

REGISTRATION

Simply complete the contact details below and return this form by one of the following methods:

- To your local group leader
- By post: Fr Éanna, 56 Aungier Street, Dublin 2, D02 YF57
- By email: lourdesadmin@carmelites.ie

Once we receive your form, a member of our team will be in touch.

Full Name

Local Group

Previous Choir or Music Experience (if any)

Voice Type:

☐ Soprano ☐ Alto ☐ Tenor ☐ Bass ☐ Don't Know

Signature

Date

“A pilgrimage has a vital part to play
in our life of faith for it removes us
from our homes and our daily
routines and gives us time and space
to encounter God more deeply.”
— Pope Leo XIV

KEY DETAILS



DATES
23-28 September 2026



WHO CAN APPLY?
Pilgrims and volunteers



ROLE

- Lead pilgrims in prayer
- Create an atmosphere of hope and reverence
- Support congregational participation



The ministry of music is an important part of the spiritual life of the pilgrimage.

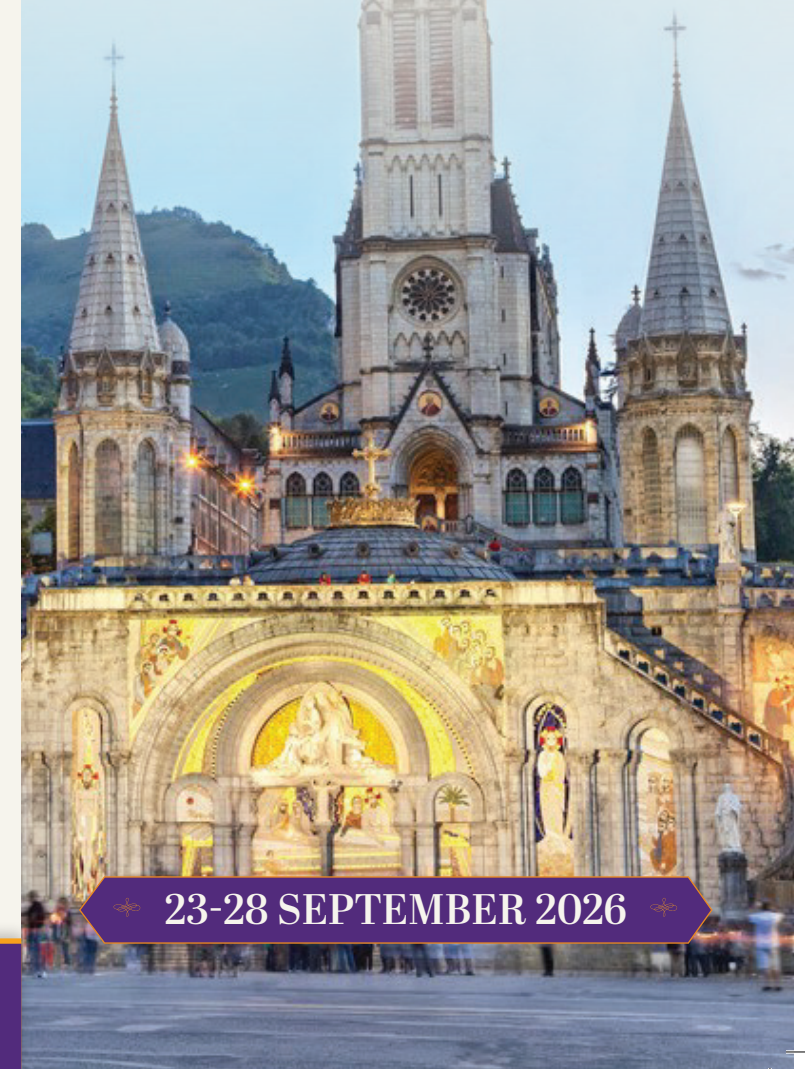
For further information regarding the Pilgrimage Choir or the Carmelite Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026, please contact:

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Carmelite Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026

PILGRIMAGE CHOIR

Pilgrims of Hope in Service



23-28 SEPTEMBER 2026

THE ROLE OF THE PILGRIMAGE CHOIR

Members of the Lourdes Pilgrimage Choir will help lead music during:

- ✓ Daily Masses
- ✓ Mass at the Grotto
- ✓ The Blessed Sacrament Procession
- ✓ The Torchlight Marian Procession
- ✓ Opening and Closing Liturgies
- ✓ Other pilgrimage prayer gatherings and celebrations

The choir will support congregational singing and help create a prayerful, joyful, and participative atmosphere throughout the pilgrimage.

Music in Lourdes is not about performance. Rather, it is about helping pilgrims pray, participate, and experience the beauty of the liturgy and the spirit of pilgrimage.

A NEW LOURDES PILGRIMAGE CHOIR

The choir will be under the direction of **Dr David O'Shea**, Music Director of the Carmelite Lourdes Pilgrimage, together with our new Organist, **Dr Carole O'Connor**.

Both David and Carole will travel on pilgrimage and will coordinate the music ministry throughout the week with a particular emphasis on participation, welcome, encouragement, and creating a choir that is prayerful, supportive, and accessible to all.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

One of the central aims of the new Lourdes Choir is accessibility and participation.

We warmly welcome:

- ✓ Experienced choir members
- ✓ Parish cantors and musicians
- ✓ Young adults and students
- ✓ Pilgrims who simply enjoy singing
- ✓ Families travelling on pilgrimage
- ✓ Volunteers from across the pilgrimage
- ✓ People who may never previously have sung in a choir

No formal audition is required.

You do not need to read music in order to participate.

Above all, we hope the choir will reflect the spirit of the pilgrimage itself — welcoming, joyful, prayerful, supportive, and rooted in community.



WHO CAN APPLY?

Applications are welcomed from pilgrims and volunteers who:

- Enjoy singing and music
- Are willing to participate in rehearsals
- Are comfortable working as part of a group
- Wish to contribute to the prayer and liturgical life of the pilgrimage
- Are willing to participate fully in the pilgrimage programme

No previous choir experience is required.
Everyone is welcome.

REHEARSALS & PREPARATION

To help prepare for the pilgrimage, there will be:

- ✓ Two regional preparation and rehearsal gatherings before the pilgrimage
- ✓ Daily choir rehearsals during the pilgrimage in Lourdes

These rehearsals are intended not only to prepare the music, but also to help choir members get to know one another and grow together as a pilgrimage community.

The overall approach of the choir will be supportive, encouraging, and accessible to singers of varying experience and confidence levels.