

Code of Conduct
For Youth Helpers traveling with
Ossory Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Each participant on this pilgrimage is required to sign up to and follow the code of conduct. It makes for a smooth running of the pilgrimage and will insure the security and safety of everyone involved. Young pilgrims, from now on called pilgrim/s, who travel with the Ossory Youth Helpers, from now referred to as the group, are required to conduct themselves at all times with respect for themselves and others. This is a Christian pilgrimage, to a place of great prayer and peace, therefore it is important that each pilgrim follow these rules, enabling the time of pilgrimage to be rewarding for all involved. Group leaders will implement the Code of Conduct by setting an example for the pilgrims. Please give them your respect and cooperation.

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1. Each pilgrim is responsible for his/her own actions. Each pilgrim accepts full responsibility for any damage caused by them while on this pilgrimage.
2. Each pilgrim is to show respect in word and action to the leaders and others. Behaviour / actions of each pilgrim should not lead to the embarrassment or disgrace of themselves or of the group. They are to respond to the direction and correction of any leader immediately.
3. Bullying of any kind will not be tolerated and is to be reported to any leader.
4. Pilgrims are expected to attend all group activities, and take part in the program fully. Youth pilgrims will be briefed at the beginning of each day as to the programme schedule for the day.
5. Conduct in hotel of residence
 - a. Please be on time for all meals in the hotel.
 - b. Gathering and socialising must be done in the public areas of the hotel, that is, the dining room or in the lobby and be under the supervision of the youth leaders.

- c. There is no reason for noise in the halls or rooms, nor will it be tolerated.
 - d. Pilgrims are only allowed in the room that is allocated to them. This guarantees the right to privacy and quiet times for members of our group and other guests in the hotel.
 - e. All pilgrims must be in their rooms by a designated time each night.
 - f. You are not allowed enter rooms occupied by members of the opposite sex.
 - g. Silence at night is to be observed.
 - h. Rooms are to be kept clean and tidy.
6. Since this is a religious pilgrimage, and because of the leaders concern for the safety and wellbeing of each pilgrim, **the purchase and consumption of alcohol and drugs is not allowed on this pilgrimage.** This is also in keeping with school policy on alcohol and drugs. (Spot checks will be made on room and/or baggage if deemed necessary.)
7. Violation of this rule will incur immediate dismissal from the pilgrimage, at their or their parent's expense and will jeopardise the possibility of students from your school partaking in future pilgrimages.
8. Bad language will not be tolerated.
9. Pilgrims are prohibited in participating in any activity not organised or sanctioned by the Group Leaders. The hire or the use of motorised vehicles or bicycles or equipment is unacceptable.
10. The taking of photographs in inappropriate situations is forbidden and will result in camera equipment being confiscated until the end of the pilgrimage.
11. Behaviour in and around the sanctuary and grounds
- i. Silence and quietness is required in all Churches in Lourdes and especially around the Grotto.
 - ii. Respect the space of others – this means remaining quite and giving others space allowing others to pray.
 - iii. Messing, talking, sneering and disturbing other pilgrims during mass, prayer or quite times will not be tolerated.

12. Dress Code in and around the Sanctuary.

- i. As this is a pilgrimage and not a sun holiday appropriate dress in and around the sanctuary is compulsory. Shoulders must be covered and shorts must to down to the knees.
- ii. The official pilgrimage T-Shirt must be worn at all official pilgrimage ceremonies.

13. Conduct towards invalid pilgrims

Youth pilgrims are to engage politely and with an attitude of care towards the invalid pilgrims they are working with.

Lourdes is a wonderful place of prayer and peace. We are called by Mary, to share in the joy and love her son Jesus has for us and we are called to discover our own faith and calling in life.

This code is to insure that every pilgrim travelling with us receives the fullness of this joy and peace and the dignity and respect that they deserve.

I have received a copy of this Code of Behaviour for Youth Helpers on the Ossory Lourdes Pilgrimage. I have read it and agree to abide by the conditions described within it.

Signature of Participant

Date

Signature of Parent

Date

Signature of Leader
On behalf of the Group

Date