

Map of the Martyr's Shrine

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| 1. Our Lady of Czestochowa Altar (Mass, confessions, Chaplet of Divine Mercy) | 6. Outdoor Stone Rosary |
| 2. Martyr's Shrine Holy Door | 7. Irish Peace Garden |
| 3. Martyr's Shrine (tours & additional confessions) | 8. St. Lorenzo Ruiz |
| 4. Papal Altar (site of St. John Paul II 1984 Mass) | 9. St. Josephine Bakhita |
| 5. Outdoor Stations of the Cross | 10. Our Lady of Guadalupe |
| | 11. Martyr's Hall Museum |
| | 12. Path of Ste. Marie Among the Hurons |



Busing to the Martyr's Shrine

Some parishes have scheduled a bus pickup. Please call your parish to see if busing is available.

Pilgrims of Hope

Journey to the Martyr's Shrine



Pilgrimage for the Diocese of Peterborough
in the Jubilee Year of Hope

**Saturday,
September 20, 2025
10am - 3pm**



Schedule

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| 10:00am | Buses arrive at the Shrine |
| 10:30am | Preparations for Mass; Confessions available |
| 11:00am | Mass with Bishop & assembled clergy |
| 12:00pm | Picnic lunches or purchase from café (limited seats available) |
| 1:00pm | Afternoon activity program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit Ste. Marie Among the Hurons • Children's activities (site determined) • Youth tour at Ste. Marie Among the Hurons (registration required) • Explore/tour the Shrine at your own pace |
| 1:30-2:15 | Stations of the Cross |
| 2:30pm | Chaplet of Divine Mercy at the Altar of Our Lady of Czestochowa |
| 2:45pm | Final blessing & farewell |
| 3:00pm | Departures/return to home |

What is a pilgrimage?

This pilgrimage is an opportunity to come together and be a part of the Jubilee Year of Hope. As part of the Jubilee, Pope Francis has declared that pilgrimages are a key part of the year and a chief way for the people to come in prayer seeking hope through God.

“Making a pilgrimage to shrines is one of the most eloquent expressions of the faith of a people for God ... This popular religiosity is an authentic form of evangelisation that must be promoted and emphasised, without minimising its importance.”

- Pope Francis, January 2016

A pilgrimage is a journey to a holy site - in our case a shrine - where pilgrims come. hungry, tired, and empty, ready to meet God and be shown his love. This pilgrimage will give every member of the diocese an opportunity to become a pilgrim, humbled and looking for hope through God to overflow in them and be poured out into the world.

How to prepare for the pilgrimage

A pilgrimage is more than just a trip. It is a spiritual journey to bring yourself closer to God and recharge your spirit to better equip you to go forth and evangelize. As such it is not a one-day event but requires preparation and continuation. Here are just a few options to prepare yourself or your parish community:

Novena to the Canadian Martyrs

The novena is a special nine-day prayer dedicated to the Canadian Martyrs and Our Lady the Queen of Martyrs. Each day is dedicated to a specific one of the Martyrs with the last being given to Our Lady. The prayers could be said individually at home or as a parish in community.

Read about the Lives of the Canadian Martyrs

To prepare yourself, it makes sense and is a worthwhile use of your time to learn about the Canadian Martyrs. Spend some time finding out why they came to Canada from France and what they went through arriving. Learn about the mission they established, their works in Canada, and the stories of their martyrdoms.

How to prepare for a Confession

In getting ready for the pilgrimage, don't forget to prepare yourself for the graces that come with this journey. Before making your confession, you first need to think about what you have done wrong, how your sins have hurt yourself, those around you, and your relationship with God. Ask yourself if you are truly sorry for what you have done and are ready to seek forgiveness.

Practical things to consider for this pilgrimage

This pilgrimage, like every other, has some more practical concerns that you will need to address:

Seating/Chairs

The Martyr's Shrine has a limited number of chairs and picnic tables available. For this reason, you should bring appropriate seating, whether chairs or a blanket for the family, something should be brought.

Lunch

Lunch is not included in the cost. We recommend you bring a lunch from home. Remember to pack appropriately to store it on the bus. You and others in your parish may wish to band together and come up with a potluck for your group to reduce what every person or family has to bring. Lunch can also be purchased at the Shrine's café or the restaurant at Ste. Marie Among the Hurons, but keep in mind that seating is limited.

Outside for the Day

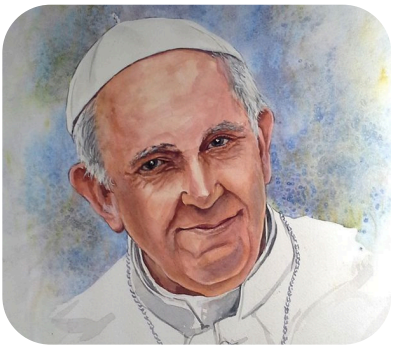
Please do not forget to dress appropriately for an all-day outdoor event, where the sun will hopefully be shining all day long. This means hats, sunscreen, and anything else you may require for a day outside.



A Shrine is: the house of forgiveness, where each person encounters the tenderness of the Father who is merciful to all, without excluding anyone.

- Pope Francis

January 2016



What is a Plenary Indulgence?

A plenary indulgence is the remission before God of the temporal punishment due to be suffered for sins that have already been forgiven. In order for a person to gain a plenary indulgence, the person's mind and heart must be pure and free of sin with the actions done in the greatest of reverence and piety. Plenary indulgences can be offered for the souls in purgatory for their sins committed and time spent before entering heaven.

How to obtain a Plenary Indulgence

1. Attend the sacrament of confession;
2. Attend a Mass and receive Holy Communion; and
3. Pray for the intentions of the Holy Father (one Our Father and one Hail Mary at least).
4. Pray one Apostles or Nicene Creed.

Pilgrimage Snapshot

Confessions:

As part of the morning events, confessions will be offered.

Plenary Indulgence Available:

Plenary indulgences can be attained by making the pilgrimage to the Shrine.

Visit to Ste. Marie Among the Hurons:

Following lunch, you are welcome to explore and experience the village of Ste. Marie Among the Hurons where Jesuits established their mission in Upper Canada. This is an opportunity to explore a period village and discover how the Hurons interacted with the Jesuit Missionaries.

Youth Program / Children's Activities at the Martyr's Shrine:

In the afternoon, youth are invited to youth-focused activities and to further explore the Shrine. This is an opportunity for youth to meet and make new friends from across the diocese.

Individual/Family Exploration:

This is an opportunity for individuals and families to further explore the grounds of the Martyr's Shrine at their own pace, with space for prayer and reflection.

The Martyr's Shrine

The Martyr's Shrine was established in 1925 and built between 1925 and 1926 by Fr. James Fillion S. J. to provide a large Shrine for the Canadian Martyrs in Midland, close to the site of where the early Jesuits lived, prayed, and were martyred. The Canadian Martyrs are a group of eight men who came from France to educate and evangelize the natives of Canada. These men were Jesuit priests, initiates, and a single layman who gave their time for their mission. The group of eight were martyred at the height of a growing tension between the Mohawk traditionalists and the growing Catholic Mohawks in Ontario. The deaths of the eight martyrs were not quick, many of them made to suffer for many days before they were granted death.

For more information on the Martyrs and the Shrine visit:

www.martyrs-shrine.com

