

Directions & rendezvous, Saturday

Arriving Saturday, September 26?

Drivers drop all passengers at Fonda Shrine, then drive directly to Auriesville Shrine and park in cafeteria lot. Shuttles return drivers to Fonda; last departure 8:45 A.M.

To Kateri Shrine: I-90 (NY State Thruway) exit #28 Fonda-Fultonville. Left after toll onto Riverside Drive. To traffic light: right, over bridge, into Fonda. To next light: left onto Rte 5 west, approx. 2 miles straight through town.

To Martyrs Shrine: I-90 (NY State Thruway) exit #28 Fonda-Fultonville. Right after toll onto Riverside Drive. To stop sign: left onto Rte 5S east, approx. 2 miles to Shrine.

For Amtrak service to Amsterdam NY call 800/872-7245. Nearest airports: Schenectady and Albany.

Liturgical schedule & miscellaneous

Benediction 6:00 P.M. Friday, September 25 at Kateri Shrine, Fonda; Mass 7:15 P.M. Holy Mass also offered 9:00 A.M. Sunday, September 27, in Kateri Chapel, Auriesville.

Social hall open Saturday morning at Shrine in Fonda. Hot water available for those supplying their own tea, coffee etc. Cafeteria, picnic tables & pavilions on grounds at Auriesville; brown bag or cook-out only.

Camping & lodging

For pilgrims arriving **Tuesday**:

Cramer's Point Motel
Lake George Village, NY
518/668-2292

Lake George Battleground Park
Campground, Lake Geo. Vlg, NY
800/456-2267 518/668-3348

For pilgrims arriving **Friday**:

Spaces for RV's, campers & tents at both Shrines. Water & restrooms; no hook-up's. Camp *gratis*, but notify Shrines in advance. Auriesville: 518/853-3033 Fonda: 518/853-3646

<i>Travel Port</i>	<i>Riverside Motel</i>	<i>Holiday Inn</i>
Fultonville, NY	Fultonville, NY	Johnstown, NY
518/853-3411	518/853-3314	518/762-4686

Call motels for directions, rates, reservations.

For more about camping/lodging or special transportation needs, plans & services Tuesday through Saturday, check out www.national-coalition.org/pilgrim/faq.html

Rendezvous — Wednesday, September 23

Final check-in 5:45 A.M. 'Million Dollar Beach' parking lot, southernmost shore of Lake of the Blessed Sacrament in Lake George Battleground Park. Holy Mass 7:15 A.M. at monument of St. Isaac Jogues; then breakfast, prayers & step-off.

Early-bird check-in Tuesday afternoon & evening

How to get to check-in? See the FAQ's – including special transportation needs & services for pilgrims Tuesday evening. www.national-coalition.org/pilgrim/

Equipment — more than 1 day

Modest clothing for walking through woods & over rugged terrain, long trousers (no shorts) or skirts and well broken-in hiking shoes are a must. Other essentials include:

- ✓ **a small backpack to carry throughout, containing:**
 - » your lunch for the day & canteen of water/beverage
 - » revitalizing snacks – dried fruit, chocolate bars, nuts etc.
 - » a light coat, warm jacket, or pullover
 - » a poncho to protect from rain
 - » a hat to protect from sun/rain
 - » band-aids, simple medication for blisters, headaches & muscle pain, medicated foot powder, moleskin
 - » pilgrim's booklet – supplied, containing hymns & prayers
 - » a Rosary
- ✓ **a larger bag transported by the Company of St. René, and retrievable at bivouacs, containing:**
 - » food reserves (your additional meals & drinks)
 - » a cup for tea/coffee/soup/instant hot breakfast cereal
 - » a flashlight
 - » changes of clothes, stored in water-proof wrapping – socks such as Thorlos®, CoolMax®, Smart-Wool® strongly recommended; cotton socks not advised
 - » light shoes – for the evening
 - » toilet paper & toiletries
 - » night clothes & bug repellent
 - » sleeping bag (**in water-proof sack**) & thick ground sheet

✓ **a tent (in water-proof sack)** - notify organizers if you have none
Pilgrims bringing more than essentials must arrange to transport their extra baggage themselves, or leave it in their vehicles.

Calling all volunteers!

The *Company of St. René* provides for material needs of pilgrims: baggage & personnel transport, Mass & campsite set-up, first aid, food & water service, port-a-johns. To volunteer, contact Company X.O. Michael Ehinger 832/498-7493 mepe@northpole-net.net

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of the North American Martyrs**

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Auriesville, New York



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Theme of Pilgrimage 2009

Restoring True Devotion to Mary, Mother of the Priesthood

But what will they be like, these servants, these slaves, these children of Mary? They will be ministers of the Lord who, like a flaming fire, will enkindle everywhere the fires of divine love. They will become, in Mary's powerful hands, like sharp arrows, with which she will transfix her enemies. They will be as the children of Levi, thoroughly purified by the fire of great tribulations and closely joined to God. They will carry the gold of love in their heart, the frankincense of prayer in their mind and the myrrh of mortification in their body. They will bring to the poor and lowly everywhere the sweet fragrance of Jesus, but they will bring the odour of death to the great, the rich and the proud of this world

St. Louis De Montfort, *True Devotion to Mary*; I, ch. 1, art. 4., nos. 56-58

Prayer during the Pilgrimage

Pilgrims of all ages walk in 'brigades' (groups of 15 to 35), under a patron saint. Brigades are formed by laymen who sing hymns, direct meditations, recite the Holy Rosary and other prayers. Pilgrims live according to the mandate of Our Lord & the fellowship of the Holy Ghost – friendship and prayer sustaining each pilgrim on his spiritual way.

Priests & religious lead the pilgrims along the way, hear confessions, give private spiritual counsel, teach.

Liturgical rites are celebrated in the traditional Latin usage, the 1962 Roman missal – the forma extraordinaria, in accord with Pope Benedict XVI's *motu proprio "Summorum Pontificum"*. Glorious instrument of prayer, the traditional rite stresses the universal character of the Church. Holy Mass is offered in a solemn manner each day, most especially Saturday.

Schedule in overview

The pilgrimage offers different ways to participate.

Wednesday - Saturday, September 23 – 26

Seventy-two miles from the Lake of the Blessed Sacrament (aka Lake George, NY) to the Martyrs' Shrine, Auriesville.

Pilgrims walk 65 miles in three days through the Adirondacks, camping each night en route and joining fellow pilgrims Saturday in Fonda for continuation to Auriesville.

Traditional Latin Mass, confessions, fellowship – every day.

Transportation provided throughout for weary pilgrims.

Three to five miles walking daily for two weeks prior to event, strongly recommended.

Saturday, September 26

Seven miles from the National Shrine of Blessed Kateri Tekakwitha, Fonda to the Shrine of Our Lady of the North American Martyrs, Auriesville.

Many pilgrims join up the last day, to walk the 'last leg'.

Common prayers begin 9:00 A.M. at Fonda Shrine. Holy Mass 1:00 P.M. in Coliseum Church, Auriesville crowns Pilgrimage.

Pilgrims wear hats, sturdy walking shoes & modest clothing, remembering they attend Holy Mass after; no shorts.

Pilgrims should bring a canteen of water, make provisions for inclement weather and are encouraged to carry holy images, banners & flags – but no signs as in demonstration.

Something for everybody

Children & parents – seniors, too – may join *for more than one day* in 'modified pilgrimage': praying, singing, playing, learning catechism – in camp. They also (may) walk short distances with other pilgrims en route, and join in all events Saturday.

See the website or contact NCCL for details, including family rates and discounts.

Can't travel? *Ask pilgrims to remember you in prayer en route, obtain a plenary indulgence from home, or sponsor a pilgrim. See www.national-coalition.org/dloadsponsor.html.*

Listen & learn

The Pilgrimage's hymns and a Mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary are on CD & tape. To order call NCCL, or use the Response Form (see insert).

Assistance & transportation

Water, first aid & transportation are provided all four days by volunteers of the Company of St. René Goupil.

The Company transports weary pilgrims and those who can no longer walk, or, in emergency, brings them to hospital.

Those pilgrims not reasonably expected to meet the physical demands of long-distance walking and penitential victuals & camping are asked to join the 'modified pilgrimage'.

Pilgrims must carry their own canteens, and prepare for their own basic first aid: 'blister-kits', aspirin & the like.

ALL PILGRIMS PARTICIPATE AT THEIR OWN RISK, MUST OBTAIN THEIR OWN & SPOUSE/CHILDREN'S PERSONAL MEDICAL INSURANCE, & MUST SIGN RELEASE OF LIABILITY FORM ON REGISTRATION FORM.

For pilgrims to recover vehicles at events' end, organizers provide shuttle-service Tuesday (only) from Fonda Shrine to lodgings in Lake George Village. Pilgrims request this service after registering. See FAQ's, or call NCCL.

Bivouacs & provisions

Pilgrims must make their own provisions for six cold meals to picnic: two each day, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday.

Organizers supplement meals with hot soup in the evening, and hot water & bread with jam at breakfast. Pilgrims supply their own powdered coffee, hot chocolate, tea bags, instant hot breakfast cereal, et cetera.

Company volunteers help prepare bivouacs along the way. Wednesday & Thursday's privately owned sites are equipped with running water, toilets, a few showers and wash basins, with remote electrical supply only.

Pilgrims may camp Friday evening at Fonda Shrine, but facilities are limited (and volunteers do not set up bivouac). Pilgrims may bunk-down in social hall, or drive themselves to local lodgings.