

Lourdes 2018 Youth Pilgrimage

Agreement for Pilgrims

To ensure that everyone has the opportunity to enjoy the pilgrimage to the full, all pilgrims are expected to abide by the following code of conduct whilst on pilgrimage. Failure to abide by this code of conduct may result in a pilgrim being asked to leave the group and returned home at their expense.

Preparatory Meetings

- You are expected to attend the training events that will be organised before the pilgrimage.

Drink and Illegal Drugs

- Alcohol is not permitted for under 18s on the pilgrimage.
- Alcohol must not be drunk at all for the duration of the journey to and from Lourdes.
- Over 18s may not drink alcohol during the day.
- Over 18s may drink in **moderation** on evenings, after the conclusion of the day's programme. **If you are unable to monitor sensibly your own level of alcohol, then this may result in a ban for all over 18's.**
- Energy drinks and stimulants (e.g. pro-plus) must not be consumed.
- No illegal drugs.

In the Hotel

- Bedrooms are for the pilgrim(s) allocated to that room. You should not gather in bedrooms and corridors.
- At no time should a pilgrim be in the room of another pilgrim of the opposite sex. There are plenty of public areas in the hotels to meet.

In Lourdes

- Pilgrims are required to participate fully in the events of the pilgrimage.
- You should be punctual and respectful when assisting the sick

Clothing

- Please wear appropriate clothing when in churches or during liturgies.
 - No hats indoors.
 - Low cut tops and vest tops should be covered when in churches and during liturgies.
 - Shorts and skirts should be knee length.
- The pilgrimage uniform (polo shirt) must be worn when advised by the pilgrimage co-ordinators.
- Always wear your identity badges.

Over 18s

- Pilgrims aged 18 and over should be aware that they are considered in law to be adults and there will be particular standards of behaviour expected of them, and they will be expected to set a good example to younger pilgrims and ensure that all pilgrims are kept safe.
- Avoid exclusive / one to one situations with younger pilgrims.
- Be aware that younger pilgrims may not have the confidence or skills to manage some situations.

General Behaviour

- Pilgrims should be respectful and courteous at all times.
- Instructions from group leaders are for the safety of all pilgrims, and to ensure that everyone has as enjoyable a time as possible. Please follow them.
- Please be on time for events, to avoid holding everyone else up.
- Please behave appropriately in churches and during liturgies and processions. No chewing gum or eating, no running or shouting. Keep a prayerful silence. Participate as much as you can during liturgies.
- We have no married couples with us on our pilgrimage! Behaviour should be appropriate at all times.
- Please ensure that your behaviour to others is appropriate and avoid the possibility of it being misinterpreted.
- Please enter into the pilgrimage activities with enthusiasm.
- **Use your time wisely – not only to spend time with friends you already have, but to form friendships with others too. In addition to this, please be aware of the people around you – if someone is sitting alone, please make sure to include them.**

Photography Policy

I understand and consent to the fact that during Lancaster Diocese Lourdes Pilgrimage, photos and videos may be taken to be used for posters, social media, websites and the diocesan newspaper. These images will only be used for the purposes of reminding young people of their pilgrimage, publicising the work of the Youth Service and promoting future events. I understand that any young person or leader who does not want their photo to be taken or to be used in any of the ways described above is free to make this clear in writing to the Youth Service staff who will comply with their wishes.

The nature of the pilgrimage means it is likely that photographs will be taken by other pilgrims, members of the public or the press. Lancaster Diocese Youth Service and Lancaster Diocese Lourdes Pilgrimage cannot take responsibility for who appears in these photos or how they might be used.