

## Pilgrims' Testimonies

*I have not been able to find any pilgrimage group like this one. It's not a business; it's their beautiful ministry.*

— Frances

Pilgrim Center of Hope really understands that a pilgrimage is an opportunity for prayer all along the way. . . [and is] really living out one of the Gospel messages, which is to bring people closer to an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ.

**Fr. James Wilcox**



We have been blessed immeasurably over the years because of the pilgrimages we have been on with you, miracles we have witnessed, and people who have touched our lives. Thank you again for being a part of our ongoing spiritual awakening. Our Catholic faith is amazing and through our pilgrimages with you, we have been witness to more than we could have ever dreamed. — **Tony & Cindy**

## Support from Church Leadership

I truly appreciate your dedication to all the people you evangelize through your pilgrimages and for your love of God and Church. The people who have experienced your ministry connect with the Lord and the Church in new ways, and that is invaluable. May the Lord continue to bless the work and ministry of the Pilgrim Center of Hope and thank you for your faithful service to the Church and the people of God.

**Most Rev. Archbishop  
Gustavo Garcia-Siller, M.Sp.S.  
Archbishop of San Antonio**



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## Why A Pilgrimage?

A pilgrimage is an **experience** of God's grace that not only affects our relationship with Him, but also all of our other relationships, and it builds up the Body of Christ—the universal Church. Pilgrimages are an ancient devotion in our faith tradition.

Pilgrim Center of Hope is a non-profit ministry that answers Christ's call by guiding people to personally encounter Him through pilgrimages, conferences, and outreach. Since its earliest inspiration, *pilgrimage* has been the foundation and wellspring of this ministry.

*Journey with us to  
the Holy Land,  
Marian Shrines  
(Lourdes, Fatima,  
Our Lady of Guadalupe),  
In the Footsteps of the  
Apostles & Saints (Italy),  
In the Footsteps of St. Paul,  
and more  
pilgrim destinations!*



## The Pilgrim Center of Hope Difference

As a part of Pilgrim Center of Hope non-profit ministry, our Ministry of Pilgrimages is not a travel agency or business. All pilgrimages are **customized**, with each pilgrim's needs in mind and with Christ as our focus. Groups are kept small (30-40 persons) for **individual pilgrims' maximum experience**. We experience holy sites; we do not rush through them. **Time for prayer and reflection is very important**. We have daily Mass at holy sites, as well as spiritual reflection and teachings throughout the day.

Each pilgrim receives a customized **Pilgrim Book**, containing historical information about the pilgrimage sites, maps, practical daily tips, prayers, Scripture readings, and more. Many continue to use it as a journal and prayer tool after their pilgrimage. Our pilgrimages follow U.S. Catholic **bishops' directives**—as well as guidance personally received from bishops of the Latin Patriarchate (Diocese of Jerusalem). Besides an exceptionally spiritual experience, we include **recreation and fellowship** for a great time.

## What's A Pilgrimage Group Leader?

Unique to our pilgrimages are these experienced, trained, dedicated individuals who have applied for, and been apprenticed in, this ministry. They are active in each stage of your journey. **BEFORE:** Helps to plan each day. Facilitates your spiritual and practical preparation. **DURING:** Accompanies & serves individual needs; frees you of stress from logistical details by working with local guide, driver, Spiritual Director, etc., to ensure your maximum experience. **AFTER:** Remains united in prayer for you and your intentions.