



Cathedral Trail (5.0 miles)



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 E 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 E 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 4520

39°6'12"N 84°30'33"W

- 1 Head S on Sycamore St toward E 6th St.
- 2 Turn left onto E 4th St. and enter into the Lytle Park Historic District

4. Lytle Park Historic District

39°6'4"N 84°30'19"W

- 1 Head NE on E 4th St toward Pike St.
- 2 Turn right onto Pike St.
- 3 Turn left onto E 3rd St.
- 4 Turn right onto Eggleston Ave.
- 5 Turn left onto E Pete Rose Way
- 6 Slight left onto Adams Crossing
- 7 Turn left. Take the stairs
- 8 Turn right. Take the stairs

5. Riverview Park, Cincinnati, Ohio

- 1 Head NW over Columbia Parkway (SR 50). Take the stairs and bridge.
- 2 Turn right on Hill St.
- 3 Turn left onto St. Gregory Street
- 4 Turn right onto stairs up to Holy Cross Immaculata Church

6. Holy Cross Immaculata Church

30 Guido Street, Cincinnati, OH

39°06'26"N 84°29'46"W

- 1 Head N on Guido St toward Pavilion St.
- 2 Turn left onto Pavilion St.
- 3 The (former) Holy Cross Monastery & Chapel is at the top of the hill. The Chapel is on the right down St Paul Place.

7. The (former) Holy Cross Monastery & Chapel, 1055 St. Paul Pl, Cincinnati, OH

39°06'27"N 84°29'57"W

- 1 Head S on St Paul Place.
- 2 Go down the stairs
- 3 Turn right onto Celestial St.
- 4 Turn left into the Celestial parking lot, next to the Rookwood Pottery and stop at the flag pole. This point has a great view westward to downtown Cincinnati.

8. The Celestial,

1071 Celestial St, Cincinnati, OH 45202

- 1 Leave the parking lot and to the bearing left past the Rookwood Pottery
- 2 Turn left onto Monastery St. and go down the hill
- 3 Turn right onto Baum St.
- 4 Continue onto Van Meter St.

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- 5 Turn left toward Gilbert Ave. Take the stairs
- 6 Turn right onto Gilbert Ave. Take the stairs
- 7 Turn left onto E Court St.
- 8 Turn left onto Broadway St.
- 9 Sharp right onto Eggleston Ave.
- 10 Turn left onto E Central Parkway
- 11 Turn right onto Sycamore St.
- 12 Turn left onto E Central Parkway
- 13 Turn right onto Main St.
- 14 Turn left onto E 13th St. continue to Old St. Mary's Church

9. Old St. Mary's Church,

123 East 13th Street, Cincinnati, OH

39°06'34"N 84°30'43"W

- 1 Head W on E 13th St toward Clay St.
- 2 Turn right onto Walnut St.
- 3 Turn left onto E Liberty St.
- 4 Turn right onto Vine St. and continue to St. Francis Seraph Church & Friary

10. St. Francis Seraph Church & Friary

1615 Vine Street, Cincinnati, OH

- 1 Head S on Vine St toward W Liberty St.
- 2 Turn right onto W 14th St.
- 3 Turn left onto Elm St.
- 4 Turn right onto W 9th St.
- 5 Turn left onto Plum St.
- 6 Turn right onto W 8th St. and you arrive back at the Saint Peter in Chains Cathedral.

US Historical points of interest

- A** Platt Park - Statue of General William Henry Harrison (1773-1841), 9th President of United States (1841), astride a horse.
- B** Platt Park - Statue of President James A. Garfield, 20th President of the United States
- C** E 8th St. - Plaque noting location where poet Thomas Buchanan Read wrote a famous Civil War poem called, "Sheridan's Ride."
- D** Lytle Park - Statue of President Abraham Lincoln, 6th President of the United States
- E** Lytle Park - Taft Museum of Art N 39° 06.122 W 084° 30.198
- F** Lytle Park - Plaque noting location of frontier Fort Washington. 39° 6.055 N, 84° 30.291 W
- G** Ohio Military Trails 39° 6.461 N, 84° 30.665 W
- H** Memorial Hall 39°6 31 N 84°31 6 W

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: 0.4 mi - about 8 mins
- 4 to 5 - Total: 0.7 mi - about 15 mins
- 5 to 6 - Total: 0.3 mi - about 9 mins
- 6 to 7 - Total: 0.2 mi - about 4 mins
- 7 to 8 - Total: 0.1 mi - about 5 mins
- 8 to 9 - Total: 1.4 mi - about 29 mins
- 9 to 10 - Total: 0.4 mi - about 8 mins
- 10 to End - Total: 0.9 mi - about 19 mins

Estimated Distance - 5.0 miles

Estimated Hiking Time - 1 hour and 47 minutes.

Trail History

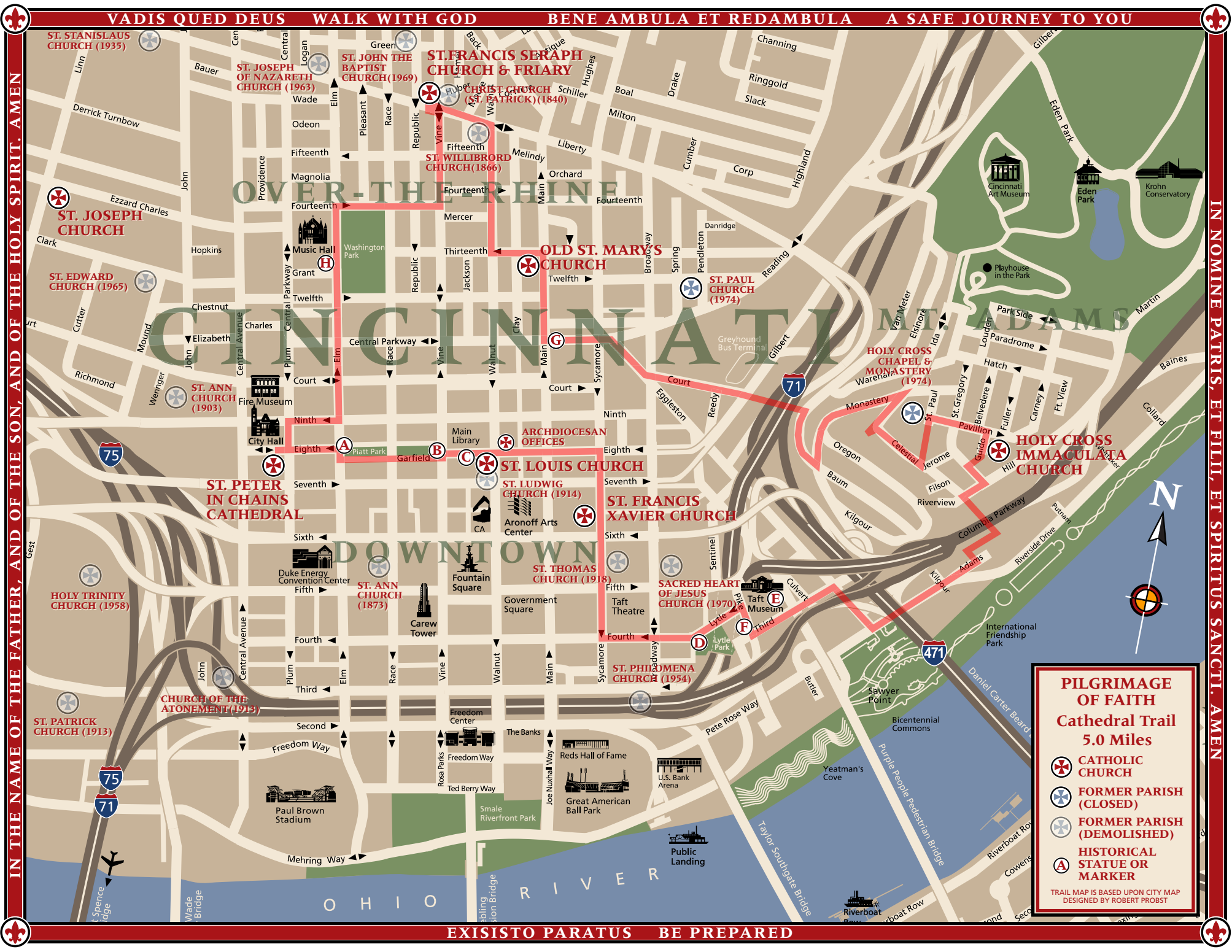
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Trail Awards

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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
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-  CATHOLIC CHURCH
-  FORMER PARISH (CLOSED)
-  FORMER PARISH (DEMOLISHED)
-  HISTORICAL STATUE OR MARKER

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