

The Guardian Angel Pilgrims

43rd Pentecost Pilgrimage

From Paris to Chartres on June 7, 8 and 9 June 2025



THAT HE MAY REIGN

On earth as in Haeven



Message from the Chaplain



Dear Guardian Angel Pilgrims,

This year, you have registered as "Guardian Angels" for the Pentecost Pilgrimage. Unable to walk from Paris to Chartres, you have decided to participate in another way—but very truly—in these three days of grace.

In union with the walkers, you are invited to meditate on the doctrine of Christ the King. For we celebrate this year the hundredth anniversary of the encyclical *Quas Primas* of Pope Pius XI, which details the Catholic doctrine of the social kingship of Jesus Christ.

In Psalm 2, we find the foundation of this teaching of the sovereignty of Jesus Christ as universal king: "You are my son; today I have begotten you. Ask, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession."

This kingship is primarily spiritual in nature: on several occasions, when the Jews and even the Apostles themselves mistakenly believed that the Messiah would free the people and restore the kingdom of Israel, Jesus endeavored to correct this opinion and this vain hope. Before Pontius Pilate, he declared that his kingdom was not "of this world."

However, in his encyclical, Pius XI emphasizes the importance of the social kingship of Jesus Christ, who must be recognized as the King of the Universe, not only in religious matters but also in temporal affairs, including society and politics.

To justify this, Pope Pius XI emphasizes that Christ is the universal king and that his reign is not limited to the Church but must extend to all areas of life.

But concretely, what does this imply for the Christian in today's society? Recognizing the sovereignty of Christ the King means placing Gospel values at the heart of our human decisions; working tirelessly to ensure that our communities, associations, businesses, and all of society are imbued with the Gospel. This will be achieved by promoting justice, charity, respect for human dignity, and the protection of the most vulnerable, especially unborn children and the sick or dying.

Have a blessed pilgrimage.

Father Arnaud Evrat FSSP



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*The banner of the Guardian Angels pilgrims leads the way during processions.
It is placed near the altar during the pilgrimage Masses.*

The 3 Daily Commitments of the Guardian Angel Pilgrim

The Pilgrim's Prayer

Our Lady, who walked to the shrine of Bethlehem and fled to Egypt from the cruelty of Herod, deign to consider your Chartres pilgrims. Like them, you knew the fatigue and pain of the journey, yet persevered for the sake of your divine Son. Grant us, O Mary, the ardour of your faith, the firmness of your hope and the fervour of your charity. As we journey today on foot or in spirit between your two cathedrals, may the love of your Son enlighten both our way and our souls. Bring to God our prayers, offer Him our sufferings and present to Him our sorrows. Grant that at the end of our pilgrimage on earth, we may enter happily into the Father's house, to sing with the angels and all the saints the eternal Sanctus! Amen



The Rosary

A meditated rosary, in connection with the theme of the day. In the pilgrim's booklet, specific pages relate to Marian devotion: explanation of the Rosary, Marian prayers and devotions, consecration to Our Lady.

A time of Prayer

To pray consists essentially of taking time for God and letting oneself be seized by His infinite love.

Silence, reading a passage from the Gospel or the Mass of the day, meditation based on the texts proposed each day in the booklet can help take this time of reflection and prayer and lead us to a true heart-to-heart with Our Lord.

Following the Pilgrimage

Dear pilgrim,

You are embarking on a spiritual journey, an inner pilgrimage that connects you to the one from Paris to Chartres.

This program is provided as a guide to help you unite more closely in prayer with the walking pilgrims. They carry your prayer intentions with them and will place them on Monday at the feet of **Our Lady of the Pillar** in Chartres Cathedral.

In turn, you are invited to carry the intentions of all pilgrims.

You will find the day's themed meditations **on the website**, the rosary meditations in this guide, and many other resources on the website in **the Guardian Angels section** (live Masses, booklet, videos, audio, etc.).

Saturday - Vigil of Pentecost

Principles of a Christian Civilization

with Saint Pius X

6:50 a.m.: Mass at Saint Sulpice Church in Paris, broadcast live on the website.



Let us pray for the conversion of the passersby who will encounter the pilgrimage over the three days, and let us mutually carry the intentions of all the pilgrims.

Programme

Recitation of the Pilgrim's Prayer, Rosary, and a time of meditative prayer.

Message from the General Chaplain of the pilgrimage *video on the website*.

Pilgrimage send-off by the Guardian Angels pilgrims' chaplain *video on the website*.

Themed Meditation 1

Themed Meditation 2

Themed Meditation 3

Additional Meditations

Presentation of the Rosary.
The Sacrament of Penance.
Presentation of the Mass.

Meditated Rosary: Sorrowful Mysteries

1st Mystery: Agony in the Garden

Fruit of the Mystery: Contrition for our sins

to imbue society with the Christian spirit is particularly to show the condition of man: created by and for love, he is a sinner, redeemed by the blood of Christ. In the Garden of Olives, He suffered in the silence of His heart, in inner anguish, allowing only drops of blood to show. Let us offer this decade in reparation for all the sins of our modern societies, for which so few people think to make reparation. Just as Blessed Francisco Castello Aleu died a martyr in indifference, may our prayer rise silently and intensely to the Father.

2nd Mystery: The Scourging Agony at the Pilar

Fruit du mystère: Sorrow for our sins of the flesh

The suffering of Christ is reparative only because it is full of divine love. The blows that disfigure Him save us because they are transfigured by His charity. To imbue society with the Christian spirit is to cultivate within us the virtue that will never pass away: Lord, may our struggles be full of Your love, may we think only of Your glory, without hatred or resentment. May we glory in being persecuted only because it is in Your Name. May Blessed Francisco help us offer our love to the good God for the salvation of our neighbor as he did just before dying for his fiancée.



3rd Mystery: Crowning with the Crown of Thorns
Fruit of the Mystery: Sorrow for our sins of pride

Christ is absolutely alone with His tormentors: He is enclosed within the palace, and no one sees Him suffer, no one knows the abyss of agony He traversed at that moment. He no longer has a single disciple, not even His mother to see Him humiliated and mocked, Him, the King of Creation. Lord, we pray in this decade for all those who suffer in silence, in the most absolute abandonment, those who are recognized by no one, even those who think that You might forget them. May the blood of Your martyrs, in the image of that of Blessed Francisco, imbue our societies and restore them according to Your design.

4th Mystery: Carrying of the Cross
Fruit of the Mystery: Courage in our daily trials

The Gospels do not dwell on the length of Your way of the cross; but we know it was long and painful, through falls, insults, the hardness of those You were saving. Lord, help us believe that the struggle is long, arduous, but full of hope; imbuing society with Your love is done in Your image, in the long time and patience, in the thirty years of silence, the three years of preaching, the way of the cross and the sacrifice. The final salvation is the fruit of several thousand years of the Old Testament: give us Your patience and Your love.



5th Mystery: The Crucifixion and Death of Jesus on the Cross
Fruit of the Mystery: Stronger desire and love for God

Jesus saves us by His death on the Cross. But this salvation is especially in His total abandonment to His Father: "Father, into Your hands I commend my spirit." Salvation is a divine work; we must work hard, in the image of Christ who did not even have a place to rest His head. But Lord, may we never forget that it is indeed You who bring salvation and that we cannot imbue society with the Christian spirit by our own strength alone: we need You, Lord, come to the aid of our weakness! May Blessed Francisco teach us all to entrust ourselves into Your hands!

Sunday - Pentecost

The Foundations of Christendom
with Saint Benedict

Attend Mass in your parish.

Indulgenced prayers on this day of Pentecost (*see in this guide*).

12:30 pm: Solemn Mass broadcast live on CNews from the pilgrimage.



Let us include in our prayers the beautiful youth of God present on the road to Chartres. Let us entrust our families with their joys and sorrows, the sick, the deceased, and our country. Let us carry the intentions of all the pilgrims and pray for the priests, religious men and women, and those to whom Our Lord has entrusted the care of His Church. Let us pray finally for the conversion of apostates, heretics, and pagans. Send your Spirit, Lord, and renew the face of the earth.

Programme

Recitation of the pilgrim's prayer, rosary, and spend a time of prayer.

Thematic meditation 4

Thematic meditation 5

Thematic meditation 6

Additional Meditations

Why Love the Traditional Mass

How to Adore the Eucharist

Consecration of the Pilgrimage and the Pilgrims to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

**In union of prayer with the pilgrims at the bivouac
at 8:30 pm and throughout the night:**

SALUTATION AND ADORATION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

Meditated Rosary: Glorious Mysteries

1st Mystery: Resurrection

Fruit of the Mystery: Faith

"If Christ has not been raised, our faith is in vain." Saint Paul reminds us of the essential foundation of our joy as Christians, of our reason for being Catholic: Christ is risen and invites us to follow Him on the paths of eternal happiness. How can we think of restoring a country, a civilization, without showing it the beauty of our faith, the hope it brings, the charity it deploys? The monasteries of Saint Benedict are those islands of faith that imbued all of Europe and gave it the Christian breath that built our civilization. Let us pray that, following their example, we may radiate our faith around us.

2nd Mystery: Ascent into Heaven

Fruit of the Mystery: Stronger desire for Heaven

Little Hope, as Charles Péguy called her, is she who drags her two older sisters, Faith and Charity, who prevents them from settling. Hope invites us to always walk, to never lock ourselves into a comfortable little rhythm, as we would like; she leads us on the paths of Christ, teaches us to let ourselves be surprised by His ways, always confident in His immense love. She shone in the monasteries of Saint Benedict, like a fire that set all of Europe and Christendom ablaze: the end of an empire never made them lower their arms because they were confident in the arms of God.

3rd Mystery: Descent of the Holy Ghost

Fruit of the Mystery: Zeal for souls

After three years of formation, the Apostles receive the Holy Spirit. Were they really ready to announce the love of God to men? Will we ever be? And yet here they are, here we are, chosen by Him and inspired by His Spirit to go and announce the Gospel to the nations and to ours in particular. Do we want to do the will of God? "God wants all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth," Saint Paul tells us. Let us ask in this decade for the strength to announce the Good News simply and without fear to our neighbor. May a generation of missionaries arise, Lord!



4th Mystery: Assumption of our Blessed Virgin Mary

Fruit of the Mystery: Grace associated with a holy death

The Virgin is our Mother: she gives us life by giving life to Christ; she shows us the way and salvation by preceding us into heaven. She is all our hope in that she shows us our heavenly destiny: to sit in body and soul beside her Son! What joy, Lord, you give us by showing us in Mary the fulfillment of all the promises you make to those who welcome your grace and your love!

Our Lady of Holy Hope, convert us!

5th Mystery: Crowning of our Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Heaven

Fruit of the Mystery: Stronger devotion to Mary

O Our Lady, you are our Queen! The good God gives us a mother who is also our Queen, who reigns over us not only personally but also over our societies. And we know that the rejection she suffers is only a sign of a sick society that will collapse in flames. But, Holy Virgin, look at us, on our knees before you, we pray for our society, that it may not abandon you forever. We want its salvation so that every man may recognize the love that your Son has for us! Increase in our hearts your devotion so that our prayer may be even more ardent.

Pentecost Monday

Infusing Christendom with the Christian Spirit
with Blessed Francisco Castello Aleu

3:30 pm: Closing Mass of the pilgrimage broadcast live from Chartres.



The pilgrimage is coming to an end, but the pilgrimage of our life continues with the sole purpose of preparing our eternity with God. Let us take good resolutions and put them into practice without delay so as not to waste the graces received during these three days.

Programme

Recitation of the pilgrim's prayer, rosary, and spend a time of prayer.

Thematic meditation 7

Thematic meditation 8

Thematic meditation 9

Additional Meditations

The Mission

The Jubilee of the 1000 Years of the Cathedral

Training: see the link *on the website under the Guardian Angels tab*

Meditated Rosary: Joyful Mysteries

1st Mystery: Annunciation

Fruit of the Mystery: Humility

"Then the angel left her." What an immense and heavy secret he leaves with the Virgin: barely a few minutes of dialogue, and now the Virgin is alone again, but with her heart and womb heavy with an infinite treasure. And the

day in its most ordinary routine will follow the next, but nourished by an immense mystery. The Virgin lived like us the grayness of everyday life, *"the time so long in the patience so great."* May she teach us to keep our inner joy intact and deeply rooted, may she help us to nourish our society with Christian principles, sometimes in the obscurity of our days.

2nd Mystery: Visitation

Fruit of the Mystery: Charity

The Virgin does not wait; she sets out immediately: the angel's announcement does not confine her to herself; it opens her, on the contrary, towards her neighbor. Charity urges her, invites her to serve her cousin. Saint Pius X shows us throughout his life given to God and to others, especially to the poor, what he taught about the principle of a Christian civilization: charity must imbue not only our personal life but also the entire life of society. May the grace we received at our baptism push us to serve society and not confine us to ourselves.



3rd Mystery: Nativity

Fruit of the Mystery: Poverty

What is the spirit of poverty if not knowing that all things are destined for God and for our salvation? By being born in poverty, Jesus teaches us to see all things from the perspective of eternal life. It is not a matter of despising the goods that He Himself offers us through His Creation: He refuses neither the swaddling clothes of His mother nor the gold of the Magi. But if this were to become a burden for us, then, Lord, give us the strength to detach ourselves from it: better to enter poor into the Kingdom of Heaven than to burn in eternal Gehenna. May our society rediscover the spiritual meaning of material goods.

4th Mystery: Presentation of the Child Jesus at the temple

Fruit of the Mystery: Obedience and purit

Did Jesus need to be ransomed to God, as the law of Moses provided for firstborn children, when He is His only Son? Did the Virgin need to be purified, she who gave birth without pain? And yet the entire Holy Family submits to the law of the Old Testament, because it is the law that God gave to His chosen people.



Imperfect, it remains, however, the Law. We offer you, Lord, the sometimes difficult obedience we owe to our superiors here below, in reparation for the bad laws, especially those against life.

5th Mystery: Finding of the Child Jesus at the Temple

Fruit of the Mystery: Seeking God in all things

Let us meditate on this decade from its fruit: what place does the good God really take in our lives? It is said that the Holy Virgin kept all these things in her heart. What does this mean if not that her meditation on events and her love for God imbued her entire life? Life is led only by the overflow of what inhabits our heart. The good God does not ask us to pray at every moment but that all our actions be animated by His love. And for this, we must ask Him for the grace to have His love deeply rooted in our soul.





The prayer intentions of the Guardian Angels pilgrims are placed on Monday at the foot of Our Lady of the Pillar in Chartres Cathedral.

Going Further

Daily attendance at Mass, the summit of Christian life, as well as confession and Eucharistic adoration, are powerful means to dispose the soul to receive in fullness the abundant graces given by Our Lord.

Those who can are invited to offer more during these three days: complete rosary, recitation of the litanies, longer time of prayer, chosen sacrifices or offered trials, Marian consecration or its renewal.

Confession

The pilgrim's booklet (in French) offers teaching on the sacrament of penance, suggestions for making an examination of conscience, and instructions for confessing well.

The Mass

In the pilgrim's booklet (in French), you will find teaching on the Holy Mass and the use of the extraordinary form of the Roman rite, as well as the entire texts (ordinary and proper) of the three days of the Pentecost pilgrimage.

Works of Corporal Mercy

- Feed the hungry.
- Give drink to the thirsty.
- Clothe the naked.
- Shelter the homeless.
- Visit the sick.
- Visit the imprisoned.
- Bury the dead.

Works of Spiritual Mercy

- Counsel those who are in need.
- Instruct the ignorant.
- Admonish sinners.
- Comfort the afflicted.
- Forgive offenses.
- Bear wrongs patiently.
- Pray to God for the living and the dead.

Indulgences

Indulgence is the remission before God of the temporal punishment due to sins whose guilt has already been forgiven.

It is the Church that distributes and applies, under certain conditions, to the well-disposed faithful the treasury of the reparations and satisfactions of Christ, the Virgin Mary, and the saints.

Indulgence may be plenary (once per day) or partial and may be applied to oneself or to the deceased by suffrage.

Required Conditions

- Be a baptized Catholic.
- Have the intention of obtaining the indulgence.
- Perform the prescribed work.
- Be in a state of grace and detached from all venial sin, having confessed within the 8 days preceding or following.
- Receive communion the same day, the vigil or within the 8 days.
- Pray for the intentions of the Sovereign Pontiff (*Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be*).

Traditionally, the intentions of the Sovereign Pontiff are objective and precise: the exaltation of the Church, the propagation of the faith, the extirpation of heresies, the conversion of sinners, concord among Christian princes and other benefits for the Christian people.

Indulgences are attached to the practice of many prayers and devotions. Here are a few:

Prayer of the Rosary to Our Lady

A plenary indulgence is granted to the faithful who piously recite the Rosary or a third of the Rosary, that is, the chaplet, under the following conditions:

the five decades must be recited without interruption and accompanied by meditation on the mysteries. The recitation is done in a church or in a community setting (family, religious community, group of the faithful). In other cases, the indulgence remains partial.

Veni Creator

A partial indulgence is granted to the faithful who devoutly recite the Veni Creator. The indulgence will be plenary if this hymn is recited publicly on the day of Pentecost.

Veni Sancte Spiritus

A partial indulgence is granted to the faithful who devoutly recite the Veni Sancte Spiritus: *"Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit, Lord, and renew the face of the earth."*

Litanies

The following litanies are enriched with partial indulgences: of the Holy Name of Jesus, of the Sacred Heart, of the Precious Blood, of the Blessed Virgin, of Saint Joseph, of the saints.

Chaplet of Divine Mercy

On November 13, 1936, Jesus inspired Sister Faustina Kowalska with the text of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy:

- Recited at the bedside of a dying person, it soothes and eases their passage from life to death.
- Those who recite it will be surrounded by Mercy during their life and especially at the hour of their death.
- Through this chaplet, one can obtain everything, provided that what is asked for is in accordance with the Divine Will.

Its value and effectiveness lie in the abundant and inexhaustible merits of Our Lord, before which the Justice of the Father, so offended today, cannot remain indifferent.

At the beginning: Our Father... Hail Mary... The Apostles' Creed

On each large bead:

"Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your Dearly Beloved Son, Our Lord, Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world."

On the 10 small beads of each decade:

"For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

Conclude with (repeat 3 times):

"Holy God, Holy Mighty One, Holy Immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world."



In her diary, Saint Faustine speaks of a powerful prayer entrusted by Our Lord for the conversion of souls:

Call upon My mercy on behalf of sinners; I desire their salvation. When you say this prayer, with a contrite heart and with faith on behalf of some sinner, I will give him the grace of conversion. Diary 186-187

**O Blood and Water, which gushed forth from the Heart of Jesus as a fount of Mercy for us,
I trust in You.**

Beyond the Pilgrimage

Dear Pilgrims,

You enjoyed pilgrimaging as a Guardian Angel Pilgrim: let us know by sending us **your testimony**, your photos, or your suggestions.

You wish to make the pilgrimage known and invite your loved ones **to join you next year**, as a walking pilgrim, supporter, or Guardian Angel: spread the word!

You can also volunteer to create a chapter of Guardian Angel Pilgrims. Do not hesitate to contact us to discuss it.

Finally, we invite you to visit the pilgrimage website regularly at www.nd-chretiente.com. You will find news, talks, training videos, photos, replays, the possibility to subscribe for free to our newsletter **L'Appel de Chartres**, and much more.

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See You Next Year!

