

Wherefore when they had dined, Jesus saith to Simon Peter:
Simon, son of John, lovest thou me more than these?
He saith to Him: yea, Lord, thou knowest I love thee.
He saith to him: Feed my lambs”, John xxi. 15

STEPS TO FORM A NEW BRIGADE TO WALK WITH THE *PILGRIMAGE FOR RESTORATION*

1. Pray.
This is always the first step. Are you willing to lead God’s people? Then ask God for wisdom and for every other gift that you will need along the way. You are imitating the Good Shepherd who lived with his disciples and shared everything with them. He not only called them and taught them, but he ate and traveled with them and cared for them. Imitate our Lord in all things. Ask for assistance from a patron saint. Pray the short, three-line [pilgrims’ prayer](#) daily.
2. Register with at least two other people who will help you to lead the brigade.
This is the first step for any pilgrim. It means that you are not only willing but that you are committing yourself to making this pilgrimage. People will follow you only if you show them the way. Do not presume to attempt this task alone. You must find others to assist you in accomplishing the will of God. Registering is the way that you respond to God’s call to follow Him on pilgrimage. The *Pilgrimage for Restoration* is made to honor our Blessed Mother and her Divine Son, to do penance to the Immaculate Heart for sin, for the glory of Christ our King and the restoration of grace to its preeminent place in our souls. <https://pilgrimage-for-restoration.org/registration/>
3. Contact the Chief of Brigadiers to announce your intention. He will assist you in accomplishing the remaining tasks.
4. Invite others to join the brigade.
You need to register at least 20 people to form the brigade. This is done one person at a time. Make [announcements](#), publish invitations, hang [posters](#), distribute postcards*, send emails, but most importantly you must have personal invitations. Don’t worry if people don’t accept immediately. Most people will ask about the material preparations of pilgrimage but you should always direct them to the supernatural reasons to make pilgrimage. In other words, do not worry about what you will eat or where you will sleep or how far you will walk. * [Ask](#) pilgrim-organizers for postcards. mail@pilgrimage-for-restoration.org
5. Recruit a priest to serve as the Brigade Chaplain.
The spiritual guidance of your fellow pilgrims is too important to be left to chance. Recruit a priest of solid doctrine who can give wise spiritual guidance, confess you, and who will pray with the brigade along the way. Speak with him about the needs of the pilgrims in your brigade and ask him to give meditations on the subjects found in the *Brigade Manual*. Ideally, the brigade should offer to pay for his travel expenses. Ask him to register, which he does, as all the chaplains, *gratis*.
6. Recruit your officers.
Every brigade needs a captain and a lieutenant – and preferably two of each. These will be your assistants with whatever tasks may be at hand: mustering your brigade, cleaning up the meal area after a break, etc. They can also help with organization and lead in prayers/meditations along the way if they so wish. Once appointed, we will need their email addresses and phone numbers. Your brigade also needs at least one song-leader, a morale officer, as many banner-bearers as you have banners, and two or more safeties. Ensure that your officers are registered. Let us know of any leadership changes within your brigade.
7. What else?

Announce the name of your brigade. Create a banner to honor the patron saint. Make a brigade cross. Create a rallying call. You may bring additional banners to carry on pilgrimage. Recruit other officers for your brigade and share their names with the Chief of Brigadiers. See Brigade Manual.

Thank you for your sacrifices and willingness to serve your brothers and sisters in Christ. May God bless you and Our Lady protect you.

If you have any other questions, please contact us. You can find answers to logistical questions on the blog: www.pilgrimage-for-restoration.org/blog/

Pax Christi tecum semper,

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*Come to restore.
The rest will come.*

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