



## **GROUP LEADER INFORMATION**

### **IMPORTANT DETAILS TO SHARE WITH YOUTH AND ADULT PARTICIPANTS AND PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF PARTICIPATING YOUTH**

#### **IMPORTANT GENERAL INFORMATION**

- Food is not provided or for sale. Participants must bring lunch, snacks, and drinks.
- Wearing comfortable walking shoes is required.
- All parishes/schools will have the opportunity to carry the cross, sometimes in partnership with another group. It is important for groups to remain together. Groups will be asked to make their way to the front well before their turn. Parish/School signs are provided by CYM and will be picked up at the start of the procession. Signs will be collected at St. Elizabeth church. No other signs or banners are allowed.
- Locations must be left in the same condition upon arrival. Trash should not be left behind. This also applies to the community streets along the route.
- A van will follow behind the group. The van is for individuals who cannot complete the walk but wish to still participate at each location. It cannot be utilized to drive individuals to other places.
- Wilmington Police will escort and follow the group along the entire route, as well as St. Francis EMS workers, for emergencies.

#### **RAIN OR SHINE**

- Arrangements for alternate plans due to severe weather will be emailed to the contact on the pilgrimage registration form. This contact is responsible for informing the participants and the parents/guardians of changes.
- Severe weather arrangements will be announced Friday evening or as late as Saturday morning. It will not be canceled, but the schedule and route may be adjusted.
- If light rain is expected, be prepared and bring an umbrella, a poncho, or a rain jacket.

#### **CHECK-IN OPENS AT 9:30 a.m. (St. E. Center lobby located behind the church)**

- Participants are not permitted to park their vehicles in the parish parking lot or parking spaces in front of the parish. These spaces are reserved for the parishioners attending 4:00 p.m. Mass. Free parking is available at Canby Park, down the hill in front of the church.
- Participants must be pre-registered online by the announced deadline date. Walk-in registrations will not be accommodated.
- Only leaders will check in their group. Participants may gather together in the gym or outside during check-in. The lobby is not large enough to accommodate multiple groups.
- Name badges and drawstring bags will be given to the person(s) checking in the group. Participants are required to wear the provided name badge and lanyard.
- To support Catholic Charities' efforts to provide for those in need, each participant is asked to donate an item from the Stock the Pantry list. Items are collected upon arrival.



### **CHAPERONE RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Youth/chaperone ratio must be met according to guidelines outlined in the Diocesan “For the Sake of God’s Children” policy.
- At least two chaperones should carry a binder with a completed Form B for all youth and adults in the group and a list of all participants with a parent/guardian name and contact information. Each person should carry a copy of Form B with them.
- The contact information for the group leader may also be shared with the parents/guardians in case of an emergency.
- Participants must stay with the group. Participants are not permitted to walk off or stop inside a local business. Group leaders, please be mindful of any wanderers.
- Trash should be discarded appropriately and not left behind for others to clean up.
- At least two pre-designated chaperones must remain on site until all of the young people from their group have been picked up. Young people are not permitted to wait unattended for rides or pickup at the close of the event.

### **SCHEDULE OF THE DAY**

- 9:30 Check-in at the St. E. Center
- 10:00 Opening Prayer and Concert
- 10:45 Pilgrimage Departs St. Elizabeth’s
- 11:30 St. Francis Hospital for Litany for the Sick
- 11:45 Pilgrimage Continues
- 11:50 St. Anthony of Padua for Reconciliation and Lunch
- 12:50 Pilgrimage Continues
- 1:20 Padua Academy for Stations of the Cross
- 2:00 Pilgrimage Continues
- 2:25 St. Paul for Adoration
- 3:00 Pilgrimage Continues
- 3:30 St. Elizabeth for the Blessing of Palms
- 4:00 Mass for Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
- 5:15 Pilgrimage Ends