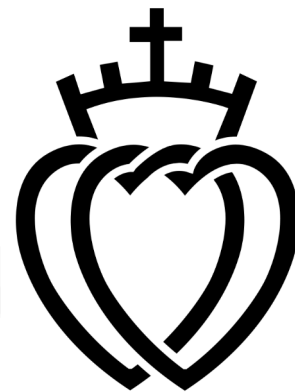


The Society of Saint Pius X

Pilgrimage of Tradition  
Chartres to Paris 2025

# Information for Pilgrims

*A unique moment for reflection on the meaning  
of our life and a call to approach sincerely and truly  
our Lord Jesus Christ Who is 'the Way, the Truth and Life'.*



# Theme for 2025

The theme makes each pilgrimage to Chartres a unique moment for reflection and meditation on the meaning of our life and a call to draw closer to Jesus Christ Who is 'the Way, the Truth and the Life' (John 14:6). The theme for 2025 is ***For our holy Mother the Church.***



'We are Roman Catholics, but to be fully Roman Catholic today is to continue to live and to fight within a Church that no longer wants the reign of Christ the King; it is to perpetuate at all costs this privilege of being able to receive in its integrity the doctrine and the sacraments that the Church has received from Our Lord Jesus Christ.

'... We are indeed privileged, and this privilege, which we have enjoyed for many years now, should encourage us to undertake the transformation necessary to live up to the sanctification that the Good Lord expects of us.

'We must assume this responsibility which falls to us as heirs to this privilege of being fully Catholic today. This is what we will do by walking from Chartres to Paris during these three days of pilgrimage, by going to Rome this summer for the Jubilee.'

Fr. Gonzague Peignot, Superior of the SSPX District of France,  
Excerpt from the Preface of the Spiritual Dossier 2025.



# The Pilgrimage

Every year since 1989, the SSPX has organised a three-day walking pilgrimage, beginning in Chartres and ending in Paris. This year we will be joined with nearly 8,000 Traditional Catholics from around the world. Since the pilgrimage is timed to coincide with the Feast of Pentecost, as Fr. Patrick Rutledge (Rector of St. Marys Academy and College, USA), a former pilgrimage chaplain, says:

‘The walk from Chartres to Paris is much more than a walk. It is a time for meditation, for singing, for confession and spiritual direction and a time for friendship. It is the final cause, the goal, that helps one step lead to another, but there is also ample time for reflection and for grace to do its work. It is like a retreat on foot. It is a wonderful match for the feast of Pentecost, commemorating the day when the Apostles received the Holy Spirit before being sent out to preach the good news all over the world.’

There is daily Mass as well as plenty of opportunities for Confession and spiritual guidance from the Chaplain, and to socialise in the British and Irish Chapters with English-speaking Traditional Catholics from Britain, Ireland, Australia, New Zealand, America, Ireland, South Africa and elsewhere.





## The Pilgrimage Schedule

### **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June (25 miles) — ‘Jesus reigns through Mary in Cotignac’ CHARTRES to RAMBOUILLET**

0745: Opening Mass in the gardens of the Bishop’s Palace, just behind the Cathedral. Please note: drop off your luggage before Mass in the trucks located on rue Charles Brune.

0900: Departure.

1930–2030: Arrival in Rambouillet.

### **Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June (25 miles) — ‘Jesus reigns through Mary in France’ RAMBOUILLET to VILLEPREUX**

0600: Departure.

1800: Arrival in Villepreux. Pontifical Mass.

### **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> June (17 miles) — ‘Restore all things in Christ’ VILLEPREUX to PARIS**

0600: Departure.

1630: Arrival in Paris, Closing Mass in the parvis of Notre-Dame Cathedral.

1830: End



# Pilgrim's Kit List Guide

## Small Rucksack (Day Bag)

1. Full water bottle
2. Energy-rich snacks
3. Midday meal for each day
4. Wet weather gear
5. Hat
6. Holy Rosary beads
8. Medication (if required)
11. Sun cream
12. Sunglasses
13. Blister bandages and tape

## Large Rucksack (with white ribbon)

1. Tent (there is no communal tent)
2. Sleeping bag
3. Sleeping mat
4. Walking Shoes
5. Warm jacket (for evenings)
6. Wash kit
7. Towel
8. Headtorch torch
9. Cup, plate, cutlery
10. Casualwear for last night
11. Meals for each day
12. Small first aid kit
13. Toilet roll
14. Spare clothes



## Please note

—Ensure your clothing is modest.

—Portable electronic devices should not be used during the pilgrimage e.g. laptops, tablets, e-readers, smartphones and MP3 players.





# Frequently Asked Questions

## What are the travel arrangements getting to Chartres?

All pilgrims are responsible for their own travel arrangements. It is recommended that you find accommodation in Chartres the Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June evening. The Eurostar runs between London Saint Pancras and Paris Gare du Nord. Coaches and Flights are also available to Paris. SNCF trains run between Paris Montparnasse and Chartres.

## What are the accomodation options in Chartres?

All pilgrims are responsible for their own accommodation for Friday 6<sup>th</sup> June in Chartres (a few options below).

- Hôtellerie Saint Yves
- Hôtel Jehan de Beauce
- Hôtel Le Boeuf Couronné
- Hôtel Mercure (Chartres Cathédrale)
- Camping Bords de l'Eure (Chartres Campsite)

## Will we have a Chaplain for the British Chapter?

Fr. Michael O'Reilly will be Chaplain for the British and Irish Chapter. He will hear confessions, give spiritual advice and meditations, and lead prayers.



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## Do I have to carry my large rucksack on the pilgrimage?

Your large rucksack will be transported by lorry to each campsite. Before the opening Mass on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> June, drop off your luggage in the trucks located on rue Charles Brune. You must add a WHITE ribbon to your large rucksack as an identification marker. It is recommended that items within your large rucksack is wrapped in plastic bags to keep them dry!

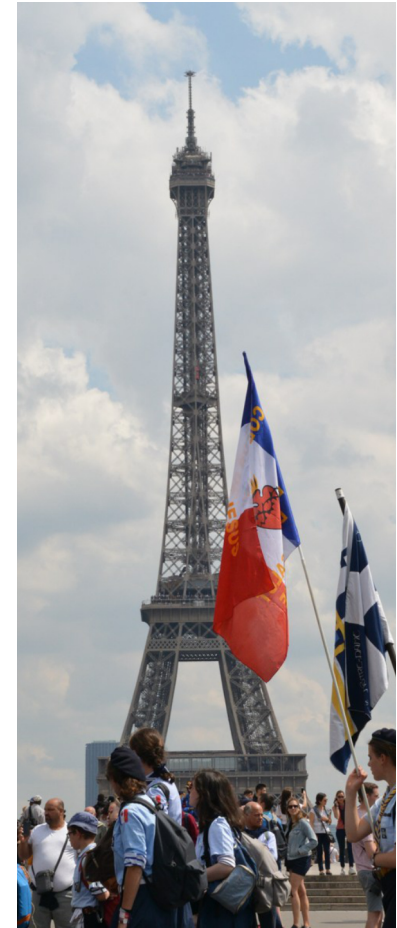
## What happens if I have a medical problem during the pilgrimage or I can't walk any further?

Permanent medical assistance is provided by the pilgrimage organiser—doctors and medical staff—who have a first aid tent at each campsite. At each halt, shuttle buses provide transport for pilgrims who can no longer walk or, in case of emergency, to take them to hospital.

## Do I need to take out travel insurance?



It is strongly recommended to take out appropriate travel insurance to cover medical emergencies. The SSPX cannot accept any responsibility for illness, injury or other damage. Under 18s must be accompanied by an adult.





# Frequently Asked Questions

## Will food be provided on the pilgrimage?

The pilgrimage organiser supplies bread and water at lunch and water at each stop. At the campsite, food is provided in the evenings and in the mornings but it is basic and should be supplemented by personal supplies.

There is the opportunity to purchase limited food and alcohol at the campsite. Pilgrims must provide their own lunches and snacks before starting the pilgrimage. 'Tommy's Kitchen', organised by the Irish Chapter, is also offering an evening meal on Saturday and Sunday and breakfast on Sunday and Monday.

## How do I register for the pilgrimage?

Register for the pilgrimage at [www.fsspx.uk](http://www.fsspx.uk) by Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May.

Registration: £60

Tommy's Kitchen: £40

You can also cancel and receive a full refund until this date.

## I would like to know more, how do I need to contact?

You can contact the Chapter Leader, John Aron, at [chartrespilgrimage@fsspx.uk](mailto:chartrespilgrimage@fsspx.uk)







## Preparing for Pentecost

The supernatural consequence of Our Lord's Ascension into Heaven was the sending of the Paraclete on Pentecost, Who as testified by Christ Himself, is the 'best gift' and the 'spirit of Truth' that teaches us 'all truth'. A devote practice to prepare for Pentecost Sunday (8<sup>th</sup> June) is to make a novena to the Holy Ghost.

### Come, Holy Ghost

Come Holy Ghost, fill the hearts of Thy faithful, and kindle in them the fire of Thy love.

V. Send forth Thy Spirit, and they shall be created.

R. And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

Let Us Pray

O God, Who hast instructed the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Ghost, grant that by the same Spirit we may be always truly wise, and ever rejoice in His consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Then Jesus said to His disciples: If any man will come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For he that will save his life, shall lose it: and he that shall lose his life for My sake, shall find it. (Mt 16:24–25)*

