



*Walk a journey that transforms your heart,
only healed hearts will transform the world.*

*With each step, we not only enjoy God's gift of creation,
we also approach the holy ground where the Queen
of Heaven, Our Lady of Champion, spoke to Adele.*

*The most peaceful moment for every pilgrim
comes with the realization one never walks alone.*

Walk to Mary
Diocese of Gaylord
Jubilee Pilgrimage



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Green Bay, WI

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May 2 - 4, 2025



The Diocese of Gaylord | Walk to Mary

Our pilgrims from the Diocese of Gaylord will join 5,500 other pilgrims from across the U.S. and the world to honor our Blessed Mother and strengthen our faith.

Options for the Diocese of Gaylord "Walk to Mary"

- 1 15.7 miles
- 2 8.7 miles
- 3 1.7 miles (could also choose a "no-walk" option)

Transportation will be provided for each of the above options.

Supporting the Education of Children

On October 9, 1859, the Holy Mother appeared to Sister Adele Brise on the site of the National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion near Green Bay, Wisconsin and gave her this message: *"Gather the children in this wild country and teach them what they should know for salvation. Teach them their catechism, how to sign themselves with the sign of the Cross, and how to approach the sacraments; that is what I wish you to do."* Inspired by the faith of Sister Adele, we continue to live out the instruction she received from Mary by educating children in the faith. Funds raised by the Walk to Mary will be used to support the education of children in their faith.

At the core of Catholic education is the realization that life, itself, is a pilgrimage, and we are called to prepare children for their journey in the world. We educate them not in defense against this world, but as a promise for this world. We form their hearts so that they, in turn, may transform the world.

Life is a Journey

We walk because life is a journey of discovery and revelation, not a destination. Along the way, we tire, toil and triumph. We empty ourselves out, making room for the Holy Spirit to expand within us. When we arrive, tired and exhausted, we encounter the National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion as a refreshing oasis along life's journey, offering respite for all who are weary and thirsty.

Fatigued Pilgrim Shuttles

Transportation will be made available to assist Pilgrims who struggle to complete the walk. Pilgrims can notify safety personnel who will arrange transportation to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion.

Walk With the Children

After the inaugural pilgrimage in 2013, as a result of suggestions from some families with younger children who would like to participate in the Walk to Mary, we have specifically implemented a 1.7 mile walk. It is designed to accommodate children, families and individuals who would like to participate but are challenged to walk longer distances. Many elderly pilgrims and pilgrims with physical handicaps participate in the Walk with the Children.

The Walk with the Children is a "smaller version" of the 21-mile Walk to Mary pilgrimage. It stands alone as its own shorter pilgrimage route.

"Walk With the Children" pilgrims **start and end** at the National Shrine of Our Lady of Champion. The walk begins at the St. Joseph Grotto and ends at the Apparition Grotto on the Shrine's grounds.



Pricing and Pilgrimage Details

Transportation and walk fee:

- \$150 per pilgrim
- paid to the diocese

Hotel fee:

- \$336 for two nights, double occupancy
- each person pays half
- paid directly to the hotel

Meal fees:

- fees above include breakfast on Saturday and Sunday and lunch on Saturday
- other meals are purchased by each pilgrim

For Additional Details

Contact Ami Peterson at apeterson@dioceseofgaylord.org or 989-705-3539. Space is limited so don't delay.

Register Today!

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