Mary Our Queen as we begin Holy Week with the Palm Sunday / Passion Sunday Liturgy. Mass will begin outdoors with the blessing of the Palms.

8. WHAT ABOUT RAIN/ SNOW OR OTHER INCLEMENT WEATHER?

We will probably walk in the rain... We certainly did three years ago!...but not snow/ice. (which we are not anticipating in April). Any cancellation will be broadcast on WBAL radio and any changes in scheduling will be put on the answering machine at the Division of Youth and Young Adult Ministry at 410-547-5372.

9. WHAT WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE? Soon, you will be able to find

- ❖ The Pilgrimage Group Registration Form (Due April 2, 2014)
- ❖ An Archdiocesan Permission Form for Pilgrimage (to be kept by Youth Minister/Teacher/Campus Minister/Group Leader)
- ❖ Scholarship Form
- ❖ Sample Parent Information Page
- ❖ A Pilgrimage Commissioning Blessing (for during parish liturgy or before boarding a bus or cars)
- ❖ Specific Directions to drop off at Wyman Park
- ❖ A Reconciliation resource
- ❖ A Eucharist Adoration resource
- ❖ A Rosary resource
- ❖ A Stations of the Cross resource

10. HOW DO I REGISTER?

Collect permission slips and keep them for your use. **DO NOT** send them to the Division of Youth and Young Adult Ministry. Send the completed Group Registration Form and payment to the DYYAM no later than April 2, 2014. **Please be advised: We can only guarantee that giveaways will be available to those groups whose registration is received by the April 2, 2014 due date.**



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