

Santa Fe Pilgrimage

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The Reconquista of America

Join this unique 33-mile overnight pilgrimage on the Santa Fe Trail to the Padilla Cross near Lyons, KS, where the Catholic Faith was planted in the USA in 1541. Men and boys are invited to “take the nail” and tread in the footsteps of America’s Protomartyr.

This year’s dates are Friday, July 19 - Saturday, July 20, 2024.

Significance of this pilgrimage: The Padilla Cross marks the location of a Quiviran Indian village and is dedicated to Fray Juan de Padilla, a Spanish Franciscan priest who journeyed with the Coronado Expedition to spread the Catholic Faith for the salvation of souls. The Quiviran Indians martyred him while he was attempting to evangelize the Kaw Indians in November 1542 (78 years before Plymouth Rock and 104 years before the North American Martyrs), giving him the distinction of being America’s Protomartyr.

Pilgrimage intentions: The Santa Fe Pilgrimage has a three-fold intention:

- 1). To affect a Catholic Reconquista of our country for the Social Kingship of Our Lord Jesus Christ
- 2). To make reparation for the modern apostasy of the Church’s hierarchy.
- 3). To pray for a final special intention from the district superior.

Schedule for Friday, July 19 and Saturday, July 20:

Friday: 2:30pm—depart from the Onyx Collection parking lot. *******Please show up on time!*******

5:00pm—assemble in the Northeast corner of the McPherson Walmart parking lot (205 S. Centennial Drive, McPherson, Kansas). The trip to McPherson from St. Mary’s takes about 2.5 hours, so plan accordingly if you are driving your own vehicle.

5:30pm—depart from Walmart in the busses for the starting point. Any vehicles not part of the support crew will be left at Walmart for the night. All Pilgrims will need to ride in one of the buses or support vehicles to the starting point.

6:00 pm—Blessing of scripts, opening talk & blessing, and step off at Eisenhower Road

8:00 pm—Dinner

Saturday:

9:30 am—arrival at Padilla Cross after 33 miles with no sleep. Mass followed by lunch from Sugar Creek

10:30 am—board buses and head back to McPherson for a quick stop then continue to Belvue.

3:30pm—approximate arrival at Onyx Collection

Registration for the pilgrimage:

To register, please sign one of the “release of liability” forms attached for each person.

- Any minors not accompanied by their father or legal guardian **must** bring the attached signed form and have selected a designated guardian.

We arrange transportation to and from the pilgrimage from The Onyx Collection south parking lot.

If you prefer to drive yourself or a group, that is fine, just let Nathaniel Sevigny know.

- **Important Note:** It is dangerous to walk the pilgrimage, stay up all night, and then drive home!

Donations are needed and appreciated!

A \$20 suggested donation is payable by cash, Venmo or check.

Checks should be made out to SSPX or Nathaniel Sevigny (MEMO: Santa Fe Pilgrimage).

The signed registration forms and donations can be dropped off at the Immaculata Parish Office **OR** given/mailed to Nathaniel Sevigny at 404 W. Bertrand Ave. Saint Mary’s, KS 66536.

Please have forms signed and payment turned in before the pilgrimage. This aids in an accurate count for buses, food, etc. Forms will still be accepted on the day of the pilgrimage, but please understand that if there is no room left on the buses, we will not be able to accommodate you.

For more information, contact the pilgrimage coordinator Nathaniel Sevigny at 816-491-3873 or at SantaFePilgrimage@gmx.com.

What we provide:

Along with transportation, we provide plenty of water, fruit and trail mix at every rest stop (approximately every 3-4 miles). A Rice and Bean Dinner will be provided on Friday night. Sugar Creek is donating a meal for after mass on Saturday morning. We will also have a large medical kit on hand and support vans to pick up those who need a break or cannot continue.

Things to bring the day of:

Broken-in footwear, extra socks, a rosary, & a poncho. *Not much else is needed. It will just weigh you down.*

Want to come but can’t walk?

Join the Support Team!

You can still join the pilgrimage by providing key support to the walking pilgrims as a rest stop assistant (setting up and taking down), support vehicle driver and/or you can lend us your 12 or 15 passenger van as a support vehicle. Contact Nathaniel Sevigny to sign up or for more details.

VIVA CRISTO REY!