

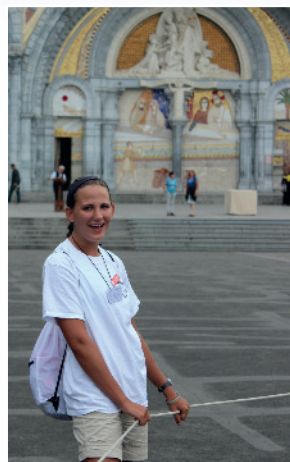


Our Lady's Pilgrimage

Celebrating the miracle of Lourdes with youth who discover the joy of their faith through service to the sick and the poor since 1993.

OUR MISSION

To provide young people with the opportunity to journey on pilgrimage to Lourdes, France to serve as Christ's hands and feet while they discover the joy, the beauty, and the power of the universality of the Catholic faith and servant Church, through service to the sick and handicapped. To continue fostering the spiritual growth of our pilgrims by offering ongoing, local service opportunities and faith reflection supported by the Our Lady's Pilgrimage community.



SUPPORT PILGRIM SCHOLARSHIPS

Your donations help us empower young Catholics to grow in their faith, and serve at home and in Lourdes. Our goal is to continue to offer this unique experience for years to come while expanding the opportunity to more students with a focus on increasing diversity and inclusion.


*"This trip is truly moving, life changing!
I came home so spiritually charged and at peace."*

Lourdes Pilgrim '19




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"I wouldn't trade the deeply human experience... getting to serve thousands of people who come looking for healing in God's hands and meeting all the amazing people in our pilgrimage."

Lourdes Pilgrim '18



NEW PILGRIM PROGRAM

Our first-year pilgrims are in high school, starting from rising sophomores. They help other pilgrims from around the world attend the services in Lourdes such as: visiting the Grotto, going to the baths, walking in the Candlelight Procession, participating in the International Mass, and traveling to and from the trains. First year pilgrims are also on pilgrimage, meaning they will experience all of what Lourdes has to offer including: the services mentioned above, opportunities for prayer and reflection, community building activities such as the Lourdes Scavenger Hunt and a mountain hike, and of course yummy European treats like crepes and gelato. There are two pilgrimages for new pilgrims each summer.

Each of the OLP Pilgrimages consists of 20-40 people, each approximately 8 days in length. Each pilgrimage is accompanied by a team of adult leaders, a chaplain, a nurse or doctor, and two seminarians. Together we have daily Mass, enjoy meals at the hotel, share morning prayer and evening reflections, and play cards, laugh, and knot rosaries during down time.

All pilgrims take a pledge to abstain from technology, including cell phones. This allows pilgrims to be present to each other and foster deeper community. Updates are sent to the family contacts through the state-side ground contact. Each trip has a photographer who will share all of the photos through OLP's website. If a pilgrim needs to contact home, they are able to use a leader's phone.

New or returning pilgrim applications may be requested as of December 1st for the coming year on the Applications page of the website. Trip dates, fees, and requirements are also found here. Scholarships available. Applications are completed online through the pilgrim and family login portals. Travel info and trip photos are found through the portal.

STAGE PILGRIM PROGRAM

The Stage Program is a training opportunity for those who loved their first pilgrimage experience and want to come back to serve in Lourdes. Stagiaires, as they are known, are 16 and older and choose the area of service they would like to work in for a week. They work alongside stagiaries from around the world and take part in ongoing training and formation through the 'Hospitalité' (the main office that organizes the volunteers that come to Lourdes each year). There are two stage pilgrimages each summer. Stagiaries are still able to take part in an OLP retreat day, a mountain hike, and community activities outside of their work assignments.

BEYOND LOURDES SERVICE & REFLECTIONS

In order to expand on and further integrate our Lourdes experience, OLP provides opportunities for our pilgrims and their families to continue their spiritual growth. Through our OLP Hands On Program we offer events such as local service opportunities and we host regular pilgrim-led gatherings for prayer, support and socializing. OLP welcomes new pilgrims who may not have traveled to Lourdes to participate in these local service and community opportunities.

