



Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia

May 1, 2013

Dear Young Adults,

I am writing to you about an initiative for the Year of Faith.

On Sunday, October 13, 2013, the faithful of the Archdiocese are invited to participate in a ***Walking Pilgrimage of Faith*** in order to give public witness to their Faith in Christ and their participation in the life of the Church. While all the faithful are invited to participate, the involvement of youth, young adults and families is especially important. The pilgrimage will end at the Cathedral with time for prayer from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. and Mass celebrated by Archbishop Chaput at 6:30 p.m.

The pilgrimages can take place in a variety of ways that best suit the local community. Each group of pilgrims is asked to begin the pilgrimage with a brief Liturgy of the Word. The format for the Liturgy will be provided by the Office for Divine Worship. The different ways to make the pilgrimage to the Cathedral can be found on the attached sheet.

Six parish churches which are relatively close to the Cathedral have been established as landing sites from which to begin the Walking Pilgrimage. Saint Charles Borromeo Seminary has also been established as a site. The seminarians will participate in the Walking Pilgrimage. You may wish to go to one of these sites for the Liturgy of the Word and then walk to the Cathedral from the site for prayer and Mass. A list of the sites along with the times of the Liturgy of the Word at each site and the distance and estimated walking time to the Cathedral is attached. Please note that arrangements would have to be made by the group or parish regarding transportation. Parking is available on the lot of the Archdiocesan Pastoral Center on a first come first serve basis. Buses picking up groups will be able to park on the streets surrounding the Cathedral.

Each group is asked to register on-line. This will assist those making preparations at the Cathedral and each of the sites nearby. Registrations can be made via the Year of Faith website, archphila.org/yearoffaith. Information regarding the coordination of transportation to and from the Cathedral is also part of the attached materials.

Thank you in advance for participating in this Year of Faith event.

Fraternally yours,

Most Reverend John J. McIntyre
Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia