

Jubilee Plenary Indulgence



To honor the 10th Anniversary Founding of
OUR LADY OF LOURDES HOSPITALITY
NORTH AMERICAN VOLUNTEERS

Pope Benedict XVI
has granted, by Apostolic Decree,

a plenary indulgence

to all faithful

who make pilgrimage to Lourdes
or experience Lourdes
in a Virtual Pilgrimage

with North American Lourdes Volunteers
from July 16, 2012 through July 15, 2013,
fulfilling the usual conditions.

About Plenary Indulgences

“An indulgence is a remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven.” (CCC 1471)

To enter into Heaven, we must be completely purified of all *temporal punishments of sin* either here in this life or afterward in Purgatory.

Indulgences are granted as a special grace to rid us of temporal punishments of sin.

Striving to live a virtuous life, practicing works of mercy & charity (*such as serving at Lourdes*) as well as living a life of **prayer and penance** (*as requested at Lourdes*) is a path that can lead us to rid ourselves of temporal punishments.

For more information call (315) 476-0026 or visit our website: www.LourdesVolunteers.org

About North American Volunteers



Our Lady of Lourdes Hospitality North American Volunteers is a Public Association of the Christian Faithful in the Catholic Church, non-profit charity founded July 16, 2002 as the first Lourdes Hospitality of the Americas to:

“Extend the invitation of the Immaculate Conception as given to Bernadette in the Grotto at Lourdes; to serve the sick and suffering at Lourdes and at home following the loving example of St. Bernadette in simplicity, humility and obedience.”

Sharing the Gospel Message of Lourdes, we offer:

- Special Needs Lourdes Pilgrimages with medical supportive care assistance
- Lourdes Mission Service for Adults & Youth
- Virtual Pilgrimage Experiences to parishes, schools, universities, prisons & groups

To honor our 10th Anniversary, the Holy Father grants a Plenary Indulgence to those who join us on Pilgrimage to Lourdes and those who experience Lourdes in a Virtual Pilgrimage experience.



To inquire or make a tax-deductible donation to support our mission or sponsor sick or wounded:



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LOURDES Virtual Pilgrimage



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About Pilgrimage

According to the Old and New Testaments, people have been making spiritual journeys to holy sites for thousands of years. The true purpose of pilgrimage is to grow in faith while making a visit to a place made holy by a sacred event. Often as pilgrims away from our everyday routine we can experience the time to deepen our relationship with God.



About Lourdes

In 1858 the Mother of God appeared to a young girl, Bernadette Soubirous, in Lourdes, France. In total, there were 18 apparitions including requests to “drink and wash of the spring of water...” to pray, do penance, build a chapel and have people come in procession.



Since then, there have been scientifically documented inexplicable cures and miracles proclaimed along with conversions and healings of body and soul.

Virtual Tour Program

Enjoy a spiritual and prayerful pilgrimage with an experienced guide. Our interactive ninety minute tour agenda includes:

- Invitation and History of Pilgrimage
- The Apparitions and Message of Lourdes
- In the Footsteps of Bernadette

Guided Visual Tour:

“Visit” the Grotto

Experience the Rock of Massabielle
“...upon this Rock,
I build my Church...”



Touch a piece of the Grotto Rock.



“wash of this water” as Bernadette

“Go to the spring to drink and wash of it...”

In remembrance of our Baptismal Vows we share authentic water from the Grotto.

Receive a Eucharistic Blessing

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick Or Priestly Eucharistic Blessing



Conclude with the Candlelight Rosary Procession and sing the Ave Maria!



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About Virtual Pilgrimage

Virtual pilgrimage provides the experience of Lourdes without leaving home. A guided “virtual” tour using the digital photograph projection technology of portable computers combined with the interactive experiences of the spiritual activities offers the “pilgrim” the essence of “virtually” visiting Lourdes.

Each Virtual Pilgrimage guides “pilgrims” through a prayerful visit to the Grotto, the experience of the water, participation in the candlelight procession and priestly blessing.

“Lourdes came to me!”



To Host Virtual Pilgrimage

Parishioners, the sick or elderly, youth groups, students, hospices, prisons, church organizations and nursing homes are ideal “pilgrims” to experience Virtual Pilgrimage.

Our flexible program is available in 20 to 90 minute presentations in English or Spanish.

For information about Virtual Pilgrimage or the Jubilee Plenary Indulgence or to host a Virtual Pilgrimage call (315) 476-0026.