

Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage

The Lourdes Youth Pilgrimage is intended to bring young Catholics, ages 15-25, together for a life-changing experience which deepens their knowledge and love of our Catholic Faith and empowers them to bring their faith to the world, especially through service.

The pilgrimage will run under the direction and leadership of the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia with the support of friends and benefactors.

Content

The six-day pilgrimage will consist of a balance of study, liturgical and personal prayer, and educational tours of Lourdes, St. Bernadette's home and parish, and the surrounding areas.

The study portion of this pilgrimage will center around the dignity of the human person and the beauty of Christian service. Both the conferences and experiences within Lourdes will aim at answering the following questions:

- What is the privileged place of the sick and disabled within the Church?
- What does "dignity of the human person" mean?
- What is the meaning of Christian suffering?
- How do these truths impel us to make a difference in our communities?

Audience

We have tailored this pilgrimage to benefit young Catholics, ages 15-25, and this is an application-based opportunity. Although we will advertise the pilgrimage, we hope that priests will extend the invitation to young Catholics in their parishes who show potential for Christian service.

A successful applicant will:

- Be a Scottish resident within the ages of 15-25 who has a love for his/her faith and a desire to take this faith to the next level.
- Have a positive written recommendation from a priest or other adult
- Positively articulate his/her hopes to develop faith and service resulting from attendance on this pilgrimage

Location and Transport

We will be staying at the Ariane Hotel near the Lourdes grotto and basilica. Alba Tours is arranging the travel details, which will include chartered buses and flights through Edinburgh and Bordeaux/Toulouse.

Dates

The pilgrimage runs 10-15 April 2018.

Funding

Funding for the pilgrimage will come partly from the youth and partly from benefactors. The pilgrimage will ideally be kept to an expense of £700 per youth. Youth who are accepted to the pilgrimage are asked to raise £300 to contribute to the cost of the trip. The rest will be covered by outside fundraising and benefaction. This includes transportation, accommodation, and meals. Youth will be encouraged to bring spending money.

Contact Us

To find out more about this pilgrimage, please email Sr. Angela Marie at op@rcda.scot. If you would like to apply, please request an application and priest/adult recommendation form.