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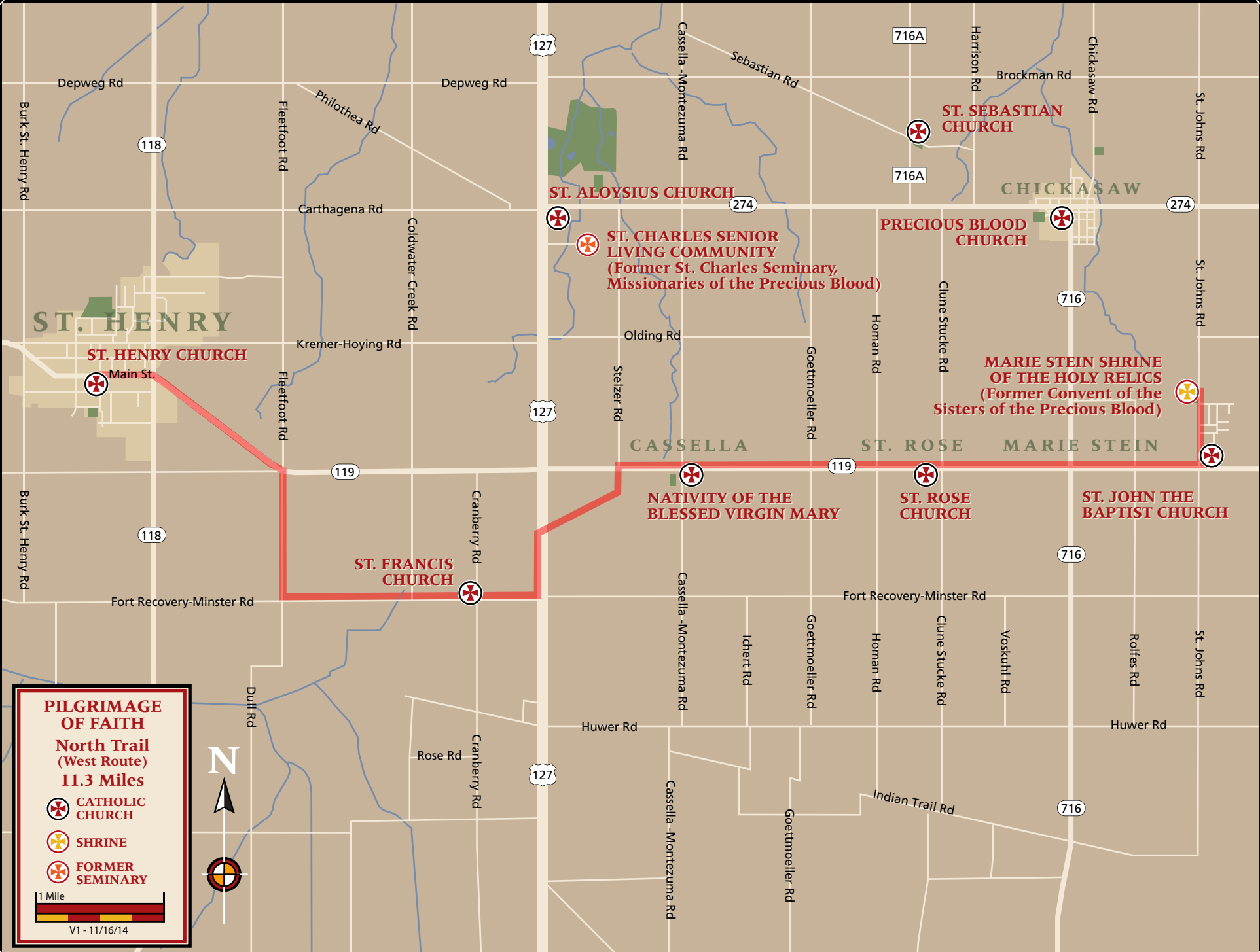
WALK WITH GOD

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**

**North Trail  
(West Route)  
11.3 Miles**

-  CATHOLIC CHURCH
-  SHRINE
-  FORMER SEMINARY



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**North Trail**  
West Route (11.3 miles)

The Land of the Cross-Tipped Churches is a rural region in the western part of Ohio, centered near Maria Stein in Mercer County. Its name is derived from the dense concentration of large Catholic churches that dominate the area's architecture. These and other buildings were constructed by the Missionaries of the Precious Blood under the oversight of the missionary priest Francis de Sales Brunner. Under his leadership, the Society founded many churches and schools in the region, as well as several seminaries.

The earliest buildings from the mid-19th century were mostly small wooden or simple brick structures. Most of these were replaced in later construction periods; only two from this generation are still in use as churches.

Many of the massive Gothic revival churches that remain today were built in the late 19th century and early 20th century by Anton DeCurtins or his descendants. The churches of the region have changed little since the early 20th century, and only one new parish has been established since 1925.

Note: Most addresses listed are usually the Parish Rectory, but the Church is close at hand.



Begin your Pilgrimage of Faith at;

**A. St Henry Church, St Henry**  
272 E. Main St.  
St. Henry, Ohio 45883  
(419) 678-4118  
40°25'03.5"N 84°38'14.7"W  
<http://www.sthenrycluster.com>  
<http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/parish-info/?id=73>



Begin in front of St Henry Church;

1. Head east on OH-119 E/E Main St toward S Walnut St. Continue to follow OH-119 E
  2. Turn right onto Fleetfoot Rd
  3. Turn left onto Fort Recovery-Minster Rd
- St. Francis will be on the left.  
Total 4.2 mi – about 1 hour 22 mins

**B. St. Francis Church - Cranberry Prairie**  
1509 Cranberry Rd.  
St. Henry, Ohio 45883-9750  
(419) 678-4118  
40°23'33.3"N 84°34'54.6"W  
<http://www.sthenrycluster.com>  
<http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/parish-info/?id=60>



Starting in front of St. Francis Church;

1. Head east on Fort Recovery-Minster Rd toward Cranberry Rd
  2. Turn left onto US-127 N
  3. Turn right onto Stelzer Rd
  4. Turn right onto OH-119 E
- Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary will be on the right.  
Total 2.5 mi – about 48 mins

**C. The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
6524 State Route 119  
Maria Stein, Ohio 45860  
(419) 925-4775  
40°24'26.9"N 84°32'59.2"W  
<http://www.marioncatholiccommunity.org>  
<http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/parish-info/?id=169>



Starting in front of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary;

1. Head east on OH-119 E
- St Rose Church will be on the right.  
Total 1.8 mi – about 36 mins

**D. St Rose Church - St. Rose**  
7428 State Route 119  
Maria Stein, Ohio 45860  
(419) 925-4775  
40°24'26.1"N 84°30'54.4"W  
<http://www.marioncatholiccommunity.org>  
<http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/parish-info/?id=214>



Starting in front of St. Rose;

1. Head east on OH-119 E toward Clune Stucke Rd. St. John the Baptist will be on the left
- Total 2.2 mi – about 43 mins

**E. St. John the Baptist Church - Maria Stein**  
8533 State Route 119  
Maria Stein, Ohio 45860-9599  
(419) 925-4775  
40.407737,-84.47341  
<http://www.marioncatholiccommunity.org>  
<http://www.catholiccincinnati.org/parish-info/?id=110>



Starting in front of St. John the Baptist Church;

1. Head west on OH-119 W toward St Johns Rd
  2. Turn right onto St Johns Rd
- The Maria Stein Shrine will be on the left.  
Total 0.6 mi – about 12 mins

**F. Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics**  
2291 St Johns Rd  
Maria Stein 45860  
(419) 925-4532  
40.415865,-84.475175  
<http://www.mariasteinshrine.org/>



**Travel Information**

- A to B - 4.2 mi – about 1 hour 22 mins
- B to C - 2.5 mi – about 48 mins
- C to D - 1.8 mi – about 36 mins
- D to E - 2.2 mi – about 43 mins
- E to F - 0.6 mi – about 12 mins

**Estimated Distance – 11.3 miles**  
**Estimated Hiking Time – 3 hours, 41 min.**

**Trail Safety**

This is an hiking trail along busy country roads. Follow BSA Safe Hiking Rules and travel with a minimum of two adults and four scouts.

**Trail History**

This trail was developed for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati's Catholic Committee of Scouting (2014).

**Trail Awards**

Please download the Order Form from the website [www.pilgrimageoffaith.org](http://www.pilgrimageoffaith.org)

**Additional QR Code Shortcuts**

<http://www.sthenrycluster.com>



<http://www.marioncatholiccommunity.org>



<http://www.mariasteinshrine.org/>

