

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

Address

Mobile Number

Email Address

Date of Birth

Local Group (if applicable)

Emergency Contact Details

Relevant Medical Information

☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, a member of our team will be in touch.

Registration Deadline: 21 August, 2026

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?
Adults 18 years and over



ROLE
Hospitality • Welcome
Practical Assistance
Visible Support
Christian Service



IDENTIFICATION
Blue tie and scarf

For further information regarding Blue Tie
Volunteers or the Carmelite Lourdes
Pilgrimage 2026, please contact:

Carmelite Lourdes Pilgrimage Office
Email: lourdesadmin@carmelites.ie

Carmelite Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026

BLUE TIE VOLUNTEERS

Pilgrims of Hope in Service



23-28 SEPTEMBER 2026

THE ROLE OF THE BLUE TIE VOLUNTEER

Blue Tie Volunteers may assist with:

- ✓ Welcoming pilgrims at airports, hotels, and pilgrimage events
- ✓ Assisting with general queries and practical information
- ✓ Guiding pilgrims to move safely between pilgrimage venues
- ✓ Supporting the smooth running of liturgies and processions
- ✓ Assisting with luggage and practical logistics where required
- ✓ Offering hospitality and conversation to pilgrims
- ✓ Helping promote a safe and welcoming experience for all
- ✓ Supporting the pilgrimage leadership team as needed
- ✓ Referring pilgrims to support team where additional assistance may be required



Blue Ties are often the first point of contact for pilgrims needing help, reassurance, or information.

A calm, friendly, and approachable presence is therefore essential.

BLUE TIE UNIFORM

Blue Tie Volunteers are part of the wider hospitality and welcome ministry of the Carmelite Lourdes Pilgrimage.

The standard Blue Tie uniform consists of:

- ✓ Black trousers & shoes
- ✓ White shirt or blouse
- ✓ Carmelite Blue Tie or scarf

The Blue Tie Volunteers are coordinated by the **President of Hospitality.**

IMPORTANT CLARIFICATION

Blue Tie volunteers offer support in public and communal settings, and work alongside the wider pilgrimage team.

Where additional personal or practical assistance is required, support is provided by the Pilgrim Support Team.

If desired, Blue Tie volunteers may also serve as a member of the Pilgrim Support Team.



WHO CAN APPLY?

Applications are welcomed from adults aged 18 years and over who:

- Are willing to participate fully in the life of the pilgrimage
- Are comfortable working as part of a team
- Demonstrate maturity, responsibility, and good judgement
- Can represent the pilgrimage with professionalism and kindness
- Are willing to participate in preparation meetings and volunteer training

Previous pilgrimage experience is welcome but not essential.

TRAINING & PREPARATION

Blue Tie Volunteers are required to participate in preparation meetings and training sessions prior to the pilgrimage.

These sessions are intended to help volunteers:

- ✓ Understand the structure and rhythm of the pilgrimage
- ✓ Become familiar with their role and responsibilities
- ✓ Learn good practice in pilgrim care, hospitality, and communication
- ✓ Develop confidence in responding to practical situations that may arise during the pilgrimage
- ✓ Understand their role under safeguarding policies and procedures