

# Pilgrimage of Faith

## Catechesis Points

### What is a pilgrimage?

- Pilgrimages evoke our earthly journey toward heaven and are traditionally very special occasions for renewal in prayer. For pilgrims seeking living water, shrines are special places for living the forms of Christian prayer 'in Church.' CCC 2691

### The Importance of Public Witness

- "We cannot be true believers if we do not evangelize." -World Youth Day Message, Benedict XVI
- "Dear friends, never forget that the first act of love that you can do for others is to share the source of our hope. If we do not give them God, we give them too little..." -World Youth Day Message
- "Faith grows when...it is communicated as an experience of grace and joy. It makes us fruitful, because it expands our hearts in hope and enables us to bear life-giving witness" -*Porta Fidei* 7
- "The renewal of the Church is also achieved through the witness offered by the lives of believers: by their very existence in the world, Christians are called to radiate the word of truth that the Lord Jesus has left us." -*PortaFidei* 6

### Plenary Indulgence

- The faithful will receive a Plenary Indulgence under the usual conditions during the Year of Faith "every time they go as pilgrims to sacred places identified by the Archbishop and take part there in some sacred function or at least pause in recollection for a suitable length of time with devout meditation, concluding with the recitation of the Our Father, the Profession of Faith in any legitimate form, invocations to the Blessed Virgin Mary or to the Holy Apostles or Patrons." ~Gift of Indulgences, Archdiocese of Philadelphia
- To obtain the Plenary Indulgence, a person must be truly repentant, receive the Sacrament of Penance and Holy Communion, and pray for the intentions of the Holy Father.
- An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven, which the faithful Christian who is duly disposed gains under certain prescribed conditions through the action of the Church which, as the minister of redemption, dispenses and applies with authority the treasury of the satisfactions of Christ and the saints. An indulgence is partial or plenary according as it removes either part or all of the temporal punishment due to sin. Indulgences may be applied to the living or the dead (CCC no. 1471).

**Let your light shine!**

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