

VADIS QUED DEUS WALK WITH GOD BENE AMBULA ET REDAMBULA A SAFE JOURNEY TO YOU

IN THE NAME OF THE FATHER, AND OF THE SON, AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. AMEN

IN NOMINE PATRIS, ET FILII, ET SPIRITUS SANCTI. AMEN



PILGRIMAGE OF FAITH
Cathedral Trail
11.4 Miles

- LATIN RITE CATHOLIC CHURCH
- FORMER PARISH (CLOSED)
- FORMER PARISH (DEMOLISHED)
- MARONITE RITE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Christians have been traveling to Holy places since the beginning of the Church and have been actively encouraged to go on Pilgrimages since the Middle Ages. The Pilgrimage participants (pilgrims) are on a spiritual journey as well as a physical journey. The Pilgrimage is a time of leaving our daily lives behind, turning to the Lord, repenting of our sins, increased prayer life and in some cases, hope for miraculous cures for ills. The beginning and end of this Pilgrimage is the Archdiocese of Cincinnati's Cathedral, the seat of the Archbishop, heir of the Apostles. The Bishops, in union with the Bishop of Rome (the Pope), are responsible for our spiritual welfare and have established parishes throughout their dioceses for our spiritual needs. The Churches along this trail, in or near downtown Cincinnati, are old parishes with beautiful interiors and exteriors, rich histories and have served the needs of the faithful for many generations.

This Pilgrimage of Faith trail has been developed for the local Scouting organizations but all are encouraged to participate in this hike in an effort to increase their faith and to help each on their own walk with the Lord. Depending on the time of day, some of the Churches may be open. All participants are encouraged to pray at each Church, inside if open. Possible prayers could be the "Our Father" and several "Hail Marys" or something similar. While on the Pilgrimage, all pilgrims are encouraged to attend Mass if available, attend the Sacrament of Penance / Reconciliation and make use of sacramentals such as holy water as they enter the Churches. As is the biblical and historical custom, pilgrims are also encouraged to give alms to the Churches they visit. Fasting from food is recommended along the trail but drinking water is highly encouraged.

Trail Attire

All Scouts are required to hike the Pilgrimage of Faith Trail wearing the regular field uniform or their "class B" uniform during the summer. Our Scout uniform tells people who we are and what we stand for in a similar manner that the outward signs (clothing) the ordained and consecrated religious wear to remind them and others of their vocations to the Lord. All participants should be respectful of private property along on the Trail and should practice the principles of Leave No Trace.

Trail Safety

This is an urban trail that goes through a few neighborhoods in which some residents fail to live by the Scout Law. We recommend that you Be Prepared for these areas and travel with a minimum of two adults and four scouts. Follow BSA Safe Hiking Rules.

For the Second Class rank requirement

A compass bearing should be taken at each of the 10 points along the trail.

Your Pilgrimage starting point is;

1. Saint Peter in Chains Cathedral

325 West 8th St., Cincinnati, Ohio 45202

39°6'13.89"N 84°31'8.70"W

- 1 Head East on W 8th St toward Plum St.
- 2 Continue onto Garfield Place
- 3 Turn right onto Vine St.
- 4 Turn left onto E 8th St. and continue to St. Louis Church

2. St. Louis Church

29 E 8th Street, Cincinnati, Ohio

1 Head East on E 8th St toward Walnut St

- 2 Turn right onto Sycamore St. and continue to St. Francis Xavier Church

3. St. Francis Xavier Church

607 Sycamore S. Cincinnati, OH 45202

39° 6' 12" N, 84° 30' 33" W

- 1 Head North on Sycamore St toward New St
- 2 Turn right onto New St
- 3 Turn left onto Broadway St
- 4 Turn right onto Gilbert Ave
- 5 Turn right onto Van Meter St.
- 6 Take the stairs over the highway
- 7 Continue onto Baum St
- 8 Turn left onto Monastery St
- 9 Turn right onto Celestial St.
- 10 Go past the Rookwood Pottery to the parking lot and stop at the flag pole. This point has a great view westward to downtown Cincinnati.

4. The Celestial,

1071 Celestial St, Cincinnati, OH 45202

- 1 Leaving the parking lot, turn left down Celestial St..
- 2 Continue to the corner of Jerome St. and bear left
- 3 Take the St Paul Place stairs (on the left) up the hill to the The (former) Holy Cross Monastery & Chapel.

5. The (former) Holy Cross Monastery & Chapel,

1055 St. Paul Pl, Cincinnati, OH 45202

39°06'27"N 84°29'57"W

- 1 Turn left onto Pavilion St
- 2 Continue straight to Guido St.
- 3 Turn right onto Guido St. Holy Cross Immaculata Church will be on the right.

6. Holy Cross Immaculata Church

30 Guido Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202

39°06'26"N 84°29'46"W

- 1 Head west, down the long stairs (These are the steps people pray on Good Friday)
- 2 Turn left (down) onto St Gregory St
- 3 Turn right onto Hill St
- 4 Turn left at Celestial St. Take the stairs down
- 5 Turn left onto Adams Crossing. Take the stairs
- 6 Adams Crossing turns slightly right and becomes Parsons St
- 7 Turn left onto Riverside Dr
- 8 Continue eastward to St. Rose Church (on the right)

7. St. Rose of Lima Church

2501 Riverside Dr, Cincinnati, OH 45202

- 1 Head west on Riverside Dr toward Lumber St
- 2 Turn right onto Collins Ave
- 3 Turn left to stay on Collins Ave
- 4 Turn left onto William Howard Taft Rd
- 5 Turn right onto Moorman Ave
- 6 Turn left onto Madison Rd
- 7 Continue West. St Francis De Sales will be on the rt.

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8. St Francis De Sales Church

1600 Madison Rd, Cincinnati, OH 45206

- 1 Head south on Woodburn Ave
- 2 Turn right (west) on E McMillan St
- 3 Turn right at Victory parkway to St. Anthony of Padua Church

9. St. Anthony of Padua Church

2530 Victory Parkway, Cincinnati, OH 45206

- 1 Leaving the Church, turn to the left (south)
- 2 Turn right onto E McMillan St
- 3 Turn left onto Auburn Ave
- 4 Holy Name Church will be on the left

10. Holy Name Church

2448 Auburn Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45219

- 1 Head north on Auburn Ave toward E McMillan St
- 2 Cross E McMillan St and continue to William Howard Taft Road.
- 3 Turn left onto William Howard Taft Road
- 4 William Howard Taft Road becomes Calhoun St
- 5 Continue West on Calhoun St
- 6 Where Calhoun St ends, turn left onto Clifton Ave.
- 7 Turn right W McMillan St (going west)
- 8 St. Monica / St. George Church will be on the right

11. St. Monica / St. George Church

328 W McMillan St, Cincinnati, OH 45219

- 1 Turn S onto Ravine St
- 2 Turn right into the Fairview Park
- 3 Continue up the hill to the viewing area on the left.

12. Fairview Park

- 1 Return back down the street to Ravine St.
- 2 Turn right (south) onto Ravine St and go down the street
- 3 Turn left onto Central Pkwy
- 4 Continue south on Central Pkwy to W 8th St
- 5 Turn left onto W 8th St and you arrive back at the Saint Peter in Chains Cathedral.

Travel Information

- 1 to 2 - Total: 0.4 mi – about 9 mins
- 2 to 3 - Total: 0.3 mi – about 6 mins
- 3 to 4 - Total: 1.1 mi – about 26 mins
- 4 to 5 - Total: 0.2 mi – about 5 mins
- 5 to 6 - Total: 0.2 mi – about 3 mins
- 6 to 7 - Total: 3.0 mi – about 1 hour 0 mins
- 7 to 8 - Total: 1.3 mi – about 31 mins
- 8 to 9 - Total: 0.7 mi – about 14 mins
- 9 to 10 - Total: 1.4 mi – about 29 mins
- 10 to 11 - Total: 0.9 mi – about 18 mins
- 11 to 12 - Total: 0.2 mi – about 5 mins
- 12 to End - Total: 1.7 mi – about 32 mins

Estimated Distance – 11.4 miles

Estimated Hiking Time – 3 hours and 58 minutes.

Trail History

This trail was developed for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati's Catholic Committee of Scouting in 2013.

Trail Awards

Please download the Order Form from the website www.pilgrimageoffaith.org



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