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PILGRIMS HANDBOOK

(Anything you ever wanted to know about Pilgrimage....)
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1. Pilgrimage

1.1 What is a Pilgrimage?

In the dictionary a pilgrimage is defined as “..a journey, especially a long one, made to some sacred place as an act of religious devotion.”

Pilgrimage has been practiced as a universal form of prayer since 2,000 BC including the faiths of Islam, Judaism, Hinduism, Baha’i Faith, Sikhism, and Buddhism.

In the Christian faith pilgrimages are made to the Holy cities of Rome, Italy; Jerusalem, Israel; Santiago de Compostela, Spain; Fatima, Portugal; Lourdes, France; Mt Athos, Greece; Monastery, Mt. Sinai.

In the southwestern United States Pilgrimages are made to the Santuario de Chimayo in Chimayo, New Mexico. These pilgrimages are known as the Pilgrimages for Vocations and are sponsored by the Archdiocese of Santa Fe.

1.2 Goal …why do we walk?

The prayers and sacrifice by the pilgrims for both the May (Mothers Day) and June Pilgrimages are dedicated to vocations; primarily for the priesthood and religious life, and secondly, for the individual vocations of each of the pilgrims that walk each year.

1.3 How has Pilgrimage changed lives?

"There are several reasons pilgrims give for going on pilgrimage. It may be for a family member, an illness, for forgiveness of personal debt, for personal favors, in thanksgiving for a blessing or miracle in their life especially for the increase of religious vocations.

All of the pilgrims are committed to the sacrifice they will make for their own spiritual growth."

2. Background and General Information

2.1 Background

(Please see the web site for yearly Theme and History of Pilgrimage at http://www.pilgrimagesforvocations.org)

June Pilgrimage

In 1973, Father Michael O’Brien from the Archdiocese of Santa Fe started the Pilgrimage for Vocations. The main goal being prayer and sacrifice for vocations especially to the priesthood and religious life. The Pilgrimage has continued to take place during the first week in June each year. The five routes of the June Pilgrimage begin from Albuquerque, Chama, Costilla, Estancia, and Bernal. All routes finish at the Santuario de Chimayo in Chimayo, NM.
It takes one week to complete the 100 mile pilgrimage, with men and women on separate routes walking about 20 miles each day. Pilgrims sleep in parish halls or school gyms located on the way to Chimayo with local church organizations or families providing meals for the pilgrims. Closing activities with the Archbishop of Santa Fe begin at approximately 9:15 am in Chimayo on the Saturday concluding the pilgrimage.

**May Pilgrimage**
The May Pilgrimage is a one day event held the Saturday before Mother's Day. The four routes begin from Las Trampas, Cordova, Pojoaque, and Holy Family. The starting times are staggered so all pilgrims finish at the same time at the Santuario de Chimayo in Chimayo, NM for a closing Mass.

**2.2 Organizational Structure**
The Pilgrimages for Vocations is led by the Overall Spiritual Director who is assigned by the Archdiocese of Santa Fe. The current Overall Spiritual director is Fr. Edmund Savilla. He is assisted by the Overall Rector who is currently Deacon Donald Martinez. The Steering Committee is the main governing body for the organization. It is made up of representatives from other subcommittees and current and former members for route leadership. Also, pilgrims that have walked for more than two years are encouraged to attend the Steering Committee meetings. Organization and planning in the communities that the routes walk through are accomplished by Local Area Leaders and Area Coordinators.

_Figure 1: Chart depicting the organizational structure for the Pilgrimage for Vocations_
For the June Pilgrimage each route is led by a Route Spiritual Director and a Rector or Rectora. Within each route the leadership is assisted by small-group Priest Leaders, Medics, Deacons, Truckers and Musicians. For the May Pilgrimages the routes are led by a Rector(a) and are supported by Truckers and Musicians. A more detailed description for the committees and the roles for the organizational leadership are given later in this document.

2.3 Route Descriptions

2.3.1 Communities along each route

South - Estancia — established 1973
Pilgrims walk through the following communities: Estancia, Morarity, Stanley, Galesteo, Santa Fe, Pojoaque, Chimayo

North - Costilla — established 1978
Pilgrims walk through the following communities: Costilla, Questa, Taos, Taos Pueblo, Peñasco, Truchas, Santa Cruz, Chimayo

East - Bernal — established 1982 (original starting point was Wagon Mound)
Pilgrims walk through the following communities: Bernal, Tecolote, La Manga, Las Vegas, Sapello, El Carmen, Ledoux, Monte Aplanado, Mora, Cleveland, Holman, Placita, Vadito, Peñasco, Chamisal, Las Trampas, Truchas, Cordova, Santa Cruz, Chimayo

West - Chama — established 1982
Pilgrims walk through the following communities: Chama, Tierra Amarilla, Los Ojos, La Puente, Cebolla, Canjilon, Ghost Ranch, Abiquiu, Española, Santa Cruz, Chimayo

Southwest - Albuquerque — established 1989
Pilgrims walk through the following communities: Albuquerque, Sandia Pueblo, Bernalillo, Rio Rancho, Santa Ana Pueblo, Zia Pueblo, Jemez, Jemez Pueblo, Ponderosa, Los Alamos, San Ildefonso, Pojoaque, Chimayo
2.3.2 Maps for the May and June Routes

Routes / Starting Points
- Pojoaque (11 mi)
- Las Trampas (18 mi)
- Cordova (5 mi)
- Holy Family Church
  Chimayo (approx 2.5 mi)

Figure 2: Map of routes for the May (Mothers Day) Pilgrimage. Note- routes are subject to change on a yearly basis.
Figure 2: Map of the five routes for the June Pilgrimage. Note- routes are subject to change on a yearly basis.
3. Eligibility to Participate

3.1 Applications and Registration

As we commit ourselves to the Pilgrimages for Vocations every year we may be tempted to think we know everything and so, do not need to really belong to a community of sisters and brothers. Wisdom humbles us if we have been true to past pilgrimages and have truthfully undertaken our pilgrimages as opportunities for spiritual growth. If we seek growth in the spiritual life, the pilgrimages become a necessary part of our life. We long every year to see where the Father is taking us, in that next step.

Until our pilgrimage is finished here on earth, you are invited on an incredible journey. Preparation is necessary for the Mother’s Day Pilgrimage and more so for the week long June Pilgrimage. Beyond the registration form, you are required to belong to a local group, participate in any preparation events, and be prepared for your pilgrimage physically, spiritually and emotionally. We all want to make a faithful pilgrimage and in order for this to happen we need to prepare and practice. Practice is not just physical, it includes your daily prayer, acts of charity and ministry within your community. Because of the extreme nature of the June pilgrimage, it becomes very important that all participants develop a passion for pilgrimage. This is done by committing one's self, body, mind and spirit to the preparation and practice of pilgrimage. During the Pilgrimage obstacles will be encountered without having to deal with someone who has not prepared themselves. So, before you register, make sure you will be ready to participate in all the preparation and practice opportunities.

Registration Deadline
Registration begins with applications available in October. The deadline to submit an application is December 12th (dia de Guadalupe).

Permission and Release Forms
Permission and release from responsibility forms are required for the young members who are minors in case of sickness or accident. These are signed by the parents or guardians of the minor and by the applicant, if they are of age. Both the permission slip and the release from responsibility are conveniently part of the registration form.

Applications for the May and June Pilgrimages are available on the Pilgrimage website: www.pilgrimagesforvocations.org

NOTE: When possible, preference to route will be given to new Peregrinos and Guadalupanas who want to walk from their home route.

3.2 Abuse Awareness Training for Adults

Every participant over 18 years of age is required to attend the following training: Abuse Awareness Training for Adults: Creating a Safe Environment for Our Children. This training is provided by the
Archdiocese of Santa Fe and a schedule of classes can be found at http://www.archdiocesesantafe.org/. Pre-registration is necessary. Proof of attendance is required to be submitted to the Overall Spiritual Director. Your attendance at this training begins the process to a background check.

3.3 May Pilgrimage

The May Pilgrimage is scheduled on the Saturday before Mother's Day. The route meeting places, distances and starting times are listed below. Application is due December 12 to the local area leader. Each person must be 10 years old or older by day of Pilgrimage to participate in the May pilgrimage. Registrants between ages 10-13 must have a sponsoring adult, 18 years of age or older, walking with them. Also, if a new pilgrim, they must have a sponsor walk with them.

**Las Trampas:** 18 miles - Starting time 2:45 am - San José de Gracia Church. Begin walking after morning prayer.

**Cordova:** 5 miles - Starting time 7:00 am – San Antonio Church. Begin walking after morning prayer.

**Pojoaque:** 11 miles - Starting time 5:00 am - Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe del Valle de Pojoaque. Begin walking after morning prayer.

**Holy Family:** Approximately 2.5 miles - Holy Hour begins at 7:00 am and walking by 8:00 am. Arrival at the Santuario de Chimayo is approximately 9:15 am - Mass follows.

3.3.1 Requirements - May

**Summary of requirements for May Pilgrimage**

1. Prepare yourself by being a part of a local organization/group and a member in good standing
2. Participate in a spiritual retreat - Day of Recollection
3. Be 10 years of age by the date of the May Pilgrimage and have an adult sponsor (18 years or older) walk with them.
4. Have a sponsor, if a new pilgrim, walk with them
5. Participate in practice walks comparable to the route you are walking from
6. Follow Dress Code while on Pilgrimage
7. Bring Pilgrims Guide and Rosary on Pilgrimage
8. If not participating in the June Pilgrimage, help to meet the needs of the pilgrims walking in and through your community
9. Ministry- Every pilgrim is to be active in at least one approved ministry in his/her parish.
10. Every participant over 18 years of age is required to attend the following training: *Abuse Awareness Training for Adults: Creating a Safe Environment for Our Children*

3.3.2 Spiritual Retreat – Day of Recollection

The Day of Recollection is a day when those who have registered for the May Pilgrimage come together to prepare for the pilgrimage to Chimayo. This is an opportunity to hear about the theme of pilgrimage for the year and reflect on it. The Overall Spiritual Director leads this day. The day and location varies from year to year. The time is set for 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm on a Sunday.
3.4 **June Pilgrimage**

3.4.1 **Requirements - June**

Summary of requirements of the June Pilgrimage are listed below:

1. Belong to a local group.
2. Be 13 years of age by the first day of the Pilgrimage and have an adult sponsor (18 years or older) walk with them.
3. Have a sponsor if a new pilgrim walk with them.
4. Every participant over 18 years of age is required to attend the following training: *Abuse Awareness Training for Adults: Creating a Safe Environment for Our Children*
5. Submit registration form and fee by December 12 to local leader.
6. Attend Annual Retreat
7. Attend Formation Session.
8. Complete a least one 20-mile practice walk
9. Have read and agree to the statements on page three of the June Pilgrimage Application (Note: When possible preference to route will be given to new Peregrinos and Guadalupanas who want to walk from their home route)
10. Every pilgrim is be active in at least one approved ministry in his parish.

3.5 **May and June Pilgrimage**

**Local Group and Meetings:**
Must be an active member of a Local Group.
Belonging to the local group means regular attendance at meetings, where reflection on the theme for the year and prayer for vocations take place. Coming together regularly for prayer and encouragement, we witness to our brothers and sisters who may be discerning a vocation that they are not alone. Our mission is simple, pray and sacrifice for vocations.

**Holy Week Pilgrimages and Services**
All pilgrims, without exception, are expected to participate in Holy Week Activities. Holy Week and Triduum services through Easter Sunday are especially encouraged.

3.5.1 **Preparation Meetings**

The organization of the meetings and the topics covered varies year to year, but basically include the following: Life of Jesus & Prayer, Singing, Prayer, Ministry, Vocation, First-aid, Walking, Massage-Sacred Touch, Protection of Youth Workshop and the History and Purpose of Pilgrimage.
3.5.1.1  June Pilgrims Retreat
The June Retreat is one of the spiritual preparations for those who have registered for the June Pilgrimage. It is a day-long retreat concluding with the celebration of the Mass. It is usually scheduled in the month of April. It is a requirement for those pilgrims walking in June.

The Overall Spiritual Director leads the retreat.

The day includes: The Entrega (Appendix H), The Commitment Call (Appendix T), presentations/talks/reflections around the Pilgrimage theme for the year, Prayer before the cross, time for a practice walk, food and Mass. Opportunities for the leadership to meet with pilgrims walking from the various routes is built into the day.

3.5.1.2  June Formation Session
The Formation Session is the second opportunity to gather the June Pilgrims as a group to continue the spiritual preparations started at the June retreat. It is a 5-hour session scheduled the Sunday after Mother’s Day. It is a requirement for those pilgrims walking in June.

3.5.1.3  Orientation for New Pilgrims

Purpose
It is strongly recommended that any new pilgrim attend an orientation for new pilgrims. At this orientation, information will be given about the details of being a pilgrim. Such topics as; requirements of a pilgrim, types of and need for preparation by pilgrim and what to expect on pilgrimage will be shared. This is the time and place to ask all the questions new pilgrims might have.

Location, Time and Date
These will be determined at the January Steering Committee Meeting
For those unable to attend a formal orientation, the presentation materials are available for review on the Pilgrimage website. Consult your Rector(a) for more information.

Topics Covered

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. History of Pilgrimage
3. Reflection on the year's theme
4. What it means to be a Peregrino or Guadalupana
5. Testimonies from Veteran Pilgrims
6. Cover the main topics in the Handbook
7. Spiritual Preparations
8. Physical Preparations
9. Questions/Answers
10. Announcements

Hosting/Leading the Orientation
Volunteer Veteran Peregrinos and Guadalupanas will lead the orientation in various locations making it easy and accessible for all new pilgrims to attend. Volunteers will agree to share the contents of the
agenda in a uniform manner.(Powerpoint presentation is available for volunteers to use. Contact Overall Spiritual Director for contact person to provide copy.)

3.5.1.4 Protection of Youth While on Pilgrimage Workshop

A workshop that deals with elements of Pilgrimage is provided at the Formation Session or Retreat for youth under 18 years of age.

What is the Protection of Youth workshop?
The protection of youth workshop is a required course by the Archdioceses of Santa Fe. All youth under 18 who are participating in the Pilgrimage for Vocations must attend the course. The mission behind this workshop is to teach youth how to protect themselves from potential danger from adults or peers who wish to intentionally abuse youth.

When are the workshops offered?
Any youth who are enrolled in a Religious Education program in their home parishes should have taken the class. There will also be a course offered during the retreat or formation session. The course offered at the formation session is geared more toward life on pilgrimage and how youth can protect themselves from potential danger while on Pilgrimage.

Who can give the workshop?
Anyone who is trained by someone who is certified in the Protection of Youth workshop can give the workshop.

Resources
The following are approved resources used for the Protection of youth workshop.

Contacts
For more information or to report someone for sexual misconduct contact:
Archdiocesan Victims’ Assistance Coordinator, 505.831.8144.

3.6 Non-Catholic Participants

All are welcomed to participate in the pilgrimages. Non Catholic participants need to understand that all, customs, rituals and day activities are based on Catholic beliefs, practices, and traditions. As a registered pilgrim non-Catholic participants will follow all of the guidelines and requirements set down for Pilgrimage. If necessary, the new pilgrim should discuss any topics or issues requiring clarification with the Overall Spiritual Director before registration.
4. Essentials During Pilgrimage

4.1 May and June

Safety
Safety is the top priority during the entire pilgrimage, but especially when we are walking along the highway.

Authority
The authority exercised during the pilgrimage is to be of service. It is not a question of who rules or commands, but who serves and models for his group, so that all learn to care for the needs of each other and be pilgrims.

The following are examples of matters clearly requiring evaluation by route leadership for a pilgrim to leave the pilgrimage and to return home.

- RIDES - All unauthorized rides (refer to section 4.8.5)
- ALCOHOL
- DRUGS
- FIGHTING
- DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR

4.2 June

Deciding not to continue: If someone is unable to continue with the walking portion of the Pilgrimage and decides not to continue, she/he is to return home. The pilgrim may continue the Pilgrimage by joining her/his group at the Santuario on Saturday morning before the closing ceremonies begin. (See section in Handbook titled Ritual for Departure of Pilgrims, see section 4.8.5)

First Aid During the Pilgrimage is an opportunity to show care and concern for each other. It is very inspiring to see the care and concern of the Pilgrims for each other and the sacrifices made to help others to make it to Chimayo.

Rest and Sleep should be a top priority especially in the evenings. Provision should ideally be made for 6-8 hours sleep each night.

4.3 Pilgrims Guide

The Pilgrims Guide is a collection of prayers and music that guide the pilgrimage journey. The prayers and music reflect the heritage of pilgrimage. Each pilgrim is given a Pilgrims Guide to be used for prayer and singing during all gatherings (local meetings, retreats, formation sessions, practice walks). During the May and June pilgrimages, the guide should be on your person at all times. The Pilgrims Guide editor is
the Overall Spiritual Director. Input from interested individuals are welcome at anytime. The Pilgrims Guide is revised and reprinted as needed and as resources are available.

4.4 Daily Routine

The daily routine will vary from route to route, although during a typical day on the Pilgrimage the following activities occur:

1. Rise and Pack Up (between 3:00-4:00 am)
2. Morning Prayer
3. Breakfast
4. Walk
5. Angelus 6:00 am
6. Walk
7. Lunch
8. Noon Angelus
9. Walk
10. Arrive at destination
11. Showers and rest
12. Mass or Communion Service (usually at 5:00 pm)
13. Angelus 6:00 pm
14. Dinner
15. Evening Prayer
16. First Aid
17. Evening Activities
18. Night Prayer with Small Group
19. Lights out (usually by 8:30 or 9:00 pm)

4.5 Letters to Priests

Letters to priests are written to let them know, as pilgrims praying for vocations, we are thankful for their priestly vocation, we are praying for them and their needs, and we invite them to the Closing Mass on Saturday. (copy can be found in the Route Handbook)

4.6 Symbols

Theme
A specific theme is chosen every year.
The Guia
The Guia or Procession Cross is carried at the front of the procession line and reminds us who the Leader, Lord and Savior is. Throughout the day, each pilgrim should be given the opportunity to carry the Guia.

Overall Image
The Guadalupana is the symbol for the Pilgrimage for Vocations. This is carried to remind us of our devotion to our Lady. The image is carried by pilgrims and its order in the procession line is immediately after the guia.

Heart and Hands
The HEART & HANDS symbolize the different cultures and directions of the pilgrimage. A part of it goes to each route in June and is brought to Chimayo where it is put together during the closing activities. These are carried right after the image of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

Shell
The shell is an ancient symbol of pilgrimage from Santiago de Compostela, in Spain.

Lanyard
Red in color with yellow words Archdiocese of Santa Fe. Identifies you as a pilgrim.

White Garment- see Appendix G

The order of symbols carried during pilgrimage procession is depicted in the sketch in Figure 3.

1. Guia
2. Image of our Lady of Guadalupe
3. Sacred Heart Piece (June Only)
4. Blessed Soil Carrier (June Only)
5. Prayer Petitions Bag (June Only)

Figure 3: Order of symbols carried during pilgrimage procession.
4.7 Customs

Important While Walking Together: “Act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with your God”… (Micah) could well be the rule for the pilgrimage. For us to walk together, we need to have patience with ourselves and one another, to be humble and to think of the needs of others first and to have a spirit of unity and mutual concern.

Small Groups Within Each Route

Assignment of Groups
To form community and to maintain discipline in a large group, it is beneficial to form smaller groups. Groups are usually assigned by dividing up the ages, communities and families as much as possible so that the person will have an exposure to new people and to be given a chance to make new friends. This breakdown helps to create a family spirit. Group dynamics and interaction are very important and not to be underestimated. The small groups are led by a Priest Leader.

Rotating Groups
When a small group is leading the procession line and once all group members have carried the guia, the small group in the front falls to the back of the line. That group will then lead the rosary for each rotation.

To take turns for other pilgrimage activities such as meals, showers etc. the small groups are rotated.

Walking in Single File
We usually walk in single file, especially when safety is an issue such as walking along a highway with a narrow shoulder. To support the Rector(a) and Spiritual Director, it is the duty of the priest leaders by example and by word, to walk with their groups, to maintain the pace and to keep their groups orderly. It is important while walking together to maintain the same pace, single file and a proper distance between each person walking. If gaps develop or the pace is not even, it makes it particularly hard for those in the back of the line. Three miles per hour is the pace.

Rotation of Activities While Walking
While walking, the rotation of activities include silence, followed by shared prayer and singing, and conversation. This rotation is repeated throughout the day. The rotation begins with silence. Silence at the designated times is absolutely necessary out of respect for peace of mind, for solitude, prayer and space. At times silence may be used for a safety issue. The duration for each activity may vary from ½-hr to 1-hr and is determined by the Spiritual Director.

Formation
Called at any time. Sometimes only the word, "Formation", "Siempre"("Always"), or "Listos"("Ready") will be used. Other times, blowing a whistle might be used. These are methods used during the day to orientate the group for the next activity. Group members line up behind their Priest Leader facing the
Guia. The medical Deacon is the last in the line within the group.

**Encuentro**
The pilgrims of the community that is being approached are asked to come to the front of the line to help lead the encuentro. The community or parish and their representatives come outside the community or church to welcome us and lead us to the church with their cross, santos, and banners, praying and singing and with church bells ringing. The proper greeting at this time is to kiss the cross and banner of the group meeting us and to present them our cross for veneration and then continue to the church for the visit. Please keep in mind that the local customs and requests should be honored as much as possible.

### 4.8 Rituals
#### 4.8.1 Daily Rituals

Daily rituals during the June Pilgrimage are listed below.

**Blessing Of The Table** - Small group before meal
Is sung and prayed by all before the meals. (see Pilgrimage Guide)

**Thank You**
It is always necessary that we be grateful to God and to the people who greet, feed and shelter us along the way. Those who help us are pilgrims in a real sense of the word, opening their hearts to us. We must open our hearts to them too and receive their gifts and friendship gratefully. After all breaks, meals and celebrations, one of the pilgrims on behalf of the whole group expresses our gratitude publicly. (See Blessing after Meals below for ritual of thanks) The others are encouraged to do so personally. After the pilgrimage is over expressions of gratitude could be sent to those groups, communities and institutions that helped us along the way.

**Blessing After Meals**
When everyone has finished eating be sure and invite the hosts to gather in a place where everyone can see each other. Outside if necessary. During the meal you may invite your host to stand with the Guia (This allows those who cannot walk to have the opportunity to share in the sacrifice). One group is assigned to give the thanks. The Spiritual Director gives members of the route ("group 1" i.e.) some tokens of appreciation and these members go to their hosts and place the mementos in their hands. While the blessing song is sung, all other members of the route hold the hands of the hosts or place their hands on the heads or shoulders of the hosts. If you are unable to reach the hosts you may place your hands on the shoulder of a person that is in contact with the hosts.

The blessing that is sung to the hosts is as follows;

*May the blessing of God be upon you, the blessing of the Father and the Son, and may the Spirit of God, the Spirit of Love, be with you all your days. May the blessing of God be upon you, the blessing of the Father and the Son, and may the Spirit of God, the Spirit of Peace, be with you all your days.*
After the blessing song, the designated person from the small group or the Spiritual Director requests a blessing from the hosts, the group kneels with heads bowed to receive the blessing. After the blessing, all rise. The group that gave the blessing may shake hands or hug their hosts as the others begin to leave. Be grateful for whatever is served and take only what you can eat. Clean up after yourself. Remember, do not wear hats in buildings or place on tables, and all must wear long pants throughout the meal. Make sure that groups have been assigned to help clean up tables, bathrooms, outside area, etc. before blessing.

Sacred Soil From Each Community
If this is the last time you will see this particular group or be in this community, Rector(a) or assigned group requests a small amount of sacred soil, and reminds the people that this soil will be used during the closing rituals on Saturday. You also invite them to join us on Saturday. The soil is placed in a bag (do not call the bag the "dirt bag"). The soil is presented to us by the people of that community as a sign that those people are with us in spirit. We take their community and petitions with us. The soil is presented to the Archbishop or designee at the closing mass; using the sacred soil gathered from each route a cross is made in front of the altar.

Petitions
During the retreat or the formation session, a blank copy of the petitions are given to pilgrims to take back to their communities and are encouraged to have their local parishioners complete them prior to their departure date. The pilgrims will bring the petitions with them to their starting point of Pilgrimage to be included with others along the way which will be presented during the Closing Mass at the Santuario to be offered up and prayed over. Blank forms are also carried with the pilgrims to handout to people who greet, feed and shelter them along the way. A small group is assigned each morning to distribute all the petitions to all members of the route and collect them at the end of the day. The petitions are placed in some type of holder (bag/box) and carried by the group at all times. Pilgrims pray for each of the intentions on the petitions throughout the week.

Deep Bow
Deep Bow is a rubric that is used in many rituals around the world. It usually represents "dying" and rising to a new life. It is used in the Catholic Church during Good Friday Services and Ordination Ceremonies.
"Come, let us bow, prostrate ourselves, And kneel in front of the Lord our maker, We are the people he guides, Let us listen today." (Psalm 95:6-7).

When is this ritual used? After breakfast before starting to walk for the day and at the end of the walk for the day. How is it prayed? Kneel down on the ground, with thumb over the pointer finger, place hand on the ground, say a short prayer and give thanks for completing the day, kiss the cross you made with your fingers, then rise.
Angelus
The Angelus is a traditional prayer of the Church. The prayer can be found in the Pilgrims Guide. Prayed daily at 6:00 am, Noon and 6:00 pm.

Adoration of the 5 Most Precious Wounds of Christ
Suggested that each pilgrim prays this prayer while carrying the guia (copy can be found in the Route Handbook and Appendix F)

Place Shoes Around Guia: thankful for the day, petition for the next day. (Moses and the burning bush)
The Jesus Prayer- “Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.” also in Pilgrim’s Guide
White Garment - see Appendix G

4.8.2 Rituals for June Retreat
Entrega- see Appendix H
The Call- see Appendix I
Individual Commitment- see Appendix J
Prayer Before the Cross- see Appendix K

4.8.3 Rituals on Specific Days of the Week
Rituals for the days of the week can be found in the Route Handbook or in the Appendix listed below
Sunday Afternoon - When leadership arrives (1 hour prior to everyone else) and what the schedule is from arrival time by all pilgrims up through supper (Route Handbook)
Sunday Evening - see Appendix L
Thursday Evening - see Appendix M
Friday Evening - see Appendix N
Saturday Morning and Closing Mass
Rector(a)s, Spiritual Directors, Head Truckers - see Appendix A
Ministries each route will take – see Appendix B
Sacred Soil Blessing – see Appendix C

4.8.4 Ritual for Closing Ceremonies and Mass at the Santuario de Chimayo
Closing Rituals for May and June Pilgrimages begin at approximately 9:15 am. Mass follows conclusion of the rituals.

Overall Spiritual Director is the main coordinator for the Closing Mass.

A closing liturgy for the pilgrimage is celebrated at the Santuario in Chimayo. Pilgrims wear a white shirt (T-shirts/polo, no images on front – only Our Lady of Guadalupe allowed on back) and lanyard with Pilgrimage shell are worn the last day of the pilgrimage as a sign of unity and identification for those completing the pilgrimage.
When the pilgrims arrive at the chapel, they first enter the chapel for a visit and prayer of thanksgiving. Each pilgrim receives a pilgrim cross from the Archbishop or his delegate. Mass is celebrated in the outdoor sacred space.

Route Rector(a)’s and Spiritual Director’s will select pilgrims for the following roles for the Closing Rituals and Mass:

- Pilgrims to carry the guia, image of our Lady of Guadalupe, [sacred soil, piece of heart and the petitions (for June only)].
- Depending on the route direction they will select the lectors and readers for the intercessory prayers.
- One pilgrim will be selected to give a testimonial about their experience from each route. (June)

For more details during the Closing Mass rituals see below

- Rector(a)s, Spiritual Directors, Head Truckers - see Appendix A
- Ministries each route will take – see Appendix B
- Sacred Soil Blessing – see Appendix C

### 4.8.5 Ritual for Departing Pilgrims

There will be times when pilgrims are unable to complete the walking portion of their pilgrimage and will leave and go home from the pilgrimage. Before the pilgrim leaves, he/she will be prayed over and blessed by the other pilgrims.

All pilgrims gather around the pilgrim going home. Prayers such as the Healing Prayer (found in the Pilgrims Guide) can be used by the Spiritual Director and Rector(a). Each of the pilgrims then bless the person leaving pilgrimage. This person is invited back to join his/her small group during the closing activities and Mass on Saturday. The pilgrim will meet his/her Rector(a) and small group at the outside of the Santuario and may walk into the Santuario with their group to receive their cross and may remain with their group for the closing Mass.

### 5. Commitment and Preparation by Pilgrims

#### 5.1 Personal Commitment

The commitment and preparation of the pilgrims involves the preparation of mind, heart, soul, and body for the task of shared pilgrimage. This takes place during a process that involves registration, meetings, retreat, ministry, practice walks, Holy Week Services, and a twelve month commitment to live as a pilgrim.

As we commit ourselves to the Pilgrimages for Vocations every year we may be tempted to think we know everything and so, do not need to really belong to a community of sisters and brothers. Wisdom humbles us if we have been true to past pilgrimages and have truthfully undertaken our pilgrimages as opportunities for spiritual growth. If we seek growth in the spiritual life, the pilgrimages become a
necessary part of our life. We long every year to see where the Father is taking us, in that next step.

Until our pilgrimage is finished here on earth, you are invited on an incredible journey. Preparation is necessary for the Mother’s Day Pilgrimage and more so for the week long June Pilgrimage. Beyond the registration form, you are required to belong to a local group, participate in any preparation events, and be prepared for your pilgrimage physically, spiritually and emotionally. We all want to make a faithful pilgrimage and in order for this to happen we need to prepare and practice. Practice is not just physical, it includes your daily prayer, and acts of charity and ministry within your community. Because of the extreme nature of the June pilgrimage, it becomes very important that all participants develop a passion for pilgrimage. This is done by committing one’s self, body, mind and spirit to the preparation and practice of pilgrimage. During the Pilgrimage, obstacles will be encountered without having to deal with someone who has not prepared themselves. So, before you register, make sure you will be ready to participate in all the preparation and practice-walk opportunities. You do not want to become a blister or rash on the pilgrimage.

5.2 Physical Aspect of Pilgrimage

Preparation Time

Registering for the June Pilgrimage is committing to a year of pilgrimage. Within that year, you have committed yourself to the 100-mile long pilgrimage which takes one week to walk. If for any reason you must leave the pilgrimage, you will not be able to return for the duration of that week See Section 4.8.5 Ritual for Departing Pilgrims

You know your body. You know how active or not you are. You know when you need to begin to prepare by walking (frequency, length, using proper socks and shoes). You can never do too much practice walking. During preparation, make regular practice walks a priority in your weekly routine.

5.2.1 Quarter Mile Rule

During the period of walking and in the event when a pilgrim falls behind the rest of the group by a quarter mile or more, the assigned Trucker will pick up the walker and return him/her to their original place with the group. In the event this occurs a second time during the same day, this person will remain in the truck with the Trucker until the end of the day, when at such time, the leadership consisting of; (Rector(a), Spiritual Director, Priest Leader, Deacon, Medical, and others) will evaluate the situation to determine the case of falling behind and to examine the need for medical attention. At this point a decision will be made by the leadership of the status of the individual. The pilgrim may be given an opportunity to continue walking the following day. If he/she is unable to keep up with group, Route Leadership will make the likely decision that the pilgrim cannot continue walking. When it has been confirmed that the pilgrim cannot continue walking, the Spiritual Director will call the family and make arrangements to have the pilgrim picked up on site.
If sent home, this ends only the walking portion of the year-long pilgrimage. The pilgrim may rejoin his/her group at the Santuario for the closing mass, see Section 4.8.5. Remember that the year-long pilgrimage experience does not end until December 12th. It is required to stay consistent with this process at all times.

### 5.2.2 Possible First Aid situations

Possible First Aid situations that would need attention.

Note: prevention strategies need to be in place in order to prevent some of the following situations.

- blisters
- shin splints
- rash
- cramps
- muscle soreness
- dehydration

Runner's Guide (see enclosed guide Appendix D)
Stretching Guide (see enclosed guide Appendix E)
Special Needs - You will need to provide for this and discuss it with your route leadership.

### 5.3 Spiritual and Emotional Preparation – Prayer Life

**Pilgrimage As Prayer**

Pilgrimage is one of the oldest and most universal prayer forms in existence in modern times and its practice dates back in the Judeo-Christian tradition to the call of Abraham.

**Mass**

Mass is the source and summit of the life of the Church, so it is the source and summit of the daily life of the Pilgrimage. Sacramentalizing our faith and love as members of a pilgrim church.

**Liturgy Of The Hours:** Morning prayer is prayed by all before going to breakfast. Evening prayer is prayed by all after supper. Night prayer is prayed by small group before lights out.

**Scripture Reading**

Pilgrims (Peregrines and Guadalupanas) are encouraged to have a copy of the New Testament and to read and reflect on God’s word during the pilgrimage, especially the Gospels, the Letter of James, Apostle, the patron of pilgrims and the Pilgrimage Psalms (Psalms 120-134)

**Marian Devotions:**

- **Angelus** at 6:00 AM, Noon, and 6:00 PM to connect with and reflect on the mystery of the incarnation and redemption in our daily lives.
- The **Rosary** is a beautiful and ancient devotion of the Church, it gives us time to meditate on the mysteries of the Incarnation, Life, Passion and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.
• The **Litany Of The Blessed Virgin Mary** is chanted after the rosary.

**The Way Of The Cross**
St. Francis, the pilgrim from Assisi was inspired during his pilgrimage to Jerusalem to create this devotion. All pilgrims are encouraged during the Lenten Season and while walking to pray the stations.

**The Jesus Prayer**
The book “The Way of the Pilgrim” is a guide for those who wish to pray this prayer unceasingly. The words to this prayer are **“Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner”** and are printed in the Pilgrims Guide.

**Silence**
Silence or quiet time is for us to reflect in peace on the presence of God in creation and in our hearts and lives.

**Singing**
“To sing is to pray twice” – the songs that are chosen to be sung are very powerful and are chosen with great care. After the pilgrimage, you can hear the songs through the valleys and mountains of New Mexico giving praise to God.

**Meditation**
The priests who are involved with the pilgrimage, celebrating the liturgies and being with the group, share the fruits of their reflections and life in Christ with the peregrinos. There are times for the peregrinos to share reflections on our experience of pilgrimage and the scriptures.

**Visits To Churches**
Visits to churches along the route of the pilgrimage root us to our tradition and help us to realize the church is larger than any one mission or parish.

### 5.4 Preparation: Checklists for Items to Bring

#### 5.4.1 What to Bring

June Pilgrimage Suggested Packing List (Note: It is the responsibility of the pilgrim to provide the following.) See dress code for specific guidelines (5.4.2 Dress Code).

**Sleeping Items:**
- sleeping bag or blanket
- pillow
- foam pad, air mattress, or cot

**Clothing For The Week:**
- at least 2 pair of socks a day
- jacket
• sweatshirt
• rain poncho (label with your name)
• swim suit
• hat - MANDATORY (if you wear a cap, you may wear a type of bandana/scarf to put under your cap to cover your ears and neck from getting sunburned). Wide brim hats are recommended.
• extra pair of shoes (in case of rain or issues come up with your first pair of shoes)
• gloves (early morning temps are low at times)
• pants (suggest some other type of material other than blue jeans)
• shirts
• sleeping apparel
• sandals/flip flops at the end of the day to let feet air out (optional)
• shorts - allowed in sleeping area and out of site from the communities we pass through
• other personal clothing items
• White shirt for closing ceremony: Pilgrims wear a white shirt (T-shirts/polo, no images on front – only Our Lady of Guadalupe allowed on back) and lanyard with Pilgrimage shell are worn the last day of the pilgrimage as a sign of unity and identification for those completing the pilgrimage

Toiletries:
• towels/wash cloth
• soap/shampoo/conditioner
• toothbrush/paste
• lotion/sports cream/sunblock
• vaseline
• deodorant
• massage oil (optional)
• chap stick
• powder
• shower items:
  o shower shoes/flip flops
  o individual shaving items
  o small bag to carry items to shower

Other items:
• lanyard and Pilgrimage shell
• Bring slip cover for name tag (veterans)
• flashlight
• sun glasses- strongly encouraged
• Rosary - Mandatory
• Pilgrims Guide - Mandatory
• bandana type scarf for cooling neck
• fanny pack or other carring bag while walking to hold supplies
• 2 extra large safety pins to use on fanny pack
• Kleenex tissues
• feminine products

**Medical Needs:**
• If you are taking any prescription medications, please remember to bring them
• Tylenol, Ibuprofen, Motrin or Advil (as needed by you)
• Pepto Bismol, Tums, Imodium
• Cough drops
• Needle and white thread (for blisters)
• Alcohol wipes
• small pair of scissors
• all joint wraps (if you think you might need them)
• all joint braces (if you think you might need them)

**Prevention items**
• Lamb’s wool (for protection and wrap)
• mole skin (to make donuts for blisters) can be thick
• second skin/new skin (for blisters and hot spots)
• blister kits

Note: Only you know how your body works and what it might require - BRING WHAT YOU NEED!!! However, keep in mind it helps EVERYONE out when you pack light.

June Pilgrimage Checklist for Rector(a) and Spiritual Director and Truckers See Route Handbook

**5.4.2 Dress Code**

1. **Hats** (no visors) must be worn while walking. If wearing a baseball cap, may wear bandanas to cover the neck. Wide brim hats are recommended. Men: No hats in buildings, churches, and while eating (unless you are outside). Hats are not allowed on table tops.
2. **Shorts** are not permitted while walking for men or women. Shorts are permitted while resting at end of day for both men and women.
3. **Capri pants**, or sweat pants that are loose fitting and extending, at minimum to mid-calf may be worn. Sunscreen to be used for protection from sunburn.
4. **Spandex or spandex type pants**, including Leggings are not allowed while walking or in any Church.
5. **Shirts** may have long sleeves for protection from the sun for men and women. **Shirts must be worn at all times!** Tank tops, spaghetti straps or sleeveless shirts are not allowed.
6. **All clothing free of writing or images** that are deemed inappropriate on Pilgrimage.
7. **Jewelry** is not allowed.

*Observance of this Dress Code is by all Peregrinos and Guadalupanas while on May and June Pilgrimages.*

It is the responsibility of the Leadership Team to educate and remind those on Pilgrimage to observe the
Dress Code. This topic should be covered during formation sessions and a copy provided for participants so that all are aware of the expectations.

5.4.3 What not to Bring

Please do not bring any of the following items:
- Alarm clocks,
- I-Pods, or electronic music devices
- Cell phones,
- or other distracting devices
- JEWELRY
  - rings on any body part,
- Watches, bracelets or necklaces

* Pilgrimage is not part of your normal daily activities; you get away from the situations and people that you interact with on a routine basis.

6. Steering Committee – Guidance for Maintaining and Improving the Overall Pilgrimage Experience

The Steering Committee is an advisory committee to the Overall Spiritual Director and Overall Rector. The Steering Committee shall act as the central coordinating body for both the May and June Pilgrimages. The Steering Committee is the avenue of communications between pilgrimage and local areas. Please refer to the Constitution Section for membership, function, meetings and finances.

6.1 Committees to Support Pilgrimage

Designated committees to support Pilgrimage are as follows;
- Constitution
- Handbook
- Pilgrims Guide
- Recorder for the year
- Web Site
- Art work
- Mother's Day Pilgrimage
- Route Handbooks
- Route Organizers
- Leadership Suggestion Group
- Local Leaders and Area Coordinators
- Registration
- T-Shirts/ Alternative idea
- June Retreat Planners
- Formation Session Planners
• Day of Recollection (May pilgrims)
• Music
• Supplies (preparation, distribution, pick up, ordering)
• Leadership Orientation/training planning
• New Pilgrims Orientation planning
• Medical
• Insurance ..etc.

6.2 Working Committees

Proposed Working Committees (term: 1 Pilgrimage Year - June or August through June/July)

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<td>Records meeting notes and maintains meeting notes from committee work. Sends meeting notes out to committee members.</td>
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<td>Art Work</td>
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<td>Provide contacts and information as needed by the route leadership plans the May Pilgrimage Day of Recollection (usually held in April)</td>
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<td>Route Direction Support Handbook</td>
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<td>Route Organizers</td>
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<td>Leadership Suggestion Group</td>
<td>Suggest and contact possible Pilgrimage Leadership for May and June</td>
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<td>Reviews registration form for the year and suggests changes. Handles all May and June registration forms. Creates the list of route participants. Separates and places applications into route binders</td>
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<td>Music</td>
<td>Plans any music necessary during the Pilgrimage year (retreats, formation session(s), Closing Masses)</td>
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<td>Inventory supplies, order supplies. Prepare medical boxes for each route.</td>
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6.3 **Tasks and Time Line**

Suggested Tasks and Time Line for the work of the Steering Committee.

**July**
- Process Review meeting
- Debrief May and June Pilgrimages (Leadership, Overall Spiritual Director and Overall Rector(a))
- Get volunteers for Steering Committee Work committees for the year
- Recorder of past year turns in materials to Overall Spiritual Director
- Other

**August** - no meeting

**September**
- Handbook Committee meets to review and be prepared to make recommendations at September Steering Committee Meeting
- Constitution Committee meets to review and be prepared to make recommendations at September Steering Committee Meeting
- Pilgrim Guide Committee meets for review and be prepared to make recommendations at September Steering Committee Meeting (during years the Guide is reprinted)
- Route Handbook Committee meets to review and be prepared to make recommendations at September Steering Committee Meeting
- Registration Committee to review application issues and be prepared to make recommendations at the September Steering Committee Meeting
- Leadership Suggestion Committee Meet
- Steering Committee Meeting
  - Spiritual Preparation
  - Set Pilgrimage Calendar of events (Sept. - July)
  - Review list of contacts for area coordinators and area leaders
  - Web site committee report for upcoming year
- Other

**October**
- Steering Committee Meeting
  - Spiritual Preparations
  - Permit issues
  - Leadership Committee makes suggestions to Steering Committee on Rector(a)s (May and June) and Spiritual Directors (June)
  - Registration form discussed / Approval to post forms given
• Others:

**November**

• Steering Committee Meeting
  o Spiritual Preparations
  o Approval of Leadership Committee’s recommendations by overall Spiritual Director
  o Committee reports: Handbook, constitution, Pilgrim Guide and Route Handbook
  o Route Handbook Committee hands handbook over to Rector(a)s

• Others:

**December**

• Applications due by December 12th, dia de Guadalupe
• No Steering Committee Meeting this month

**January**

• Steering Committee Meeting (if needed)
  o Spiritual Preparations
  o Reports from Committees
• June Retreat Committee meets to plan Retreat
• Mother’s Day Pilgrimage Committee meet to plan the Day of Recollection
• Leadership Committee meets to plan Leadership training Orientation
• Supply Committee inventory and order supplies
• New Pilgrims Orientation Committee meets
• Medical committee – inventory and order supplies
• Others:

**February** (This is an optional Meeting) – the following agenda items might be moved to January if no February meeting is planned.

• Steering Committee Meeting (last one until Process Review Meeting in July)
  o Spiritual Preparations
  o Committee Reports
• Formation Session Committee meets to plan
• May Pilgrimage Day of Recollection meet to plan the Day of Recollection
• Supply committee report
• New Pilgrims Orientation takes place
• Leadership Orientation takes place
• Music committee meets
• Others:

**March / April**

• June Pilgrimage Retreat
• Closing mass committee meets
April
- May Pilgrimage Day of Recollection
- Route Organizers Committee meets to help put June Pilgrimage materials together to be ready to give out at Formation Meeting

May
- Mother’s Day Pilgrimage
- Formation Session

June
June Pilgrimage

7. Planning and Coordination in Local Area

7.1 Area Coordinator

7.1.1 Role of Area Coordinator

Definition: These people coordinate the arrangements in conjunction with the Rector(a) and Spiritual Director in the areas where the pilgrimage passes through or stops in or at.

List of arrangements can be made for the pilgrims while in their area:
- Meal preparations
- Mass Arrangements or Communion Service
- Lodging/sleeping arrangements
- Transportation needs
- Shower Arrangements
- Obtaining necessary paperwork, completing the forms, returning paperwork to proper entity/person

List of area coordinators and their contact information
See Route Handbook for names and contact information

The communities that each route walks through are as follows:
- **Southwest** - Albuquerque, Sandia Pueblo, Bernalillo, Rio Rancho, Santa Ana Pueblo, Zia Pueblo, Jemez, Jemez Pueblo, Ponderosa, Los Alamos, San Ildefonso, Pojoaque, Chimayo
- **East** - Bernal, Tecolote, La Manga, Las Vegas, Sapello, El Carmen, Ledoux, Monte Aplanado, Mora, Cleveland, Holman, Placita, Vadito, Penasco, Chamisal, Las Trampas, Truchas, Cordova, Santa Cruz, Chimayo
- **West** - Chama, Tierra Amarilla, Los Ojos, La Puente, Cebolla, Canjilon, Ghost Ranch, Abiquiu, Espanola, Santa Cruz, Chimayo
- **North** - Costilla, Questa, Taos, Taos Pueblo, Ranchos de Taos, Penasco, Truchas, Santa Cruz, Chimayo
- **South** - Estancia, Morarity, Stanley, Galesteo, Santa Fe, Pojoaque, Chimayo
7.2 Local Leaders

7.2.1 Role of Local Leaders

Definition: A person to lead in each of the local areas where there are Peregrinos and/or Guadalupanas. All areas should have this leader. Refer to Constitution for Local Leaders introduction, objectives and other information.

The concept of leadership is very crucial to the survival of the Pilgrimages for Vocations. Local leadership should act as the principal shepherd of a structured group within a community of faith participating in the affairs of the various established routes throughout the formation of pilgrimage. Generally, a local leader will provide the basis for perpetual involvement by serving their local Church in religious and traditional functions.

List of some of the roles and responsibilities for the Local Leader:

- Shall serve in planning and carrying out the preparatory activities, including fund-raisers, required practice walks, and retreats for Peregrinos and Guadalupanas.
- Each local group, under the direction of the local leaders, shall follow the directives of the Pilgrimage Handbook/Constitution and any other action taken by the Steering Committee.
- Shall encourage community service and parish support activities.
- Shall schedule and conduct regular meetings to convey the actions taken by the Steering Committee or information provided by the Overall Spiritual Director.
- Shall distribute, receive, and process May and June Pilgrimage Applications as per instructions.

The specific role of a local leader is to

- Identify the needs of the local Parish community;
- Determine the various aspects of preparing and organizing a local group;
- Structure and conduct local group meetings;
- Coordinate the local area with its associated pilgrimage route;
- Communicate between local leader, local area coordinator, if applicable, and pilgrimage leadership.

List of local leaders and their contact information
See Website for this information - www.pilgrimagesforvocations.org

7.3 Expectations for Pilgrims and Local Parish Priests

It is the responsibility of the Peregrinos and Guadalupanas of a parish to invite the pastor, other priests and religious to share in the prayer of the Pilgrimage. General expectations from the local parish priests are:

- Be knowledgeable about the mission and purpose of the Archdiocese Pilgrimage For Vocations
- Support the local group of Pilgrims
• Review and sign May and June Pilgrimage Applications
• At the designated Mass prior to June Pilgrimage, bless the Pilgrims on their departure (blessing is found in the Pilgrims Guide)

Expectations on the part of the Pilgrims from a parish
• Pilgrims will participate in the spiritual life of the parish (i.e. ministry in the parish)
• Pilgrims will participate in Holy week Services and Triduum
• Pilgrims will organize and participate in preparation walks
• Pilgrims will promote vocations to the priesthood, deaconate and religious life within the parish.

When June Pilgrimage passes through their areas or stop in their communities Pastor will consider
• supporting those caring for the pilgrims (some fund raising may be necessary)
• celebrating Mass with the Pilgrims or provide Communion Service
• walking with Pilgrims when possible
• praying for Pilgrimage for Vocations
• celebrating Sacrament of Reconciliation

8. Leadership Roles and Responsibilities

8.1 Overall Spiritual Director

The Overall Spiritual Director of the Pilgrimages for Vocations of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe is appointed by the Archbishop of Santa Fe. He oversees every aspect of the Mother's Day Pilgrimage and the week-long June Pilgrimage. He is also responsible for overseeing the Pilgrimage Steering Committee. Protecting the soul of pilgrimage is essential. Making sure that Prayer is at the heart of the pilgrimage experience. The pilgrimages persistently encourage vocations to the priesthood, deaconate, and consecrated life. Within the Pilgrimages and Steering Committee, the Overall Spiritual Director has the following responsibilities:

• Setting agenda for the steering committee meetings.
• Establishing agenda for steering committee meetings.
• Conducting all meetings.
• Has final decision in choosing route leadership every year.
• Works with local area leaders and coordinators.
• Chooses the theme each year.
• Provides catechetical formation around the theme throughout the year.
• Sets dates/details for Day of Recollection.
• Sets dates/details for June Retreat
• Sets agenda for Retreat
• Sets dates/details for formation session(s)
• Sets agenda for formation session(s)
• Appoints Overall Rector(a) for pilgrimage
8.2 Overall Rector

The Overall Rector is in charge of the Pilgrimage and the staff in all matters not related to spiritual matters. It is his or her job to keep his/her hand on the pulse of the group and to reflect honestly and prayerfully with the spiritual director over the care, progress of all Peregrinos and Guadalupanas.

Applications

- Makes applications available to local leaders in October.
- Receives all applications from local leaders before Jan 1st for processing and accounting.
- Compiles applications from local leaders and records order they are received.
- The applications are then sent to committee for entering in computer.
- Rectores are notified on totals for each direction at the February Leadership Training.
- Rectores are provided a binder with all applications for their designated routes at the February Leadership Training.
- All Route Spiritual Directors and Rectores(as) should be in contact with Overall Rector on all information pertinent to their areas.

Other roles and responsibilities

- Assist to prepare Rectores each year.
- Keep and maintain route schedules, Pilgrim’s Guide, and supplies.
- Receives schedules from each route and assists Rector(a) in scheduling the route such as contacting the local areas.
- Assist in coordination of formation meeting.
- Encourage new leadership on Pilgrimage, may recommend Rector(a) and Spiritual Director.
- Oversees finances of Pilgrimage

Note: Duties can and are at times delegated.

8.2.1 Financial Statement

(This section is under construction)

8.3 Route Spiritual Director

Route Spiritual Director should be free to be the pastor of the pilgrimage. Their model is the “Good Shepherd, who came not to be served but to serve, not to judge and condemn but to save what is lost”. During Pilgrimage, this person must keep a pulse on and maintain a spiritual atmosphere for the entire group to allow the opportunity for each pilgrim to experience spiritual and religious growth. This person
should remain with the pilgrimage once it has begun. If necessary Spiritual Director can ride at any time or at all time during the pilgrimage.

**8.3.1 Qualities of a Spiritual Director - June**

- Understand the beauty of Pilgrimage, its role and its importance.
- Have a Passion for Pilgrimage.
- Know and model the "traditions", “customs” and “rituals” of Pilgrimage.
- Be a person of prayer.
- Be active and involved in your own parish community.
- Be living the five above qualities through example.
- Be comfortable about talking about God in their own life.
- Have the ability to take scripture and weave them throughout the day.
- Have the ability to understand issues in pilgrim's lives and serve in the servant role.
- Have the ability to help with discernment topics.
- Know the prayers prayed during Pilgrimage.
- Possess skills which allow to have tactful interactions with everyone.
- Ability to have conversations with each person during the week.
- Be a team player.
- Be able to work closely with Rector(a).

**8.3.2 Guidelines for Consideration as a Spiritual Director**

Guidelines/ to be considered in serving in the leadership position of Spiritual Director for the June Pilgrimage:

- Walked in Pilgrimage at least 5 years
- Walked the direction you are leading at least one time
- Possess the qualities of a Spiritual Director, see section 8.3.1.
- Have secured the support of your family
- Have secured the support of friends
- Committed to the decision to serve in the role as Spiritual Director for a year.
- Can give to Pilgrimage from December to December of the year I serve by preparing for and attending Steering Committee Meetings, retreats, formation session, and Process Review meeting.
- Commit to supporting the growth of the pilgrimage by belonging to the Steering Committee after serving as Spiritual Director.

Prior to committing to taking on this leadership role consider:

- Praying about the role before saying yes to the position.
- Evaluate the level of support from family and friends.
- Know that along with the Rector, or Rectora, you will be the sign of service par-excellence and share this with the “priests and deacons”.

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8.3.3 Responsibilities of Spiritual Director

Responsibilities/roles/duties/tasks from start to finish

- Communicate with Rector, Rectora regarding route schedule
- Plan evening program as appropriate
- Become knowledgeable about the meaning behind Pilgrimage rituals (i.e. Prostration, Deep Bow) in order to share that with others.
- Complete all pre-pilgrimage arrangements (see included task list)
- If not already, become a member of the Steering Committee

Responsibilities/roles/duties/tasks prior to the week of Pilgrimage

- Arrange Mass or Communion Services at the respective communities (where, who, time, priest, special arrangements)
- Checklist of tasks to complete prior to the week of Pilgrimage. Some will be shared with the group at formation session
- Check material from Father Ed and/or Deacon Don to make sure you have all materials needed for the week.
- Prepare for the Sunday and Friday rituals by reading the sections in the binder provided by Father Ed and fulfilling your roles in these rituals.

Responsibilities/roles/duties/tasks during the week of Pilgrimage

- Keep track of which groups will lead rosaries and chaplets
- Keep track of which group will lead morning and evening prayers
- Keep track of which group will lead in giving thanks
- Keep track of which group will gather /Sacred Soil. This must be done consistently. Know where the sacred soil bag is at all times, and prepare it on a daily basis for collection that day.
- Keep track of which group will collect the petitions. Know where petitions are at all times. Make copies of blank petitions available to all.
- Keep track of the piece of the Sacred Heart.
- Make sure the sacred space for the Guia to rest is set up in each of the places where you will be staying for the night.
- Make sure the stand for the Guia is available when needed.
- Choose or pick lectors for Masses and reading of the Responsorial Psalms.
- Lead some of the prayer times when walking.
- Make sure the Angelus is prayed at the scheduled times (6 am, Noon, 6 pm).
- Make sure a prayer, song, will be recited when visiting a community.
- Come to the front of the line during encuentros.
- Usually but not always, Spiritual Director will walk in back of the line in order to visit/pray with each pilgrim as they come to the back of the line. Support them, listen to them, check to see who is hurting, physically and mentally.
At night check with priest leaders to know what pilgrims might need the total group’s support.

Instruct priest leaders how to conduct night prayers. First night give them the materials needed for night prayer. (candle, matches, etc.)

If someone has to leave the Pilgrimage during the week, take on the task of coordinating the departure blessing and support that person as they leave with their family.

Have tokens of thanks ready each day, and also make sure the thanks to each group is consistent with all the other groups.

Plan and lead morning and evening prayers.

Hand out daily meditation for walking and make sure they are utilized.

Conduct the opening Sunday rituals and closing Friday rituals.

Assist Rector or Rectora in selecting person that will speak at Mass on Saturday. (Note; speaker does not need to be a new pilgrim).

Safely and Spiritually arrive as a group at Chimayo

Participate in the Closing Rituals and Mass at Chimayo

8.4 Route Rector / Rectora

8.4.1 Qualities of a Rector(a) – May and June

Understand the beauty of Pilgrimage, its role and its importance.

Have a Passion for Pilgrimage.

Know and model the "traditions", “customs” and “rituals” of Pilgrimage.

Be a person of prayer.

Be active and involved in your own parish community .

Be living the above qualities through example.

Be able to commit to the "logistical" part of Pilgrimage

Have strong planning and organizational skills

Be a good communicator

Be flexible and adaptable yet firm and strong

Be self confident

Be able to handle pressure

Be a team player

Be able to work closely with the Spiritual Director

Be able to draw the best out of people

Be able to work within and with the various ages of the group members

Be able to see the group as a “family unit” as well as seeing the “individual”

Be able to discern what is happening in the group, sensitive to the needs of others

Be diplomatic when addressing group

Be physically fit
8.4.2 Guidelines for Consideration as a Rector(a)

Guidelines/ to be considered in serving in the leadership position of Rector(a) for the June Pilgrimage:

- Walked in Pilgrimage at least 5 years
- Walked the direction you are leading at least one time
- Possess the qualities of a Rector(a) listed in section 8.4.1.
- Have secured the support of your family
- Have secured the support of friends
- Am committed to the decision to serve in the role as Rector(a) for a year.
- Can give of myself to Pilgrimage from November to November of the year I serve by preparing for and attending Steering Committee Meetings, retreats, formation session, and evaluation meeting.
- Commit to supporting the growth of the pilgrimage by belonging to the Steering Committee after my year as Rector(a).

Prior to committing to taking on this leadership role consider:

- Praying about the role before saying yes to the position.
- Evaluate the level of support from family and friends.
- Know that along with the Spiritual Director, you will be the sign of service par-excellence and share this with the “priests and deacons”.

8.4.3 Responsibilities of Rector(a)

Responsibilities/roles/duties/tasks from start to finish

- Communicate and plan the route with the Spiritual Director
- Goal of pilgrimage, to experience spiritual growth that leads to meet this goal. Purposefully walk toward the pilgrimage goal of experiencing spiritual growth in the pilgrims on your route.
- Communicate with local leaders and or area coordinator to plan the details of being in the various communities you will walk through and stay at
- Keep mind and actions on the pulse of the group
- Reflect honestly and prayerfully with the Spiritual Director over the care and progress of the group
- Might need to perform duties not on this job description along with the Spiritual Director and/or others.
- Complete all pre-pilgrimage arrangements (see included task list).
- If not already, become a member of the Steering Committee.

Responsibilities/roles/duties/tasks prior to the week of Pilgrimage

- Route’s schedule, see routes handbook.
- Allow sufficient time to contact local leaders and or area coordinator to plan and or confirm details (eating schedules, sleeping schedules, Mass/services, encuentros, bussing needs, showers, etc).
- Obtain the registration forms for the group members.
• Obtain a folder from the route handbook from Overall Spiritual Director with information for the route
• Obtain a box of materials and guia from Overall Spiritual Director and/or Overall Rector that will be used during the week of Pilgrimage. Check contents (see list that comes with the box)
• Checklist of tasks to complete prior to the week of Pilgrimage. Some will be shared with the group at a formation session.
• Make route staff assignments to eligible staff (example: priest leaders, deacons, head trucker, other truckers, medical personnel, music leader)
• Assign groups while observing the following, family dynamics, friend dynamics, age, parish, number of years walked, etc.
• Plan for the safety of the group.
• Consider and prepare for discipline actions if needed
• Notify Priest Leaders and Deacons of their selection and send them list of responsibilities.

Responsibilities/roles/duties/tasks during the week of Pilgrimage
• Organize pilgrims at gathering place.
• Follow the route schedule, you do not have the authority to change the route, only Overall Spiritual Director, and steering committee has this authority. No walking before four AM (4:00 am)
• Keep track of quiet time, prayer, singing and conversation times
• Call formation as needed (prior warning call)
• Rotate groups to be first (example: to eat)
• Rotate groups to accomplish tasks: clean up, give thanks, collect sacred soil, collect petitions, lead prayers, lead singing)
• Rotate groups to respectfully carry the guia, image(s), heart piece, and other items that are being carried at the front of the line so that each person has had the opportunity to carry the guia at least once a day.
• Encourage and lead stretching before start of day, during the day, and when your walking is done for the day.
• Be prepared with AM wake-up calls and make sure lights are out at the end of the day on schedule.
• Assign sleeping areas upon arrival at locations.
• Be up front along with your Spiritual Director and those from that community for any encuentros.
• May be called on to address situations which may arise with an individual or a group. Any/or all of the following may be called upon as well: Spiritual Director, priest(s), and deacon(s), or veterans or past leaders of the group.
• Safely and Spiritually arrive at Chimayo.
• Participate in the Closing Rituals and Mass at Chimayo.
• Staff meetings and Reports: Each evening, the staff should meet together beginning with a prayer circle for 5 minutes of centering and silence. Business needs will now be taken care of for that
day. Each staff member should give a report about their group members to the Spiritual Director and Rector(a) at this time.

8.5 Priest Leader

The Priest Leaders work with the Rector/a and Spiritual Director in leading the smaller groups within the route as identified by the Rector/a and Spiritual Director. The Priest leaders are selected by the Rector/a and Spiritual Director, preferably a two year veteran pilgrim or the most experienced pilgrims. The main responsibility of a Priest Leader is to provide leadership and support to their assigned small group by keeping the group Christ-centered.

A priest leader shall provide the following leadership to the individual group:

- Shall pass on instructions they have received from the Rector/a and/or Spiritual Director.
- Shall lead and encourage their group to participate in prayer and singing times, silence and conversation
- Shall make sure the group understands the daily routine
- Shall make sure each member of the group gets to lead and carry the Guia, the image of Our Lady, and piece of the Sacred Heart
- Shall support the Rector(a) and Spiritual Director in the area of expected pilgrimage conduct and expectations in their small groups as well as within their route.
- Shall be familiar with the pilgrimage customs, rituals and traditions in order to model for and explain to the group their significance.
- Shall organize the group with assignments, such as; leading prayers or songs, giving thanks, clean up duties.
- Shall lead night prayer as a small group.
- Shall report to the route leadership any concerns or issues which may arise.
- Shall know where their group members are at all times
- Shall assist the leadership with any duties asked of the group
- Shall lead group when formation is called.
- Priest Leaders will start the first day of the June Pilgrimage. Notification and responsibilities can be made prior to that time by the Rector(a) and Spiritual Director.

8.6 Medical

Two types of medical personnel on each route are preferable but understand not always possible.

The first type of person would be knowledgeable and/or experienced in:

1. prevention and care specific to pilgrims needs that arise due to excessive walking (blisters, hot spots, muscle soreness, shin splints and other related conditions). Referred to as Medical Deacons, see 8.7.

The second type of person would be certified/trained to be able to:
2. respond to medical needs such as dehydration, heat related symptoms, heart rate and blood pressure and other related conditions.

Medical persons shall:

- Oversee the work of the Deacons
- Be available to advise and support Deacons
- Advise the Route Leadership Team when medical decisions on behalf of the pilgrims are necessary or required.
- If needed, prepare and distribute the Deacon Bags for their respective route
- Be in charge of the Route Medical supplies provided by Pilgrimage for Vocations
- Recommend medical supplies for purchase or which to replenish

If they choose to do so, serve on the Pilgrimage Medical Committee as a member to:

- Assist in the inventory process of all medical supplies for Pilgrimages for Vocations
- Assist in the preparation of each of the routes medical supply boxes.

8.6.1 Medical Deacons

Medical Deacons are entrusted with assisting the priest leaders of their group; their leadership role is to take care of the first-aid needs of the group. Should have or seek some training specific (i.e. First Aid, Massage) to pilgrimage needs before pilgrimage begins. It is strongly suggested to be at least a 2-3 year veteran pilgrim or person with the most experience.

A Medical Deacon shall provide the following leadership duties to their assigned group

- Work closely with the Priest Leader to support group members and help to mediate issues if necessary
- Shall secure the necessary first-aid items from the head medic for group members if person was not prepared with own items
- Shall keep an eye on all the members in group and help them to stay healthy.
- Shall facilitate first-aid to group by training and example.
- Shall model how to take care of self.
- Shall stress the importance of wearing hats, sunglasses, sunscreen at all times.
- Assists Priest Leader in all activities in group.
- Shall make sure everyone is ready to walk everyday with necessary gear.
- Shall perform other duties necessary for the welfare of the group.
- Deacons will start the first day of the June Pilgrimage. Notification and responsibilities can be made prior to that time by the Rector(a) and Spiritual Director

8.7 Truckers

Truckers assist with the logistics of the route. Safety, transportation and providing for pilgrims needs are the focus of their roles. Each position has specific roles to carry out as well as those roles held in
common in order to get from one point to the next. (See specific types of truckers and their roles in sections below)

A trucker shall provide the following leadership to their assigned group:

- Shall acknowledge and support decisions of Rector(a).
- Shall participate completely in the life of the pilgrimage.
- Shall share with their assigned groups; meals, morning and evening prayer, group responsibilities and sleeping arrangements.
- Shall observe quiet time, prayer and conversation as they are able to during the pilgrimage.
- Shall assist and support one another as needed and required.

Responsibilities applicable to all truckers:

- All truckers, need to be registered for pilgrimage and attend The Archdiocese of Santa Fe Abuse Awareness Training for Adults: Creating a Safe Environment for Our Children.

8.7.1 Truckers’ Positions

Escort/Lead (potty truck for women’s route)
Is in front of the pilgrimage group with warning lights to slow down traffic and to warn them that there are pilgrims on the road. Can be used as a potty or medical truck as needed.

Snack/water
Provides water and snacks for the group.

Medical
Has all the medical and necessary first-aid supplies. Vehicle is large enough to provide a place where someone can lay down.

Luggage
Carries all the individual equipment, sleeping bags and luggage. Make sure when a place is left that nothing is left behind, that the facility is clean and in good condition. Often are responsible of unlocking and locking the facility as needed.

Drivers of pilgrimage vehicle

- There will be no more than 4 vehicles for men’s routes and 5 vehicles for the women’s routes.
- Truckers need to have a vehicle in good condition which has been serviced before pilgrimage.
- Pilgrimage is not responsible for repairs or damages to vehicles.
- Have a spare tire, tool box and any emergency parts as deemed necessary.
- Truckers must have proof of current insurance and current vehicle registration for the vehicle they are responsible for.
- Truckers must have a valid driver’s license.
• If a trucker has no vehicle they will be placed where needed.
• Truckers will be assigned according to the needs of the Rector(a) and Spiritual Director.

Specific trucker duties for drivers
• Drivers must be familiar with the route and drive the route at least once prior to pilgrimage.
• Safety first mentality at all times.
• When parked or driving slow, truckers must stay legal distance off the road and provide for safe passage for pilgrims to pass by vehicles.

8.7.2 Trucker duties of the day

Lead vehicle
Lead with flashers in early morning. Drives ahead of pilgrims and parks a safe distance until pilgrims approach. Then drives further up again until other duties are needed. If escort is also the potty truck, drive ahead to lead until you clean up your area and continue to the front. Also watch for jackets left behind by pilgrims.

Escort truck / Medical
Follows the pilgrimage group with flashers. Stay a safe distance behind acknowledging if a pilgrim is having a hard time. Also watch for jackets on the road.
When medical truck comes up to set up the potty for the women route Medical becomes the lead and drives ahead of the pilgrims. This starts the leap frog system. When the daylight comes the vehicles begin the system so that every mile or so there is a vehicle in front and behind the pilgrims at all times. Whether it is the escort, medical or the snack truck.

Water / Snack truck
Drives 3 miles in front of the pilgrimage group and parks a safe distance off the road and sets up water for the group. Make sure you have a head count of the pilgrims to set up proper amount of cups out. Remember to have a safe passage for the group to get water and keep walking. Have someone stand out ahead of the pilgrims so they can throw their cup in a trash bag. The snack truck will set up closer every time depending on the schedule of the day. Check schedule for encuentros and stops, this will also determine on snacks for the day. MOST IMPORTANT IS WATER. WATER MUST BE SET OUT EVERY STOP OR BREAK. As the heat of the day takes effect on the pilgrims they will need water every ½ mile. Snack truck will also leap frog with the other vehicles keeping pilgrims safe and hydrated.

Medical truck
Carries medical supplies and necessary first-aid. Tend to pilgrims as needed to help them back to the pilgrimage group. Pick up a pilgrim who fall ¼ mile behind. Report any medical concerns to Rector/a

Luggage truck
Rector(a) needs to get pilgrims to take their items to the trailer and gets help to load luggage in the morning. When truck is loaded make an area check and lock up leaving the facility clean. Truck will be
driven to the next location and a designated vehicle will bring you back to the group to continue pilgrimage. Make sure vehicle is in a safe area. If you are staying in the same area make sure music instruments are locked up in a safe area. Luggage pilgrim needs to check with the rector/a for keys to facilities.

**Items for truckers** (depends on the type of trucker one is)
Flashing signal light, warning flags, ice cooler, water coolers, cups, food prep items, baggies, safety triangles, gloves, trash bags, tarps, empty large tubs, paper towels, toilet paper, hand sanitizer, duct tape, bungee cords, table.

### 8.7.3 Head Trucker
- Is a person already in a trucker role.
- Coordinates truckers and keeps rector(a) informed of progress and issues.
- Keeps track of money keeping receipts and all donations accounted for.
- Keeps registration binder, insurance papers, permits to villages and all important papers needed for pilgrimage.
- Keeps contact information for meals, encuentros, and lodging sites.
- Makes sure that the truckers are participating in the life of the pilgrimage with their group.
- Makes sure music instruments have a safe location.
- Make sure all truckers are keeping up with the cleanup of their vehicle in the evening.
- Take drivers of vehicle to fill up on gas. Pilgrims should stay together. Never go on your own anywhere.
- Make sure the truckers cooperate with each other.

### 8.8 Runners
The runners are “deacons” who assist the Rector(a), Spiritual Director, or the medic throughout the day and while on pilgrimage.

- Shall assist with the distribution of first-aid supplies or in any way that is needed.
- Shall assist during the walk in picking up the jackets and/or other clothing, making sure they are put into the proper vehicles.
- Shall deliver any message(s) from Rector(a) and/or Spiritual Director throughout the day as requested.
- Shall assist walkers in any way they are capable of, without injury or undue risk to self or anyone else.
- Shall participate and share with group in prayer, etc.
- Shall be in charge of traffic control.
- Be knowledgeable about proper signs and motions to direct traffic. If possible be trained.
- Shall be rotated with other runners.
- Shall carry walkie-talkies if available and instructed by the Rector(a) and Spiritual Director.
8.9 Music

8.9.1 Musicians
Musicians will serve by helping give life to the pilgrims and witnessing to the joy of the pilgrims at all times prior to pilgrimage and while on pilgrimage. All musicians should bring their instruments for meetings, formation sessions, retreats & pilgrimage itself. Every musician is responsible for taking time to practice, & learn new music if necessary & learn Mass parts & theme song. Assist in selecting new & teaching new music & theme song.

8.9.2 Route Music Leader
Volunteers are appointed by Rector or Rectora, Route Music leader is responsible for leading other musicians on the route, selecting music for daily mass, teaching other musicians songs for closing mass, & theme song. Route Music Leader should be appointed during the second formation session.

8.9.3 Pilgrimage Music Director
Pilgrimage Music Director is responsible for selecting & leading music at meetings, formation sessions, and retreats. Music director is responsible for making sure all musicians have music for pilgrimage & closing mass. Also responsible for teaching & selecting new music & theme song. Music director should be volunteered or appointed by Musicians & Overall spiritual Director during the first steering committee meeting of the year.

8.10 Understudies

What is an understudy?
An understudy shall be a Peregrino or Guadalupana who has participated in the June pilgrimage at least 4 years. The role of an understudy is to "shadow" and be "in training" for preparation for pilgrimage leadership. (The positions of Rector(a) Spiritual Director, Priest Leader, and Deacon can have understudies.)

Who can be an understudy?
Any pilgrim with the qualities for the leadership they are volunteering for (see leadership section)

Who appoints or recommends understudies?
The Overall Spiritual Director and Overall Rector appoints or recommends understudies. The Steering Committee members can also recommend understudies.

Can someone volunteer to be an understudy?
A pilgrim can volunteer after discussing the desire to be an understudy with the Overall Spiritual Director and /or the Overall Rector.
Where and when will understudies be involved?

- Understudies shall be assigned to the same groups as their mentors, keeping in close contact with each other.
- The understudy will also be trained on any preparation done before pilgrimage week begins, starting as early as January.
- Understudies are not to be used as "gophers" or placed in the position of having to take over responsibility of their mentor.
- Understudies will learn all facets of the position in order to be trained for that position.
- Understudies will begin their role as soon as leadership from the route has been established (Rector(a) and Spiritual Directors).

Depending on the experience of being an understudy and after debriefing the experience with the Overall Spiritual Director, Overall Rector and the Route Rector(a) and Route Spiritual Director understudies may become future leadership as determined by all those involved in the decision making process.

9. Leadership Preparation

9.1 Selection Process for Leadership

Leadership for Pilgrimage is crucial and vital. The process to identify and call on leadership can take on a variety of methods.

- Leadership has been approached by Overall Spiritual Director and/or Overall Rector and has been invited or been appointed to serve in this capacity.
- At times, people volunteer or discuss at various times of the year the possibility of serving and then be approved to serve.
- A leadership committee can discuss possible names and then recommend to Overall Spiritual Director
- A discernment process on Thursday evening of the June pilgrimage can identify leadership suggestions (Began during Pilgrimage 2009). See Appendix M for this ritual.
- Suggestions of possible leaders came from the Steering Committee as a whole.

9.2 Leadership Orientation

Date, Time and Location of Retreat

- Date - Usually held in February.
- Time - To be determined by the leadership team.
- Location - Central to those on the leadership team and determined by the leadership team.

Offer support for each member of the leadership in the following ways:

- through prayer
- by providing support materials such as the Pilgrimage Handbook and the Route Handbook
$\bullet$ past leadership being available during the retreat to help clarify any concerns by the leadership

Possible topics to cover during the retreat (leadership can set the agenda)

$\bullet$ Constitution
$\bullet$ Handbook
  $\bullet$ Roles/Responsibilities/Task of each member of the leadership team
  $\bullet$ Possible Time line of accomplishing tasks
$\bullet$ Role of the leadership team for the Team Retreat? What will be shared with the pilgrims during the route breakouts?
$\bullet$ Role of the leadership team for the Formation Session? What will be shared with the pilgrims during the route breakouts?
$\bullet$ Exchange of contact information

9.3 **Permits: Highway, City, and County**

This is the responsibility of the Permit Committee.

Pilgrimage for Vocations both during May and June are considered “Special Events”, therefore, to conduct the pilgrimage on roads in the state, county, city, and other areas in the state of New Mexico requires permission. (because of liability). The steps below must be followed and Certificates of Insurance issued by the Archdiocese of Santa Fe and paperwork approved by the State Highway Department before the day of Pilgrimage.

The following steps apply to both the May and June Pilgrimages.

**Step 1** -
$\bullet$ Complete the required forms (see samples attached) Forms A, B, and Exhibit A
$\bullet$ Mark the routes on maps
$\bullet$ Write a letter to Archdiocese requesting insurance coverage.
$\bullet$ Write letter to the State Highway Department requesting permission for Pilgrimage to occur on Highways in the state of New Mexico
$\bullet$ Send all the required paperwork (above bullets) to Archdiocese and then to the Highway.
$\bullet$ Try to send paperwork to Archdiocese by: January 30th.

**Step 2** -
$\bullet$ Wait for Archdiocese to issue insurance certificates based on the information sent to them from Step 1.
$\bullet$ Issuance should be around February 28th, if not give a courtesy call about status.

**Step 3** -
$\bullet$ Upon receiving the insurance certificates, submit documents to Highway Department (include required forms, maps of routes, letter to Highway Department, and insurance certificate from Archdiocese.)
Date to have sent paperwork to Highway Department – As soon as you receive them from the Archdiocese. ASAP- 1st week in March.

Step 4 -
- Receive Highway Permits (should have them in early May.)
- Give all paperwork to Overall Rector, who will distribute them.

9.4 Certificates of Insurance

CERTIFICATES OF INSURANCE AND HIGHWAY PERMITS
Pilgrimage for Vocations both May and June are considered "Special Events", therefore, must have permission to conduct the pilgrimage on roads in the state, county, city, and other areas in the state of New Mexico. The steps below must be followed and Insurance Certificates provided by the Archdiocese of Santa Fe and permits by the State Highway Department must be obtained before the day of Pilgrimage. The following steps apply to both the May and June Pilgrimages.

Step 1 -
- complete the required forms (see samples attached) Forms A&B, and Exhibit A (paper work for the Highway).
- Mark the routes on maps
- Write a letter to Archdiocese (Catholic Mutual) asking for certificates of insurance to conduct the pilgrimages for the Diocese.
- Write letter to the State Highway Department requesting permission for the Pilgrimage to take place on the highways.
- Send all the above required paper work to Archdiocese, by, approximately January 30. When forms are processed, the Archdiocese will send certificates and all the highway paperwork back to person in charge.

Step 2 -
- This packet (including the Insurance Certificates) is then sent to the Highway Department, Permit Section - Special Events.
- If the response from the Highway department with the paperwork is not back by April give them a courtesy call about status of same.

Step 3 -
- Highway Permits and Insurance Certificates should be in no later than May 1.
- Give all paperwork to Overall Rector who in turn distributes the Certificates & Highway permits to the Rectores and Rectoras.

9.5 Law Enforcement

City/Town/County permits (See individual route handbooks for route specific needs and requirements)
State Police/County escorts as well as being aware of the Pilgrimage in their areas
9.6 Task List with Time Line for Leadership to Follow

9.6.1 Timeline of Planning Tasks for May Pilgrimage

February
- Obtain list of pilgrims
- Contact Parish where the Routes begin.
- Contact Parish and ask for permission to meet there and make arrangements to have access to church or prayer space.

Note: Make sure the Parish Priest and/or Deacon(s) or Mayordomos are aware that the May pilgrimage is beginning at their parish location.

March
- Ask for volunteer help: truckers; water, snack, medical, porta-potty (if applicable).
- Identify, from the application binder, who can help you lead prayers/songs along the route.
- Make arrangements for breakfast (Las Trampas route only)

April
- Make arrangements to pick up necessary items from Overall Rector: flags, vests, flashers signage, guia, extra Pilgrims Guides
- Obtain the readings for morning prayer from Overall Spiritual Director

Day of Pilgrimage
- Arrive at least one hour prior to all pilgrims
- Morning Prayer(welcome, introductions, sign in sheet, Pilgrim Guides given, music 1/2 hour before first arrivals, prepare opening song, select reader, share a reflection on the theme, discuss the following points - respect for guia, rotation: silence, prayer, conversation, single file, carrying the guia, logistics (coats, water, snacks, potty)

During the day
- Lead or have volunteers lead the prayers and singing
- Pace group in order to be at the Santuario by 9:00
- Assure everyone has the opportunity to carry the guia. Make sure person rotates to back of group.
- Do what is necessary to keep the group together and safe. Encourage family members to meet group at Chimayo.
- Stop to eat breakfast (Las Trampas group only).

At Chimayo
- Have a designated person gather all the flags, vest, etc and return them to Overall Rector at the end of the Mass.
- Walk into the Santuario to receive crosses and meet outside of the church as a group. Once all group members have gathered, walk your group down to the Mass gathering area. You may want to pass out water.
- Assist with the Liturgy where asked to do so.

After Pilgrimage
- Attend Process Review meeting in July.
- Attend Steering Committee Meetings (Sept-Feb) as a member.

9.6.2 Timeline for Planning Tasks for June Pilgrimage

July
Attend June/May Pilgrimage debrief with all Route Leadership, Overall Spiritual Director and Overall Rector.
Rector(a) and Spiritual Director
- Attend Process Review Meeting (usually scheduled 3rd Sunday in July)

Sept-November
- Attend Steering Committee meetings

November
Rector(a) and Spiritual Director
- Once you have answered the Lord's call to serve as Rector(a) or Spiritual Director, for a particular route, you will want to exchange contact information. Start communicating ideas, concerns, expectations of self and the route. Get to know each other. Discuss your pilgrimage experiences.
- Obtain the Route Direction Handbook for your direction (this contains details of the route).
- Attend a Rector(a) and Spiritual Director's training session (planned for the last week in February).
- If not already attending, attend the monthly Steering Committee Meetings.

January
- Ask for a list of the registered Pilgrims from your route.
- Contact truckers and discuss their particular assignments. Invite your lead and or head trucker to drive the route with you in February.
- Drive the route as soon as you can. If you are a new R/SD you might want to invite a veteran on this route to come along.
- Contact all priests throughout the route to let them know what days and times pilgrimage will be in their areas or at their churches/parishes.

February
Rector(a) and Spiritual Director
- First drive on the route with SD, head/lead trucker, understudy and a driver. Purpose of the drive - noting all details along the route (where your truckers stop, where you sleep, where you eat, where your contacts live, where you pick up keys, etc.)
Once you have a Route Schedule and a list of Point of Contacts, try to contact them by phone and make arrangements to meet with them in person on your next drive of the route
- Attend Leadership Orientation Session

March
Rector(a) and Spiritual Director
- Write and mail letter to Pilgrims from your route to introduce yourself, providing packing checklists, and other handouts (suggested at the training), let new pilgrims know of the New Pilgrim’s Orientation dates, times and locations as well as other meeting dates.
- From list of Pilgrims, make possible role assignments; deacons, priest leaders, truckers, musicians, others?
- Set date to drive the route in April - all truckers, understudy
- Make contact with people you have assigned in various roles

April
Rector(a) and Spiritual Director
- Drive the route with all truckers and understudy. Meet with area coordinators and any other contacts you need to meet with. Work out all the stops with the truckers and their specific roles.
- Arrangements made for any specialness on your route (see your Route Handbook)
- Secure your back up people in each community and all the other contacts your might need along the route
- Attend the June Retreat - Be prepared to introduce yourself to those walking from your route. Cover the prepared agenda including items from the Leadership Orientation with your group during a break-out session.

Rector(a)
- If there is another group walking a part of the same route as you, check with the R/SD about any issues and areas that need to be planned and worked out.
- Inform local area coordinators of your schedule so they know where the group will be at all times if they need to get a hold of you.
- Send detail schedule to lead truckers as well, they also get a list of all contact names and numbers along the way as well as each other’s numbers (if carrying cell phones)

Spiritual Director
- Call and Make arrangements for Masses, confessions, encuentros (check with Rector(a) before doing this so you are on the same page)
- Might want to put together histories of the communities you walk through and stay at.
- Have the evening activities planned and contacts made for Spiritual talks, and guest speakers.

May
Rector(a) and Spiritual Director
- Attend Formation Session - cover agenda items (given at February training session) with those walking from your route. Distribute handouts.
- Make arrangements with Overall R and SD to pick up necessary items for your route for the week of Pilgrimage
• After getting the materials, go through them and get familiar with the items and when you will need them. Check for any missing items in time to notify someone of your discovery(s).

Rector(a)
• Drive the route for the last time. Double check your lists for any missing pieces. Follow up with anything you've noted. Make any final arrangements necessary.
• Do you have a Plan A, B and maybe C?
• Consider your group assignments for clean up, music, thanks, readings/prayers/Altar set up, collecting sacred soil and petitions. Obtain bags for sacred soil and petitions from the supplies or provide your own.

Spiritual Director
• Have all materials gathered and organized for each evenings activities as well as Sunday and Friday Rituals

June
On Pilgrimage

When Steering Committee meetings start for the next year's pilgrimage, know that all past Rector(a)’s and Spiritual Directors are now members of the Steering Committee and are encouraged to attend each of the monthly meetings.

9.7 Scheduling

When putting together a schedule for the route there is supplementary information along with the important aspects of the route that Rectors and Spiritual directors need to keep in mind. In addition, there are important things that need to be done each day. It is important to have a schedule that can be followed closely during the week. It would be a good idea to time certain things on the first day and make adjustments as necessary the following days. For example, timing for getting ready in the morning, or eating based on the size of the group.

Information to share with Overall Rector and Overall Spiritual Director

Week’s schedule that will include:
Times and Locations for:
• Breakfast
• Lunch
• Mass or Communion Service
• Dinner
• Encuentros
• Sleeping Locations
• Main Breaks

Route specific information
• Sleeping arrangements
• Busing arrangements
• Shower arrangements

Things that happen every day
• Rise
• Morning Prayer
• Breakfast
• Walk
• Angelus 6:00 am
• Walk
• Lunch
• Angelus 12:00 pm
• Walk if not at destination
• Mass or Communion Service
• 4:00 pm prayer
• Angelus 6:00 pm
• Dinner
• Evening Prayer
• Night Prayer
• Lights out

Supplementary information for scheduling purposes includes:
• Know distance between points
• Walking rate of 3 miles per hour (45 minute difference over 9 miles)
• Break for 30 minutes approximately every 10 miles or 4 hours of walking
• Number of walkers in the group
• How much time is needed to get ready in the morning
• How much time to eat meals (some are faster than others)

9.8 Route Support Handbooks/Binders

Function
To serve as a support and guide for the leadership from a route.

Table of Contents
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• Section Two: Job Description/Role of Rector(a) and Spiritual Director along with all other leadership roles
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• Section Five: Role of the Leadership at the Team Retreat and Formation Session
• Section Six: Items related to the route: description, overall map, day by day map, directions to the Sunday starting point
• Section Seven: Overall week schedule and day by day schedule
• Section Eight: Contact information: Father Ed, Deacon Don, Area Coordinators and Local Leaders

Location of Route Handbook
In the hands of the Rector(a) after leadership has been identified until the Process Review Meeting. At the Process Review Meeting they will go into the hands of the Route Handbook Committee Chair.

Revisions
Made during the week of pilgrimage as needed. Formally through a committee and presented at a Steering Committee meeting.

10. Website
What the website includes now:
• Applications (Oct - Dec)
• Calendar
• Contact Information
• Guestbook
• History
• June Pilgrimage information
• Local Leader list
• May Pilgrimage information
• Photo Gallery
• Religious Links
• Resources
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(Most of the handouts shown were provided to leadership by Fr. Ed)
11.1 Appendix A: Closing Rituals for Saturday Morning

1. After breakfast you begin walking, please do not stop for a break. After you arrive at the Santuario, come right into the Chapel. Do not pause for the "Deep bow" the pilgrimage has not ended yet. Do not stop for pictures, keep coming. Bring your group into Chapel and you will be given instructions, where to sit. Musicians should go to front and help play.

2. Groups should all arrive by 9:15 am. As each group arrives they will be greeted and given instructions and each member will receive the pilgrimage cross. Rector(a) and Spiritual Director help give crosses.

3. Persons with Guia, Guadalupanas, sacred soil and piece of heart stand in front. Petitions and sacred soil stay with the group, and will be called for during Mass. All others are seated in Chapel.

4. After all have arrived we will honor our Lady by singing, Madre Morena, page 105.

5. After song we will begin to exit chapel and line up by route behind your Guia outside at the entrance to where mass will be. Line-up order: Guia, Guadalupana, sacred soil, part of heart/stand, prayer intentions, Musicians, Peregrinos and Guadalupanas, Pilgrim Virgin, Celebrants.

6. Procession begins from court yard down to mass area. Route Rector(a) and Spiritual Director help with seating. Keep routes together and use your judgment.

7. Musicians, go to back of altar area.

8. All five Guia’s stand in front of altar and face the community, Guadalupana images are placed in back of altar. Persons with soil stand on right side of altar, and have soil ready to pour. Persons with pieces of heart, stand on the left side of altar. Person with petitions take with them to sit with group. Celebrants sit behind altar.

9. Pilgrimage Virgin is set up on side of altar.

10. Welcome and introduction is given by Overall Spiritual Director.

11. Sacred soil is brought forward, and Main celebrant takes soil form each route and traces a cross and circle on ground in front of altar. Spiritual Director reads prayer for each route.

12. Heart is then united and placed on stand. Stand and Heart are then placed on soil.

13. ENCUENTRO: Guia's make a circle around soil and heart, with music they slowly begin to raise Guia's and when raised high they all come together and touch. Pause for a few moments.

14. Guia's are lowered and stand in front of altar and veneration begins by route. South, North, East, West, Southwest. During veneration musicians should be prepared to sing some songs. After veneration all Guia's are placed behind altar.

15. Following the veneration, one member from each route shares experience, three minutes. They are introduced by Spiritual Director and Rector(a).

16. Eucharist begins, after sharing, with Gathering song.
11.1.1 Appendix A: Arrival and Seating: Saturday Morning

ARRIVAL AND SEATING: SATURDAY MORNING

PILGRIMAGES FOR VOCATIONS

Lower Section of Santuario

WALKING: Please do not stop for any breaks. When you arrive at the Santuario come into the Chapel. There is NO order in which the routes arrive.

There is not much shade, come prepared. ALL must wear hats.

SEATING: Have truckers reserve benches and bring drinking water into seating area.

CHIOR

PILGRIM VIRGIN ALTAR

Please leave first two rows of South - North section in front of Altar empty.

SOUTHWEST NORTH SOUTH EAST
11.1.2 Appendix A: End of Pilgrimage Collection and Storage of Supplies

END OF PILGRIMAGE COLLECTION AND STORAGE OF SUPPLIES

Please follow these instructions.

GENERAL SUPPLIES
Head Trucker for each route: Have truckers collect the following supplies and give them to Deacon Leon Jones at the end of Mass at the Santuario. All safety flags, flashing lights, safety vests, safety triangles, caution pilgrimage banners, cups and t.p. etc.

MEDICAL SUPPLIES
Head Medical Person: collect all medical boxes with leftover supplies, deacon bags, massage tables, etc. Give the supplies to __________________________.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR AND RECTOR, RECTORA SUPPLIES. All unused lanyards, plastic name pockets, pens, pilgrim’s guides, pocket New Testaments, thank you gifts, tea candles, matches, rosaries, etc. Collect these items and bring them to Ascension in ABQ or give them to __________________________.

MONEY: Unused gas money and receipts and any donations are to be given to __________________________ at the Santuario on Saturday after Mass.

RELIGIOUS SUPPLIES: After Mass route truckers, collect all the Guia’s & stands, images of Our Lady of Guadalupe, heart & hands, soil bags, petition bags and give them to __________________________ at the Santuario

WATER: Please have water truckers assigned to bring water in for the closing activities and Eucharist.

NOTHING IS TO BE WORN ON THE OUTSIDE OF WHITE T-SHIRT. ALL SHOULD BE WEARING THE OFFICIAL PILGRIMAGE LANYARD AND PILGRIMAGE SHELL ONLY.

OTHER: ____________________________________________________________

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Appendix B: Ministry, June Pilgrimage – Saturday Morning Mass

MINISTRY,

JUNE PILGRIMAGE

Saturday Morning Mass

LITURGY OF THE WORD

SOUTH: First Reading ________________________________

Responsorial Psalm: Sung (Choir)

NORTH: Second Reading ______________________________

GOSPEL: Deacon _______________________________________

GENERAL INTERCESSIONS

(Intercessions from the four routes are brought to the Altar. Representatives from EAST, and SOUTHWEST will be asked to pray some intercessions. When they arrive at the Santuario they should see ____________________________ in the Altar area and get petitions to be prayed. Following these prayers the bags of petitions are presented to Presider, who offers a prayer.)

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

(Depending on number of Priests and Deacons, some extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion may be called to help.)
Appendix C: Sacred Soil Blessing

SOIL BLESSING

Saturday Morning, June Pilgrimage

(Bags of soil are bought up to front of Altar. Soil should be ready to pour. The Soil is handed to presider by the Rector or Rectora. After the Route Spiritual Director prays, the Presider now traces a cross and circle with the soil in front of Altar.)

Route Spiritual Director Prays:

Almighty Father, Creator of life

and source of all blessings.

The Peregrinos or Guadalupanas from the

(Route direction) ______________________

present this sacred soil.

An offering from our sister and brothers from the

Archdiocese.

Accept this Sacred Soil, a symbol of our unity.

(Or Spiritual Director may compose a prayer.)
11.4 **Appendix D: Runners Guide**

The runners are "deacons" who assist the Rector(a), Spiritual Director, or the medic throughout the day and while on pilgrimage.

- Shall assist with the distribution of first aid supplies or in any way that is needed
- Shall assist during the walk in picking up the jackets and/or other clothing
- Shall deliver any message(s) from Rector(a) and/or Spiritual Director throughout the day as requested
- Shall assist walkers in anyway capable of, without injury or undue risk to self or anyone else
- Shall participate and share with group in prayer etc.
- Shall be in charge of traffic control- Be knowledgeable about proper signs/motions (See Attachment)
- Shall be rotated with other runners
- Shall carry walkie-talkies -{if available}

*Thank you in advance for all your help and support!*  

*May God Bless You Always!*
11.4.1 Appendix D: Flagging Procedures

The following methods of signaling with a flag should be used:

1. To Stop Traffic. The flagger shall face traffic and extend the flag horizontally across the traffic lane in a stationary position so that the full area of the flag is visible hanging below the staff. For greater emphasis, the free arm may be raised with the palm toward approaching traffic.

2. When it is Safe for Traffic to Proceed The flagger shall stand parallel to the traffic movement, and with flag arm lowered from view of the driver, motion traffic ahead with free arm. Flags shall not be used to signal traffic to proceed.

3. Where it is Desired to Alert or Slow Traffic. Where it is desired to alert or slow traffic by means of flagging, the flagger shall face traffic and slowly wave the flag in a sweeping motion of the extended arm from the shoulder level to straight down without raising the arm above horizontal position.

If a sign paddle is used, it shall be held in a stationary position with the arm extended horizontally away from the body. For added emphasis, the flagger may slowly raise and lower the free hand with the palm down.

The use of the flag and sign paddle are illustrated below:
11.4.1 Appendix D: Flagging Procedures, continued
11.5  **Appendix E: Stretching Guide**

**Before and After**

**Walking**

Approximately 7 Minutes

These stretches will make the movements of walking feel free and easy.

![Stretching Guide for Walking]
11.6  **Appendix F: Adoration of the Five Most Precious Wounds of Christ**

The adoration of the five most precious wounds of our Lord Jesus to be prayed by every Peregrino and Guadalupana as they carry the cross. This will take from five to seven minutes to pray, which is perfect timing to allow every person in the group the opportunity to carry the cross.

When concluding the Adoration Prayer he or she will step to the side of the line and hand the cross over to the person behind. The individual who just carried the cross will get behind his or her group line. When everyone in the group has been given a chance to carry the cross it will then be time to switch lead groups.

The Adoration should be prayed at all times, whether it be in silence, singing, or communication.
11.6.1 Appendix F: Adoration of the Five Most Precious Wounds of Christ

We adore you Oh Christ and we praise you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

For the five most precious wounds you suffered on the cross.
For the wound on your right hand. For the pain you suffered and the blood you shed.
I promise to pray:
For my family_____________________.
For the sick and addicted_____________________.
For the souls of my loved ones _____________________.
An Our Father and a Hail Mary should be prayed here and after each verse.

For the wound on your left hand: For the pain you suffered and the blood you shed.
I promise to pray:
For the families of my community_____________________.
For the sick, addicted, and aging_____________________.
For the souls of those who have died this past year _____________________.

For the wound on your right foot: For the pain you suffered and the blood you shed.
I promise to pray:
For the Pope, Bishops, Priests, and all religious and their families _____________________.
For all Priests and religious who are sick and aging _____________________.
For the souls of those who have gone before us_____________________.

For the wound on your left foot: For the pain you suffered and the blood you shed.
I promise to pray:
For the families who will be taking care of our needs during this Pilgrimage. _______________________.
For the sick and the petitions we carry on their behalf ___________.
For the souls of their loved ones _______________________.

For the wound on your side: For the pain you suffered and the blood you shed. I promise to pray:
For all Peregrinos, Guadalupanas, and their families _______________________.
For all the sick and the aging _______________________.
For the souls of our Peregrinos and Guadalupanas _______________________.
Our Father and Hail Mary

We adore you Oh Christ and we praise you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

Glory be to the Father
APPENDIX G: WHITE GARMENT

WHITE GARMENT

White T-shirt or white polo for May and June, Saturday events.

EARTHLY PILGRIMAGE IS ONGOING

Sacrament of Baptism: ________, you have become a new creation, and have clothed yourself in Christ.

See in this white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity. With your family and friends to help you by word and example, bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven.

Revelation 3:5: "they will walk with me dressed in white, because they are worthy." "The victor will thus be dressed in white, and I will never erase his name from the book of life but will acknowledge his name in the presence of my Father and of his angels."

Liturgical color white: White symbolizes purity, holiness and virtue, as well as respect and reverence. Joy & Victory, light innocence, purity, joy, triumph, glory.

PALL (funeral) Latin Pallium (cloak) commonly today palls are pure white, to symbolize the white clothes worn during baptism, and joyful triumph over death brought about by the Resurrection. The pall will often be decorated with a cross, often running the whole length of the cloth from end to end in all four directions, signifying the sovereignty of Christ's triumph over sin and death on the Cross.
11.8 Appendix H: Entrega

ENTREGA

LEADERSHIP TRANSITION AND BLESSING

June Pilgrimage Retreat

Opening Song: De Los Cuarto Vientos p. ______

Prayer for Vocations: p. ______

Ritual: Theme song from previous year, p, ________

    New theme song, p, ________

Blessing of New Leadership

Father, fill your servants with the Spirit of your Son. Give them strength and patience as they take up the guidance of our pilgrimage this year. Soak them with love for you. May all their actions give birth to the fruits of the Spirit. Trusting the Spirit, fill them with courage and wisdom as they lead us on this pilgrimage of faith. Grant that through their vision and direction they may be of service to the Universal Church and bring honor and glory to your name. “I am confident of this; the one who began the good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus.” (Phil 1:6) May Almighty God bless you all, the Father, and the Son + and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Closing Song  Here I Am Lord, p, ______

11.9 Appendix I: The Call

THE CALL

OPENING SONG: Tell the People, p. 81.

When your name is called, respond: “Here I Am”
Appendix J: Individual Commitment

INDIVIDUAL COMMITMENT

+ Prayer Before the Cross.

+ Blessing with Oil

Route Spiritual Director: “Be safe and well, love and courage.”

Pilgrims Respond: “Lord may everything I do begin with your inspiration, continue with your help, and reach perfection under your guidance; I ask this through Our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.”

Closing Song: Madre Morena, p. ______

Appendix J: Individual Commitment, continued

Pilgrimage Retreat
Individual Commitment

Route Spiritual Director: "Be safe and well, peace, love and courage."

Pilgrims Response: "Lord may everything I do begin with your inspiration, continue with your help, and reach perfection under your guidance; I ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Amen."

(Pilgrim now blesses self with oil.)

Spikenard. The root word for spikenard (at times referred to as nard) in the Greek means "genuine or pure. Spikenard was used to anoint Jesus, the pure and spotless Lamb, just days before his death and burial. Anointing with spikenard today reminds us of our need to walk in purity and love, earnestly desiring to become the true bride of Messiah without spot or blemish (see Song of Sol, 4:7). In essence, it speaks of intimate worship of and "extravagant” devotion to our Savior and Lord, as demonstrated by Mary of Bethany with her alabaster flask.
Sunday Evening / June Pilgrimage

Dinner/Supper:

**Evening Prayer**

Break: 45 Minutes to let everyone get settled. Remember NO ONE will sleep well tonight so take your time.

**Sunday Evening Ritual**

**Part I: Personal Prayer**

This first part of the evening’s rituals is intended to support the personal reality of the pilgrimage. Each pilgrim comes with their own intentions and places them at the Cross and prays for strength and courage for the Journey.

(Room should be quiet and dark. Guia is placed in center of room. Incense, candles may be placed next to Guia.)

1. Gathering Song: “Keep Us True”, p. ______
2. Prayer for Vocations, p. ______
3. Talk on annual “Theme” by Spiritual Director.
4. Introduction of “Prayer Before the Cross” by Spiritual Director.
5. Guia is placed on floor.
6. Everyone invited to rest in the Spirit.
7. Play music from the CD provided. (Music reflects today’s realities and our need to surrender)
8. Everyone has time to venerate Guia and Pray. Emphasize “Deep Bow” instead of prostration. (Prostration is used in Part Two. Emphasizing the communal aspect of the pilgrimage. We are no longer individuals as we die to ourselves.)
9. Guia is picked up and place back in stand when music finishes.

**Part II: Communal Prayer**

A. Spiritual Director invites all to make a circle around the Guia. (SD explains the ritual of prostration: a sign of commitment, of dying to self. This rubric is used on Good Friday, Ordinations and other rituals of surrender.)

B. Act of Prostration: Together all prostrate around Guia for a few minutes in silence. We die to self to rise as one Body in Christ.

C. Rise together and sing; “Song of the Body of Christ”. p. ______

D. Exchange Sign of Peace.

E. SD leads closing prayer.

Give everyone time to get settled (20 min). Have Night Prayer with groups and lights out.
Appendix M: Thursday Evening Ritual

THURSDAY DISCERNMENT FOR JUNE PILGRIMAGE

PILGRIMAGES FOR VOCATIONS

One of the necessary activities for the future of the June Pilgrimage is our ability to surface leadership (rectoras, rectors, and spiritual directors) in and orderly and timely manner. To this end we are asking you to take time after evening prayer on Thursday of the June pilgrimage to discern and call into vision our sisters and brother who could serve next year or in the future. “You, Lord, who knows the heart of all, show which...one...you have chosen.” (Acts 1:25)

2. Go over the spiritual gifts you feel are necessary for someone to serve as Rector (a) or Spiritual Director.
   List: __________________________________________________________
   Most important: __________________________________________________

3. Nominate three individuals who could serve as Rector or Rectora. ________________________________
   ___________________________________________
   ___________________________________________

4. Nominate three individuals who could serve a Spiritual Director. ________________________________
   ___________________________________________
   ___________________________________________

5. The route spiritual Director should collect names and addresses, and give them to the Overall Spiritual Director before the July review meeting (2nd, Sunday in July,) Our goal is to let the discernment committee and the Overall Spiritual Director call our brothers and sisters to service.

6. If someone not on list discerns a call to serve, they should talk with the Overall Spiritual Director.

7. Candidates should attend July, September, October & November Steering Committee meetings.

8. Close session with “Keep Us True” p. ______
Appendix N: Friday Evening Ritual - June Pilgrimage

Dinner

Evening Prayer

**Preparation for Ritual:** Get room ready: Place Guia in center. Place chairs next to Guia for new Pilgrims. Have Pitcher of water, towel, and basin nearby. Pilgrim Shells for new pilgrims are placed at base of Guia.

**Ritual**

A. At appropriate time veteran pilgrims gather in room dressed in white t-shirt, pilgrimage lanyard and pilgrimage shell.

B. New pilgrims are brought into room by SD & Rector/Rectora. All sing “Keep Us True”

C. **Opening Prayer** by SD

D. **Welcome:** SD explains, white t-shirt, pilgrimage shell.

E. **Reading:** Gospel of John 13: 1-17.

F. **Meditation:** Using Gospel and the annual Theme a short teaching is presented. You may ask someone to prepare this ahead of time (Priest, Religious, Deacon, Past SD, Other)

G. **Washing of Feet:** Spiritual Director and Rectora/Rector wash the feet of new pilgrims. Following the example of Jesus we imitate this event in order to surrender to our mission, praying for vocations. Remembering, vocations are rooted in service. Music is appropriate during ritual.

H. **Presentation of Pilgrimage Shell:** At the conclusion of the washing of the feet the Spiritual Director and Rector/Rectora place pilgrimage shell on lanyard of new pilgrims. (See, Blessing of shells.)

I. **Welcome:** Veteran pilgrims give a sign of peace to new pilgrims.

J. **Prayer Before the Cross:** (See Sunday evening ritual) This will give new pilgrims and veterans time to reflect on their pilgrimage experience and prepare to share with group. Give all time for veneration and thanksgiving. You may not have to play the whole CD.

K. **Sharing:** Begin with new pilgrims, invite them to hold the Guia and share their experience with group. Each pilgrim who shares holds the Guia while sharing. When all the new pilgrims have shared the veterans who would like to share are invited to witness.

L. **Closing Remarks SD & R:** Preparation for Saturday.

M. **Closing Prayer SD:** followed by song, “Tell the People”, p. _______

Group Night Prayer for last time and lights out.
Appendix O: Final Checklist for June Pilgrimage

FINAL CHECK LIST JUNE PILGRIMAGE

OVERALL SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

I will be sending you the following supplies based upon your final counts of items needed. Following the Final Formation Session please get me your numbers as soon as possible.

ROUTE: SOUTH, NORTH, EAST, WEST, SOUTHWEST (circle)

ESTIMATED PARTICIPANTS: ____________

VETERANS: _________ NEW ___________

LANYARDS: __________

NAME TAGS: __________

POCKET NEW TESTAMENTS: ___________

PILGRIMS GUIDES: __________

You will also be sent the following:

- Daily Readings for Morning and Evening Prayer
- Thursday Discernment Process
- Whistles
- Bags for soil and petitions
- Prayer before the Cross CD
- Gifts for our Hosts
- Prayer request papers and some pins
- Letter to Priest, stamped envelope and paper
- Tea candles and matches for night prayer
- Shells and final instructions will be given, when I make my final rounds on Friday.

The Sunday Night Rituals, Friday Night Rituals, Closing Rituals for Saturday Morning are in your Handbook.

All other supplies, flags, vests, water cups, etc., should be acquired at Formation Session or at a later date. Rectors make arrangements.

If you need anything else let me know ASAP.
PARTICIPANTS RECORD

PILGRIMAGES FOR VOCATIONS

ARCHDIOCESE OF SANTA FE

JUNE PILGRIMAGE

MAILING LABEL

PLEASE PRINT

Please make any address updates

Name: ____________________________ Birth Date: ______________________

Mailing Address: __________________________ State: _____ Zip: __________

E-mail: __________________________ Phone: __________________________

Guadalupana: _____ Peregrino: _____

New Pilgrim: ______ Have Attended New Pilgrim Orientation, Yes ___ No _____

Veteran Pilgrim: _____ How Many Years __________

Route: South ____ North ___ East ___ Southwest ___ West _________

Age 18 and older: Have you attended the Archdiocesan Workshop for the Protection of Children? No _____ Yes _____ Date ______ Where ______________________

Under age 18: Have you participated in the Archdiocesan Safe Environment Workshop? No _____ Yes ______ When & Where: __________________________

Are you active in your local pilgrimage group? Yes _____ If No, Why not? __________

June Pilgrimage Retreat: _____/ _____/ _____ Signature: ____________________________

Participation in local parish Holy Week Services? Yes __ No __

20 Mile practice walk: Date: __________ Where __________________________

Formation Session: _____/ _____/ _____ Signature: ____________________________

I am not able to participate in the pilgrimage this year; I look forward to next year.

Signature __________________________ Date: __________________________
Appendix Q: Blessing of Oil

BLESSING OF OIL - JUNE PILGRIMAGE RETREAT

Leader: May God, who has chosen us for this pilgrimage be with you all.

All: And with your Spirit.

Leader: God makes known his mighty power and his abounding goodness to all the ends of the earth; but he also directs his Church to bless the simplest and most commonplace things. He does so in order that all who devoutly make use of material things may be drawn to the world that is not seen and may give glory to God. We pause before our pilgrimage to bless this oil.

Before our Baptism we are blessed with oil. The Sign of the Cross is made on our breastplate to protect, strengthen and give us courage for our pilgrimage of faith.

+ Bless this oil, may it remind us of the grace of our Baptism.

Following our Baptism we are anointed with sacred chrism as priest, prophet and king.

+ As priests may this oil help us worship in Spirit and Truth.

+ As prophets may we intently listen to the Spirit.

+ As kings and queens may we respect the Image of God in every person.

When we receive the Sacrament of Confirmation we are sealed with the Holy Spirit.

+ May this oil renew the Gifts and Fruits of the Spirit in us. May this oil remind us to give witness to these blessings during our pilgrimage.

At different times in our pilgrimage of life we are in need of healing. In the Anointing of the Sick, the Church renews hope.

+ As we carry the petitions of your people, fill us with Hope.

During the Ordination of a new priest the Bishop anoints the hands of the newly ordained priest with chrism.

+ May this oil remind us of the reason for our pilgrimage.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

All: Amen.