

Pilgrims On A Journey

We have heard it stated that we are all pilgrims on a journey. A journey that is destined for life ever-lasting. So what does it mean to be a pilgrim, not just for a short period of time, but continually and without deviation on this journey of life?

“Christians, on pilgrimage toward the heavenly city, should seek and think of these things which are above. This duty in no way decreases, rather it increases, the importance of their obligation to work with all men in the building of a more human world.” Second Vatican Council *Gaudium et Spes*

To be a pilgrim is to be one who is focused on the moment which heads to the ultimate destination of eternal life. A pilgrim is aware that they must discern what is in need of changing, where they are headed and live with an openness, so as to be able to listen to the gentle call of the Spirit. A true pilgrim is not concerned with the material, but remains focused on what is unseen in this world.

We are not tourists, but pilgrims. We do not gawk at life, snapping photos and merely commenting on it...we experience life, we live life! Pilgrims are ever striving to become more humble, more penitential, and more meek in all aspects of life. Pilgrims are aware of the journey and aware that they are not alone in this journey, that we need others to help us in our journey and likewise there are others who are in need of our help as well.

The greatest knowledge that a pilgrim can obtain and must never forget is that this journey is never over in this life--only when we reach our destination in the eternal glory of God's ever-lasting paradise. In this life on earth each milestone is but a step in the journey. Our destination has not yet been reached; therefore, we must never lose hope or stop moving forward in our journey.

*Spirit of the living God,
plumb the deepest recesses of my heart
and reveal to me the longing of a pilgrim on this journey
to life ever-lasting*

AMEN