

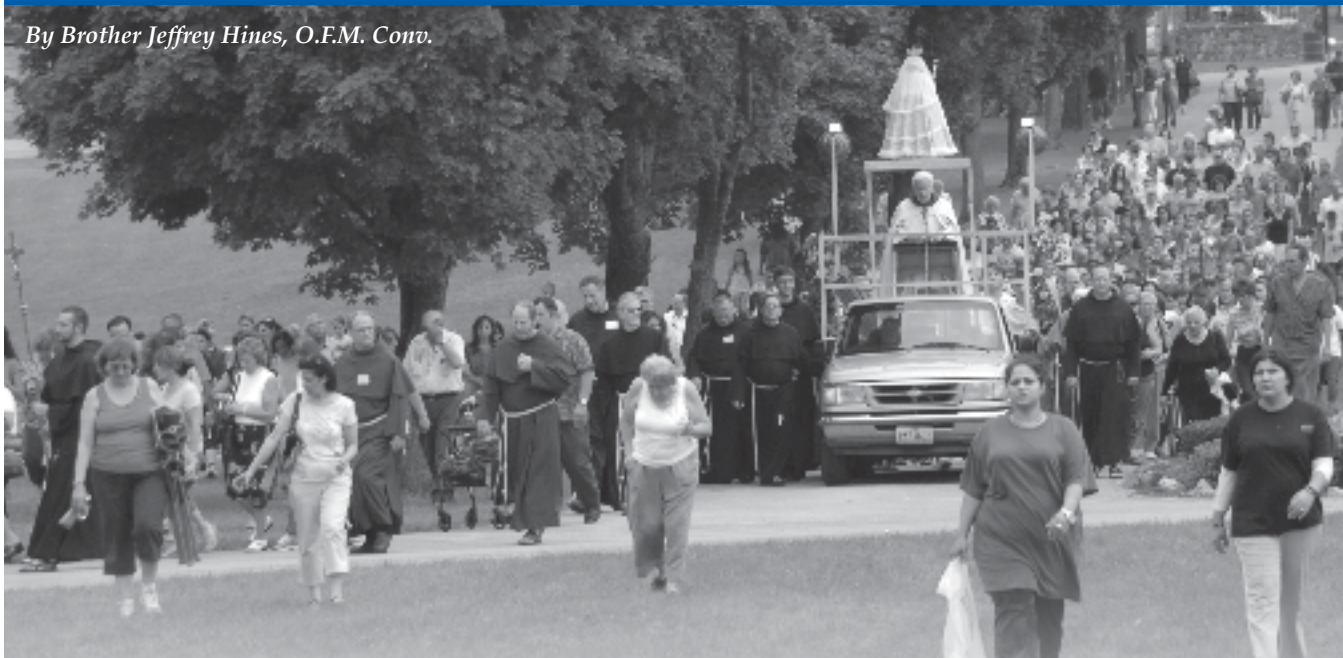
Pathways

to Our Lady of Consolation

Your Journey to Faith, Hope and Healing

OUR PILGRIMAGE IN LIFE... OUR PILGRIMAGE TO OUR LADY'S SHRINE IN CAREY

By Brother Jeffrey Hines, O.F.M. Conv.



Honoring Our Lady with a procession.

For many people at this time and in this country, the idea of a pilgrimage to a holy place has little relevance. The title 'pilgrim' reminds some of medieval times or earlier, when people went on pilgrimage to the Holy Land, to the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem.

But recently, the desire of people to make a pilgrimage, to go to a holy place to be in more direct communication with God, is gaining in popularity.

To countless people in our world, a pilgrimage to a holy place is a way of life. Making a pilgrimage is as old as our relationship with God. I have found the words of Father Eugene Lefebvre, C.Ss.R., past pilgrimage director of the Shrine of Saint Anne de Beaupre, most helpful in understanding the words 'pilgrimage'

and 'pilgrim:'

"Life on earth is a journey. Every day, man is brought closer to God. Through the years, God manifests Himself in the mystery of His love. In return, He begs full loving service.

"A pilgrim is such a man as he journeys on to a holy place, to a 'Promised Land.' Abraham was a typical pilgrim when he left his country, his home, and got on his way to the distant land which God said He would point out to him.

"As one's journey, one's pilgrimage comes to an end, as the holy place is reached, the pilgrim is ushered into God's presence.

"Men have always felt the need of traveling to certain places where it seemed easier to enter into communication with God and the saints. Three times

a year, the Jews of old went up to Jerusalem. Jehovah Himself had marked the dates of these pilgrimages of a whole nation to the Holy City.

“Ever since the Son of God came upon the earth, in order to live and die for love of all people, every Christian keeps, in his innermost heart, a longing for the places trod by the feet of Our Lord.

“Other places have become, through the centuries, rallying points for the piety of the faithful. On all continents, in the heart of each country, there have been erected monuments or churches to the memory of some great friend of God, to the glory of some wonder-worker.

“It is God Himself, who by the sign of a miracle, has indicated the towns, the temples, where it was agreeable to Him to act in more tangible fashion than elsewhere. Thus it is that Rome, Saint James of Compostella, Lourdes, Fatima, etc., have risen above the mass of human cities like peaks which reach up to heaven.”

—Saint Anne’s Pilgrim People,
Rev. Eugene Lefebvre, C.Ss.R., 1975

Through the efforts of Father Joseph Gloden (native of Luxembourg where Our Lady of Consolation is the Patroness of the country), a copy of the statue of Our Lady of Consolation was brought from the Cathedral at Luxembourg to the United States. In order to fulfill a vow Father Gloden had made when he was a young seminarian, the newly constructed church in Carey, Ohio was given the name of Our Lady of Consolation, while the statue brought from Luxembourg was solemnly installed in that same church.

Ever since that day 134 years ago, the Mother of Our Lord has continued to bless, to console, and to heal countless pilgrims who come to the Shrine.

I invite you to come to Carey, whether you are returning or are making the journey for the first time. Come visit and pray at the Shrine of Our Blessed Mother. She truly is our loving Mother of Consolation.

FATHER DAVID ROSS TO PREACH THE SOLEMN NOVENA BEFORE THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION, AUGUST 6—AUGUST 14, 2009



Fr. David Ross

The Pilgrimage Staff at the Shrine is pleased to announce our preacher for the Solemn Novena before the solemnity of Mary’s Assumption. Father David Ross, member of the Diocese of Toledo, will preach at the evening and one afternoon Novena services this year.

Father David is a highly respected, long-time friend of the Shrine. He has been the celebrant of our Italian Mass at our Italian Heritage Day celebrations for the past several years.

Father was born in Lima, Ohio in 1949. He was ordained a priest in the Cathedral of the Most Holy Rosary in Toledo on July 26, 1975. Among his degrees are the STL from the Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas, Rome, Italy; JCL from The Catholic University of America, Washington, DC; Ph.D. (Canon Law) from the University of Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

His responsibilities have included teaching assignments in several Catholic high schools, administrator of several parishes, and several pastorates in the Diocese of Toledo. He is presently Pastor of Saint Rose/Saint John Parishes, Lima, Ohio.

We welcome Father David for special times of prayer for our pilgrims and parishioners, and we recommend him to your prayers, and ask every blessing to be upon him.

THE PILGRIMAGE LEADS US HOME

By Fr. John Raphael Hadnagy, O.F.M. Conv.

The first time I ever came to the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation was in the summer of 1981. I had just completed my first year as a seminarian with the Conventual Franciscan Friars. In the pilgrims that come here, I saw a great love and devotion to Jesus and to Our Blessed Mother.



The Our Lady of Consolation altar.

In those few days, I had experiences which will be with me for the rest of my life.

Over the past eighteen and a half years, I have been to many places of pilgrimage around the world. I have seen great devotion, conversions, people returning to the sacraments after many years away, and many other miracles. I have been to some of the great Catholic shrines of Europe, and I cherish those experiences as they have deepened my faith and my love for Jesus and Mary.

It has taken me all of these years to understand that one of the greatest places of faith I have ever experienced is right here where I live and minister. Like those great shrines of Europe, pilgrims come here seeking healing, hope, peace and consolation. Judging by what I hear from

pilgrims who write to us and call us, I know that many, if not all, return home from our Shrine with hope revived, consolation and peace restored, and healing in mind, body or spirit received. We have a great Shrine right here in our backyard—right here at home.

I spent time last evening praying in front of the altar of Our Lady of Consolation for an aunt who is ill with cancer. I felt the peace and consolation that only the mother of Our Lord Jesus can give. I knew deep inside that Our Lady would intercede for my aunt, and that through Mary's prayers, Jesus would lay His healing hand on her. Whether that healing is physical, spiritual, mental or emotional (or all of the above), it felt safe to put my aunt in the hands of Jesus and His Mother.

While I hope, eventually, to return to Europe and her beautiful shrines, I know that this Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation is our safe and sacred place right here at home. Our Blessed Lady invites all of us to come to her special place. Here, she wishes to bring us to Jesus and to open our hearts to the love and the miracles that Jesus and His Father and Our Father have in store for us.

As the caretakers of this Shrine, we Conventual Franciscan Friars invite you to make a pilgrimage home to this sacred place, the place that Our Lady set aside for us 134 years ago.



Pilgrims arrive by bus or by car.




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MY FAITH JOURNEY: PARISH PILGRIMAGE IN IRELAND

By Father Xavier Goulet, O.F.M. Conv.



A Pilgrimage is a journey of the body and soul.

In the millennium year 2000, the Bishops of Ireland asked that on one particular Sunday, every parish in Ireland make a pilgrimage to a significant place in their local area. Neighboring parishes could join together for this experience. In the Dublin area called Fairview, where our Franciscan parish is located, there was no significant place. The parish to the north of us, called Marino, is the daughter parish of Fairview. It was decided that the daughter parish would make a pilgrimage to the mother parish.

The direct route between the two parishes is about a fifteen-minute walk. On a lovely Sunday afternoon, we gathered in the Marino Church to begin the pilgrimage. The number of people in Church seemed small. After we said some prayers, we began our journey. It was decided not to go the direct route to the Fairview Church, but to go by way of about five different neighborhoods, in each of which we stopped to

say some prayers. As we journeyed to the various places, we prayed the rosary. There were people of all ages along our pilgrimage route waiting to join us. When we arrived at the Fairview Church, there were at least 500 people in this procession. The journey took a little over an hour.

During this pilgrimage children were given something to eat, people were drinking water, and in moments between prayers people were sharing with one another. The spirit of this pilgrimage was one of faith, hope and love, and it was an atmosphere of Christian community filled with joy and peace. All of these elements are the essence of authentic pilgrimage.

At the Church, more people were waiting who were not able to undertake the walk. The pilgrimage ended with a homily and Benediction. For months afterwards, people in the area spoke about this pilgrimage experience, and even those who did not make the journey were inspired as the procession passed their homes. In reflecting on this, I wonder if there was a similar experience during the 1875 pilgrimage from the parish of Saint Nicholas in Frenchtown to the newly founded little parish church of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey.

Father Xavier is the Assistant Pastor of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey. He comes to Carey after 10 years assignment in Dublin, Ireland.

OUR PILGRIMS WRITE

Several years ago a woman was taken with a severe and extremely painful attack of rheumatic fever, which brought her near death's door and left her crippled. Medicines and doctors seemed to do no good. She lived on for some years only able to hobble about on crutches.

Having read an account of the pilgrimages to Our Lady of Consolation in Carey, she was filled with confidence and promised Our Lady to make a pilgrimage and to have Masses celebrated in Carey if she would get well. She began to get better and could at last walk without crutches. In July she redeemed her vow and came to Carey and left her crutches at the Shrine, along with a statement of her cure.

-JW, Ohio



AUGUST 2009 MASS AND EVENTS SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 2

Upper Basilica: Masses

8:00 am
10:00 am
12:00 noon

2:30 pm—Devotions (Upper Basilica)
with outdoor rosary procession

Sunday, August 9

Upper Basilica: Masses

8:00 am
10:00 am
12:00 noon

10:30 am to 12:00 noon—Confessions
2:30 pm—Devotions (Upper Basilica)
with outdoor rosary procession

Friday, August 14

Upper Basilica: Masses

7:00 am
11:00 am
5:00 pm (Chaldean)
7:30 pm
9:30 pm

Lower Basilica: Mass

5:30 pm

Original Shrine Church: Mass

1:00 pm
5:00 pm (Italian)

10:00 am to 7:30 pm—Confessions
2:30 pm—Devotions (Upper Basilica)
9:00 pm—Candlelight procession to the
Shrine Park with Mass

Saturday, August 15

Upper Basilica: Masses

7:00 am (English)
9:00 am (Chaldean)
10:30 am (English)
12:00 noon (Chaldean)
5:30 pm (English)

Lower Basilica: Masses

9:30 am (English)
11:00 am (Albanian)
12:30 pm (English)

Original Shrine Church: Masses

11:00 am (Italian)
12:00 pm (English)

8:00 am to 1:00 pm—Confessions

2:30 pm—Shrine Park Procession and Devotions

Sunday, August 16

Upper Basilica: Masses

8:00 am
10:00 am
12:00 noon

Original Shrine Church: Mass

11:30 am (Italian)

10:30 am to 12:00 noon—Confessions
2:30 pm—Devotions (Upper Basilica)
with outdoor rosary procession

Sunday, August 23

Upper Basilica: Masses

8:00 am
10:00 am
12:00 noon

10:30 am to 12:00 noon—Confessions
2:30 pm—Devotions (Upper Basilica)
with outdoor rosary procession

Sunday, August 30

Upper Basilica: Masses

8:00 am
10:00 am
12:00 noon

2:30 pm—Devotions (Upper Basilica)
with outdoor rosary procession

The Shrine provides many opportunities for prayer and spiritual reflection during the Novena (August 6-14). The Novena weekday schedule includes Masses at 7 and 11 am. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered each evening at 7 pm, excluding Sunday. Evening Novena devotions begin at 8 pm with the Novena prayer, rosary procession, homily and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. At the conclusion of each Novena Service, prayers with individual pilgrims will be offered.

For a complete schedule of Masses and special events for the rest of the year, please visit us online at <http://www.olcshrine.com/calendar.html>. For information about Retreat House events, see our web site at <http://www.olcshrine.com/franciscan.html> or call us at (419) 396-7970. You are always welcome!

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