



VOCATION CHAPELS PILGRIMAGE

Saint Therese, Little Flower of Jesus Parish, Uniontown
Saint Thomas More University Parish, Indiana
Holy Family Parish, Latrobe
Saint Mary, Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, Kittanning

ABOUT THIS PILGRIMAGE

Upon entering each of the four vocation chapels in the Diocese of Greensburg, you will find a quiet, prayerful place designed to encourage discernment of your vocation. A vocation, or a calling from God, is a way for people to follow Christ, grow in holiness, and serve the Church. There are four particular vocations in the Church to which one is called: marriage, consecrated life, Holy Orders, and single life.

Bishop Emeritus Lawrence E. Brandt conceptualized the chapels, and opened them in Latrobe, Uniontown, and Indiana prior to 2008. A fourth chapel was established in Kittanning in 2024 under the leadership of Bishop Larry J. Kulick.

Our need for priestly vocations is evident. The culture of vocations begins in the family and is encouraged and supported by the parish. The faithful are called to come together and pray for men and women to serve the Church in the priesthood and religious life.

Father Tyler J. Bandura, Director of Vocations for the Diocese of Greensburg, said, "Many might ask, 'What is a culture of vocations?' This is a perfect example of what it looks like. A culture of vocations is creating an awareness that God is calling each person to a personal relationship with Him and to serve Him in a particular way."

Your pilgrimage to the four vocation chapels in the Diocese of Greensburg, combined with prayer, are two powerful ways to support vocations. When we pray for vocations, we lift up to our Father those men and women whom He is calling to follow Him in a very particular way.



May God Bless You
Along Your
Pilgrimage,
Bishop Larry J. Kulick

Each part of the journey can be life-changing.

That is what a pilgrimage is — life-changing. Those who participate in a pilgrimage are not simply on vacation. Pilgrims have a religious or moral purpose in planning their spiritual trip. Unlike a vacation, a pilgrimage is not a break from our responsibilities. The Holy Father, Pope Francis, described it very well when he was delivering a speech to pilgrims in St. Peter's Square in 2016 during the Jubilee of Mercy:

"Making a pilgrimage to shrines is one of the most eloquent expressions of the faith of God's people ... It would be a mistake to think that those who go on a pilgrimage live a spirituality that is not personal but rather of the masses. The reality is that the pilgrim carries within him his own history and faith and the lights and shadows of his own life. Each person carries within his or her heart a special wish and a particular prayer. Those who enter the shrine immediately feel they are at home, welcomed, understood, and supported."

Like the Holy Family, we are a pilgrim people. Every pilgrimage they made was in pursuit of holiness. We should imitate their journey, here or abroad, as a small part of what our life as His disciples should include. They are transformational experiences that can change our lives and bring us closer to our faith in ways we cannot imagine. Pilgrimages are also a constant reminder that we must continue to grow in our prayer life and our relationship with Christ while asking our Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph to intercede for us along our journey.



The Jubilee Year will offer the faithful opportunities to participate in various jubilee events at the Vatican and in their own dioceses. The Jubilee Year logo has special meaning. The logo shows four stylized figures, representing all of humanity, coming from the four corners of the earth. They embrace each other to indicate the solidarity and fraternity that should unite all peoples. The figure at the front is embracing a cross, a sign of faith and hope that can never be abandoned, especially in our moments of greatest need.



There are the rough waves under the figures, symbolizing the fact that life's pilgrimage does not always sail through calm waters. Often the circumstances of daily life and events in the wider world require a greater call to hope. That's why we should pay special attention to the lower part of the cross, which has been elongated and turned into the shape of an anchor being cast into the waves. The anchor is well known as a symbol of hope. In maritime jargon the "anchor of hope" refers to the reserve anchor used by vessels involved in emergency maneuvers to stabilize the ship during storms.



It is worth noting that the image illustrates the pilgrim's journey, not as an individual undertaking but rather as something communal, marked by an increasing dynamism leading one ever closer to the cross.

2025 CONTEST

At each site visit, say a prayer for vocations and place a sticker in your booklet. Once you have visited all four sites, visit *TheAccentOnline.org* to enter a contest for a chance to win one of several special prizes for you and your family.



In this Jubilee of Hope, we pray that the Holy Spirit will guide our local Church to fulfill our mission of sharing the Good News of Christ with the world.

We ask God to call men and women to the Religious Life and that the charisms of the various religious orders may bring vibrancy to our Church. We also pray for those called to the Sacrament of Marriage that our families may grow in holiness and be visible signs of God's love in the world.

Through God's gift of vocations, we are given a message of hope and renewal for our Church.

VOCATION CHAPEL LOCATIONS



**SAINT THERESE,
LITTLE FLOWER OF
JESUS PARISH**

**61 N. Mount Vernon Ave.
Uniontown, Pa.
724-437-4441
Established: 2008
OPEN: 8AM-4PM**

STICKER HERE



**SAINT
THOMAS MORE
UNIVERSITY PARISH**

**1200 Oakland Ave.
Indiana, Pa.
724-463-2277
Established: 2008
OPEN: 24/7**

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**HOLY FAMILY
PARISH**
**Divine Artwork Center
403 Chestnut St.
Latrobe, Pa.
724-539-9751
Established: 2008
OPEN: SUN: 12PM-6PM
TUES: 11AM-10PM
WEDS: 3PM-10PM
THUR: 11AM-10PM**

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**SAINT MARY,
OUR LADY OF
GUADALUPE PARISH**

**101 W. High St.
Kittanning, Pa.
724-548-7649
Established: 2024
OPEN: 9AM-7PM**

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To see a complete list of parishes, their participation in the Jubilee year, and when they are open for visitors, log on to:

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