

Answers to Registered Pilgrims'  
**Frequently Asked Questions**  
*Pilgrimage 2014*

*As a beginning to your pilgrimage penance, read this document carefully, thoroughly and more than once.*

It does contain information critical to your participation.

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Pilgrimage website – <http://national-coalition.org/pilgrim/>  
Registration – [online](#) & by [mail](#)  
Pilgrimage weblog – <http://pilgrimage.stblogs.com/>  
Pilgrimage bulletin board/forum – <http://pilgrimage.forumotion.com/>  
to form car-pools, etc.

*Songs of Pilgrimage* – <http://national-coalition.org/pilgrim/recordings.html>

***Pilgrimage for Restoration*** – 621 Jordan Circle, Whitehall PA 18052  
610/435-2634 [director@national-coalition.org](mailto:director@national-coalition.org)

***I. Preparation***

**1. Question:** How do I know that I am registered? And once registered, how should I prepare for the pilgrimage?

**Answer:** Once you receive the auto-confirmation e-mail after registering online, you can be assured you have registered. Those who submit their forms by mail also receive confirmation e-mails.

Pilgrims should then prepare for the big event as follows:

- a) pray to Our Blessed Lady, Mary the all-Immaculate Mother of God to guide you in the days before and during the pilgrimage, for the glory of God and the edification of the Church, your fellow pilgrims, and for yourself – that you may be made worthy of the grace of pilgrimage;
- b) learn and sing the [songs of the pilgrimage](#), especially as you
- c) walk three to five miles each day for two to four weeks prior to the pilgrimage to get your feet and voice in condition.

And don't worry! Transportation and TLC (among other things) are provided throughout the days of pilgrimage for weary pilgrims.

Spiritual readiness is **the most important of all preparations**, not least the singing. To obtain a recording of the [Songs of Pilgrimage](#) (produced for and by the *Pilgrimage for Restoration*) click [here](#), or contact NCCCL at 610/435-2634. Or, [e-mail the Director](#) to request the CD or cassette.

If you are joining the pilgrimage with others from your home or region, it is best to make your preparations for the pilgrimage together with them.

**2. Q:** What else must I do to prepare for the pilgrimage?

**A:** Fill out and return ASAP the [“Transportation Request Form”](#). Your form **MUST** be received by the Transportation-Team no later than September 10 to guarantee the needed assistance from the volunteers, **even if you do not request the service**. See [“Transportation, Shuttle-Services & Rendezvous”](#) at part IV, below, for more information.

**3. Q:** What if I send in my request for shuttle transportation after September 10? Can I still be shuttled Thursday, September 18, from the Auriesville Shrine to the step-off point?

**A:** Yes, but organizers cannot guarantee it. The sooner you register and request the shuttle, the better. Fill out and return ASAP the [“Transportation Request Form”](#) **even if you do not request the service**. See “Transportation, shuttle-service & rendezvous” at part IV, below, for more information.

**4. Q:** Where and when does the pilgrimage begin, and is there a way for me to ‘check-in’ with the organizers once I arrive?

**A:** Excellent questions. See “Rendezvous & Check-in” at part VI, below.

## ***II. Brigades and Prayer***

**1. Q:** What is a “brigade”?

**A:** A brigade is 15-35 pilgrims joined in a unit or corps throughout the pilgrimage, under the organization and direction of a lay brigadier, united to give fitting public honor to God in prayer, song and fellowship. One could think of the relation of the brigade to the rest of the pilgrimage, by way of analogy, as a ‘parish within a diocese’. Brigades are the exact equivalent of “Chapters” in the *Pentecost Pilgrimage* to Notre-Dame de Chartres, France.

**2. Q:** Why do pilgrims form in brigades?

**A:** This is to give us a definite place at each moment of the pilgrimage in which to practice Charity one to another. Just as Our Lord sent out His disciples two-by-two in order that they learn to practice Charity, so do we pair-off, principally for Charity. The Faith given us by God is dead without Charity. Just as in the pilgrimage to Our Lady’s Shrine in Heaven conducted by the Church on earth, so in the pilgrimage to Our Lady’s Shrine at Auriesville we live and walk and pray in unison. As the Liturgy teaches, we are to praise God *una voce*.

**3. Q:** Why do pilgrims pray together by brigade at Holy Mass, eat together at all meals, examine their consciences every day together, sing, walk, etc., all in brigade?

**A:** Because the three days of pilgrimage represent a compact microcosm of our entire earthly pilgrimage, the communal or corporate aspect of our earthly pilgrimage is reflected in and enhanced by these actions. During the course of our days in the world, it is too easy to forget that no one is saved alone, but only if he live in God’s Household, the Church.

**4. Q:** Why is it that pilgrims are asked not to depart from the brigade *en route*, nor to walk in front of their brigade's banner?

**A:** The banner is the visible sign of a brigade’s invisible unity. On pilgrimage one belongs to the brigade as to a family. By analogy, as we honor our parents in a natural family, so do we honor the brigade’s leaders by remaining with them. This conduct is called the “rôle of honor” in brigade life. It is made concrete in simple ways, such as not walking in front of the brigade’s banner, by praying with and for one’s brigade members, listening to the meditations, observing the periods of silence, singing with one’s fellow-pilgrims, heeding instructions promptly, not departing the brigade formation without notifying one’s

brigadier or his captains, and the like.

### ***III. Modified Pilgrimage***

1. **Q:** What is the “modified pilgrimage”?

**A:** The term “modified” refers to the way in which families (and seniors, too) with children younger than 12 years of age participate in more than one day of pilgrimage. Since mothers (and fathers) with little children cannot possibly do as much walking as other pilgrims, the families spend the greater portion of their days in the camps – praying, singing, learning catechism, playing, setting up camp etc. They are, throughout their time in the camps, organized in a distinct brigade or two. Foremost, they pray together, under their own banners, at each Holy Mass. They walk together with the rest of the column for short distances, usually at the very beginning and very end of each day. They can also (conditions permitting) join the other pilgrims in the field for lunch. Transportation of families between camps each day is provided by the families themselves with (limited) assistance from volunteers of the *Company of St. René Goupil*. The Company also gives ‘first priority’ to families when assisting the pilgrims to prepare bivouacs at each camp.

2. **Q:** What else is ‘modified’ about the pilgrimage for families?

**A:** Some families opt to bring their own RV, camper or full-size van to transport the family between camps, and to provide sleeping quarters. This option is for families ONLY. Parking a vehicle on campground property incurs an additional fee payable to the camp owners. At the second night’s camp there are also a few small log cabins which families may rent for an additional fee, by directly contacting campsite owner, Bob Stead: *Pop’s Lake Campground*, 518/883-8678. Families – just as the other pilgrims – provide for their own “essentials” as explained in the registration form.

3. **Q:** What about seniors, can’t they also participate in the pilgrimage in a modified way as well?

**A:** They can and many do. Their “modified” participation is, however, a bit different than that of the families (although some seniors do remain in camp all day also). Since most seniors are able to walk longer stretches than the families (and more safely) they remain with the main column of pilgrims walking – riding, alternately, in the vans provided for weary pilgrims. The daily regimen of prayer and singing is maintained with as little interruption as practicable in the vans.

### ***IV. Transportation, Shuttle-Services & Rendezvous***

1. **Q:** How does a pilgrim, *driving one or more fellow pilgrims in a single vehicle*, get to Lake George Village, NY on Thursday, 18 September, to begin the pilgrimage at the Lake of the Blessed Sacrament early Friday morning?

**A:** Each driver *with passengers* will be asked to drive on Thursday first to Lake George Village, drop his fellow pilgrims and all gear at their respective lodgings or campsite there, and then to drive alone to the Schoharie Crossings State Park parking lot near the Shrine of Our Lady’s Martyrs, Auriesville NY, 12016. (Directions appear at the end of these FAQs. Overnight parking is no longer permitted at the shrine, so we must park at the State Park’s lot.) Organizers will shuttle the drivers back to their lodgings or campsite at Lake George Village. N.B. Families participating in the “modified pilgrimage” drive directly to Lake George Village, and keep their vehicles in order to caravan each day from camp to camp.

[Click here](#) for directions to the Village of Lake George.

2. **Q:** How does a pilgrim driving *alone*, without passengers, get to Lake George Village Thursday to begin the pilgrimage at the Lake of the Blessed Sacrament early the next morning?

**A:** *Lone drivers* proceed directly to the Schoharie Crossings State Park parking lot near the Shrine of Our Lady's Martyrs in Auriesville, NY, Thursday, September 18, and are shuttled with their equipment to their campsite or lodgings in Lake George Village by the Transportation-Team of the Company of St. Rene Goupil. (Overnight parking is no longer permitted at the shrine, so we must park at the State Park's lot.)

**3. Q:** Why is there an "early-bird" check-in Thursday afternoon & evening and this shuttling service the same day, also afternoon and evening?

**A:** The shuttling is a service to all (walking) pilgrims who will need their vehicles at Auriesville at the end of the pilgrimage, Sunday. The first phase of "early-bird" check-in takes place Thursday from 4:30pm until nightfall (7:15pm), at the Lake George Battleground Campground. Early-bird check-in continues at Cramer's Point Motel after 8:00pm. Check-in lets organizers know you have arrived, and allows them to give you needed final instructions about the rendezvous & step-off early Friday morning. [Click here for an explanation.](#)

**4. Q:** Why do I need my vehicle on Sunday?

**A:** All pilgrims need to recover their vehicles at the end of the pilgrimage, Sunday afternoon. Organizers plan **no** transportation back to Lake George Village.

**5. Q:** Do families participating in the "modified pilgrimage" utilize this rendezvous and shuttling service Thursday?

**A:** No, since they use their vehicles in order to caravan each day from camp to camp and until the conclusion of the pilgrimage Sunday afternoon.

N.B. Seniors of the "modified pilgrimage" who anticipate walking

each day with the brigades and, alternately, taking rides in the vans provided for weary pilgrims, need to utilize the shuttling service Thursday (unless they accompany a family which keeps its vehicle, as above).

**6. Q:** How do I arrange to use the shuttle service Thursday?

**A:** This service is available for those pilgrims who have registered and submitted to NCCL **by September 15** the "[Transportation Request Form](#)". No promise of transportation can be made for those who do not request this service.

**7. Q:** What times do the shuttles to Lake George Village depart?

**A:** Shuttle departures Thursday from the Auriesville Shrine are planned after the transportation team has reviewed pilgrims' "[Transportation Request Forms](#)". We expect most shuttling to take place between 3:00 and 9:00 P.M. on Thursday. Earlier and/or later shuttles may be scheduled to accommodate as many requests for service as possible.

**8. Q:** Is there any ground transportation for pilgrims arriving by public transportation (train, plane or bus) Thursday, and departing Sunday?

**A:** Yes. Transportation for pilgrims arriving in the Albany region by public transportation Thursday (only) and departing Sunday must also be pre-arranged with organizers using the "[Transportation Request Form](#)". If you must plan on arriving *after 9:00 p.m. on Thursday* or departing *before 7:00p.m. on Sunday*, contact the CSRG officer responsible for transportation, Dennis Mitchell, **before** finalizing your travel plans by phone 610/390-9507 or [e-mail](#).

**9. Q:** How do I find out if there are pilgrims with whom I can car-

pool?

A: Pilgrims should join the new [online forum](#) to discover possible car-pooling options. Alternately, they may contact Dennis Mitchell, as above.

10. Q: If I elect to drive directly to the Lake of the Blessed Sacrament, may I leave my car parked at “Lake George Million Dollar Beach” for three days, and if so how do I get back to it Sunday?

A: Pilgrims may park their cars at the beach lot and leave them there until Sunday, but they do so at their own risk, and should notify the Park officials or local Sheriff. *Nota bene*, pilgrimage organizers plan no transport back to the Lake on Sunday, nor to any of the campsites along the Pilgrimage path.

11. Q: What if I am delayed Thursday and cannot meet the shuttle at my pre-arranged rendezvous time?

A: A pilgrim running late must inform the transport personnel of the need to change his plan by calling cell phone number 610/390-9507.

12. Q: What if I need to change or cancel the plans I have made with transportation personnel?

A: Any pilgrim needing to change or cancel plans must notify Dennis Mitchell no later than Wednesday, September 17. After Wednesday, contact the Transportation-Team at cell phone number 610/390-9507.

13. Q: How do I get to day-one check-in at the Lake of the Blessed Sacrament (aka Lake George Village) Friday morning if I am staying at Cramer’s Point or another local motel in Lake George Village?

A: Organizers shuttle pilgrims from their lodgings to check-in, which starts at 5:45 A.M. SHARP. It is the responsibility of each pilgrim to

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notify the CSRG transportation-team Thursday evening, and to schedule your pick-up with them for Friday morning. When dropping you off Thursday evening, the transportation-team will inform you of pick-up time and its exact location for Friday morning.

14. Q: Is there public transportation to Lake George Village?

A: For pilgrims traveling from New York City, Amtrack provides service on the Metroliner to Fort Edwards, which is about 20 minutes and cab fare from Lake George Village. Phone Amtrack for other service, or contact the NY Port Authority for bus services to the region.

15. Q: What if I become fatigued, or injured, or need to use the toilet while walking? Is there rest or ride for the weary? What about first-aid?

A: Throughout the pilgrimage, volunteers of the Company of St. René shadow the walking columns in vans. The Company also provides first-aid and port-a-johns along the way.

### ***V. Clothing, Gear, Equipment, Tents, Food***

1. Q: What gear/personal belongings must or may I bring on pilgrimage?

A: You must and may bring only [the essentials](#) listed under the heading “Equipment – more than 1 day” in the 2014 [registration form/brochure](#) online. Pilgrims wishing to bring more than the essentials must arrange their own transportation, or simply leave the extras in their vehicles. ***Nota bene, there is a 30 lbs. max. one-only bag limit, not including separate sacks for tent or sleeping bag.***

All clothes MUST be stored in water-proof wrapping, even when inside your luggage, to protect it from rain when your bags are not in

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your possession. You MUST ALSO store your sleeping bag in a water-proof sack, for the same reason.

2. **Q:** How should one dress for the pilgrimage?

**A:** Above all, pilgrims need to dress as befits a Christian in every circumstance.

The norms for modesty are simple. Clothes are to adorn and conceal, not reveal, the body, its figure and skin. Decent apparel complements, but does not flaunt, one's God-given natural beauty; is an outward sign of the (baptized) soul's invisible dignity and virtues. See ["Establishing Practical Norms for Modesty"](#).

3. **Q:** Is there anything else a pilgrim needs to know about how to dress for the pilgrimage?

**A:** Men's trousers should be rugged (durable), loose-fitting and ankle-length. Shorts are not permitted. Long-sleeved shirts are best to protect from sun and abrasion, but in every case covering upper arms and midriff.

Ladies' skirts or dresses (also, no shorts) are best durable, loose-fitting, and between knee and ankle in length. Blouses are best long-sleeved to protect from sun and abrasion, but in every case loose-fitting, covering upper arms and midriff.

Remembering the Apostle's teaching (I Cor. xi: 5, 6, 10), ladies also cover their heads while praying, principally at Mass.

4. **Q:** Need I bring my own personal/family tent?

**A:** Yes. However, if you do not have one, do not let it deter you – but do [notify organizers](#). It is common for pilgrims to share the use of their

tents, and such Charity is encouraged. The alternative is to borrow, rent, or purchase one in advance.

5. **Q:** Need I set up my own tent alone?

**A:** The Company assists some pilgrims – women and children – but due to increased numbers of tents cannot help the men. However, in every case, it is imperative that you bring only a FUNCTIONAL tent.

**To determine whether a tent is functional, the organizers ask that you set up the tent *before* bringing it to pilgrimage.** Also, your tent MUST, when it is not in your possession, be wrapped in a water-proof sack to protect it from rain.

6. **Q:** Need I carry my own sleeping bag, personal tent, and the one (only) permitted large bag (max. weight 30 lbs)?

**A:** No, the *Company of St. René* transports these items throughout the pilgrimage from bivouac to bivouac, where they are retrievable each evening. One's tent may be lashed to the outside of his large bag and/or attached to one's sleeping bag, but the tent must NOT be placed inside the large bag, i.e., it needs to be clearly visible to the volunteers who use the tents (and their i.d.) to determine the bivouac's disposition by brigade, family and/or sex.

7. **Q:** Must I carry my own small, light back-pack throughout the pilgrimage?

**A:** Yes, and it should hold only each day's essentials listed under the heading ["Equipment –more than 1 day"](#) in the 2014 [registration form/brochure](#). STRONGLY recommended also is that each pilgrim bring his own 'gatorade' (or similar invigorating 'sports drink') in concentrated powder form, to augment daily his own water supply and his strength. Since it should be lightly packed and may be needed at any time, the back-pack should *not* be left behind or in a transport van.

8. **Q:** What provisions for food shall I prepare?

**A:** Pilgrims make their own [provisions](#) for nine cold meals to picnic along the way, three each day Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Organizers supplement meals on those days with hot soup (and water) & bread at supper, and hot water & bread with jam at breakfast. See the [registration brochure](#) for a list of recommended food provisions.

## ***VI. Rendezvous & Check-in***

1. **Q:** Where does the pilgrimage begin, and when?

**A:** The pilgrimage begins on the southernmost shore of the Lake of the Blessed Sacrament (commonly called “Lake George”), with 5:45 AM rendezvous and check-in Friday, September 19, at the “Lake George Million Dollar Beach” public parking lot, located in Lake George Battleground (State) Park. Pilgrims should arrive by 5:30 AM. Brigades reform after check-in, and Holy Mass follows at 7:15, across the street at the monument to St. Isaac Jogues.

2. **Q:** That’s pretty early, so when should I arrive, and where can I stay?

**A:** It is *strongly* recommended that pilgrims arrive Thursday afternoon or evening. They must then check-in between 4:30pm and nightfall at the Lake George Battleground State Park, or from 8:30 - 10:00 that evening at Cramer’s Point Motel & Cottages.

3. **Q:** Can you explain ‘check-in’, please?

**A:** [Click here for an explanation](#) of check-in.

**Check-in is required for every pilgrim, and always follows the**

**required registration, regardless whether one registers in advance or in person at the pilgrimage.**

4. **Q:** May pilgrims camp at the [Lake George Battleground Campground](#)?

**A:** Yes, and many do. The campsite is located at the Pilgrimage’s step-off location.

**Note well: the fee to camp Thursday night is not included in registration. Campers must pay campground official at entrance booth to campground. Overnight camping costs \$22 per site, NOT per person.**

5. **Q:** Alternately, may pilgrims overnight at Cramer’s Point Motel at a special pilgrimage rate?

**A:** Yes. Thanks to the charity of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sause, owners of Cramer’s Point Motel & Lodge, the cost per pilgrim to stay there Thursday night (only) is \$10/pilgrim (\$20 min. per room). Pilgrims must email [stay@cramerspointmotel.com](mailto:stay@cramerspointmotel.com), or phone 518/668-2292 [for reservations](#), and mention the pilgrimage. Limited vacancy. See the end of these FAQ’s or [click here for directions](#). There are sundry other motels in the Village, but none with known reduced rates for pilgrims.

6. **Q:** How do I get to Lake George Village Thursday evening?

**A:** See Section IV above about transportation, rendezvous and shuttle-service.

7. **Q:** How do I check-in Friday morning?

**A:** For those pilgrims who have already registered and paid, follow the directions of the organizers who greet you in the Million Dollar

Beach parking lot. Pilgrims affix ID tags (provided by the organizers) to their large bag, personal tent and sleeping bag, and then hand these items over to the organizers.

Those pilgrims who have not registered in advance, must register and pay their fees to the volunteers before they check-in their equipment.

### ***VII. Registration***

1. **Q:** How will I know I have completed my registration?

**A:** When you have

(a.) submitted a registration form - [online](#) or by [mail](#) - with your name, address, age etc.;

(b.) signed the Release of Liability form, and given parental authorization for minors (if any in your party); and,

(c.) submitted payment in full.

You should then receive an e-mailed confirmation immediately if submitting the form online, and within 72 hours of receipt if by mail.

2. **Q:** May teenagers/minor children attend the pilgrimage without their parents?

**A:** Only under conditions. First, they must have parental authorization and an assigned guardian (see the registration form [online](#) or [in print](#)). Second, they must be covered by their own or their parents' medical insurance. Third, they must agree with their parents to the strict regimen of prayer and the enforcement of rules by pilgrimage officials. Fourth, their parents must phone the Pilgrimage Director (610) 435-2634 for an interview, and to obtain from NCCL permission for their child's/children's participation - before registering.

3. **Q:** Do I need my own personal medical insurance to participate in

the Pilgrimage for Restoration?

**A:** Yes.

4. **Q:** How can I get more registration forms or a sample bulletin announcement?

**A:** Contact NCCL. Click [here for a sample bulletin announcement](#), or visit the pilgrimage weblog for general information at <http://pilgrimage.stblogs.com>. Visit the <http://national-coalition.org/pilgrim> website to [register online](#) or to [print a brochure](#). We'll post them to you – or to anyone you think could put them to good use. It'd be especially helpful if you would distribute them – or lead us to – wherever the traditional Latin Mass is offered. Feel free to e-mail your requests or leads.

### ***VIII. Participation in Sunday-Only Events***

1. **Q:** Must pilgrims planning to participate in the Sunday-only events also register?

**A:** Yes. Every pilgrim arriving to participate in Sunday-only events must register [here](#) to let organizers know of their participation.

2. **Q:** Is there a fee to register for Sunday-only?

**A:** No. But, [donations are gratefully accepted](#) to support needy pilgrims, the Pilgrimage and the NCCL apostolate.

**The collection at the final Mass goes entirely to the Auriesville Shrine.**

3. **Q:** What are the two options for participation Sunday-only?

A: Option 1: Those wishing to join up with the column on the road at lunchtime and walk [the last 6-7 miles](#) must arrive no later than 10:00 AM at the [Visitor Center/cafeteria parking lot](#) of the Auriesville Shrine.

Option 2: Those pushing strollers (or pushing 80!) and wishing to join up [the last 2-4 miles](#) must arrive no later than 12 o'clock-noon at the same [Visitor Center/cafeteria parking lot](#).

4. Q: Those options identify two waves of newcomers arriving at two different times. What then?

A: Both waves of new arrivals first must check-in with the Sunday Field Marshall, who will greet them in the parking lot in front of the [Visitor Center/cafeteria](#).

i.) **Option-1**-pilgrims meet the Field Marshal at 10:00 am. The Field Marshal will help to designate drivers from among the newcomers in order to shuttle themselves to the [rendezvous point](#) in as few vehicles as possible. **Last shuttle departure** is 10:30am.

**No strollers are permitted in this first wave option.**

[Click here for the driving directions](#). PLEASE PRINT OUT and bring them to pilgrimage.

*Nota bene*, the bridge over Rt 5S, just east of the Shrine, which carries *vehicles* over the Schoharie Creek is closed since hurricane Irene. Directions above-referenced follow the *driving* detour to the day's first rendezvous point.

The Option-1-**drivers** return to the Shrine, and continue the pilgrimage by visiting the *ravine* where St. Isaac first placed the martyred-body of René Goupil, they may make the stations of the cross, visit the site where the other Christians were martyred, confess in the Coliseum church, or choose some other form of devotion on the Shrine grounds.

ii.) **Option-2**-pilgrims – ‘the stroller brigade’ – meet & check-in with the Field Marshal at 12-noon, strollers in tow. They can be joined by the still ‘ambulatory elderly’. The Field Marshal will assign brigade leaders from among the newcomers in order to walk the brigades to the last rendezvous point. **Last walking departure** is 1:00pm.

*Nota bene*, the bridge over Rt 5S, just east of the Shrine, which carries *vehicles* over the Schoharie Creek is closed since hurricane Irene. The walking pilgrims follow the canalway bike-path, and therefore cross the trestle, *not the bridge*. The google-map linked above is imprecise: it shows the way along Rte 5S, not the bike-path to the day's final rendezvous point. Pilgrims, however, must walk **only** on the bike-path.

5. Q: Is there another option? Must a pilgrim arriving Sunday walk at all?

A: Pilgrims may also remain at the destination Shrine grounds to pray. They may also make visit the *ravine* where St. Isaac first placed the martyred-body of René Goupil. Alternately, they may make the stations of the cross, visit the site where the other Christians were martyred, confess in the Coliseum church, or choose some other form of devotion on the Shrine grounds.

## **IX. Schedule**

1. Q: What time does Mass begin each day, when do we eat breakfast, depart etc.?

A: Some important times are found in the [registration brochure](#). See also the [overview of the schedule](#). The schedule is announced on day-one and reiterated each day by brigade leaders at the bivouacs.

2. Q: What if I join the pilgrimage along the way? Where can I meet you?

A: Pilgrims joining after the day-one morning rendezvous can meet the pilgrimage at the first or second of the two private campsites along the way. These arrangements require special plans, and transport back to your vehicle (Sunday) cannot be guaranteed. [E-Mail](#) or phone the Director of the Pilgrimage, 610/435-2634.

## X. Volunteering

1. Q: How does one become a “pilgrim-volunteer” or “pilgrim-organizer” who helps provide for the needs of the other pilgrims?

A: In order to become a pilgrim-volunteer/organizer at the annual pilgrimage, one must apply to become a member either of the *National Coalition of Clergy & Laity*, or the *Company of St. René Goupil*. (No exceptions.)

There are four “Divisions” of Pilgrimage organization under the Sacred Chaplaincy and the Directorate – which administer the pilgrimage jointly. The four Divisions are – Brigades, Sacred Music, Sunday-only Events, and the *Company of St. René Goupil*.

Contact the [Pilgrimage Director](#) if interested in the spiritual, brigade, or administrative preparations/provisions. Contact *Company X.O. Michael Ehinger* for information about providing for the material/logistical needs of pilgrims.

Click [here to apply](#) to the CSRG. All applications are subject to acceptance. To avail of *gratis* registration, or for a requested donation, CSRG volunteers must submit application *by May 1*.

All ‘plain-vanilla pilgrims’ and pilgrim-organizers must [register](#). (Positively no exceptions.)

## XI. Driving Directions

### 1. To Lake George Million Dollar Beach public parking lot Lake George Village, New York

- 1) approaching Albany, NY - from the west on the NY Thruway I-90, or from the east and/or south along I-90/I-87 (which overlap) - exit #24 for the Northway, I-87 north; pay toll
- 2) follow signs for I-87 north and Montreal, CANADA; approx. 55 miles to exit#21
- 3) turn right at end of exit ramp onto NY State Hwy. Rte. 9N
- 4) follow Rte. 9N downhill circa 1/8 of a mile to traffic light; turn left (north) onto US Hwy. Rte. 9
- 5) follow US 9 north almost one mile to entrance marked Lake George Battleground Park and Beach area; turn right into parkway
- 6) follow parkway a few hundred yards to Lake of the Blessed Sacrament (commonly called “Lake George”)
- 7) turn right again onto the shoreline/beach road, and follow a couple hundred more yards along beachline road to entrance for “Lake George Million Dollar Beach” public parking lot on the left

### 2. To Cramer’s Point Motel & Lodge Lake George Village, NY

Frank & Marian Sause, owners 518/668-2292  
[stay@cramerspointmotel.com](mailto:stay@cramerspointmotel.com)

From the south, along I-87, take exit #22; follow signs for “Diamond Point/Bolton Landing”; turn left onto NY State Hwy. Rte. 9N, Lake Shore Drive; follow Lake Shore Drive (Rte. 9N) 1 mile and a half to Cramer’s Point Motel & Lodge, on right

### 3. To Shrine of Our Lady’s Martyrs Auriesville, NY

Interstate 90/NYS Thruway to exit #28, Fultonville & Fonda; through tolls, right at stop sign; approx. 1 mile uphill to NY Rt 5S, left at stop sign; downhill approx. 1 mile to Shrine, on the right