

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: 7 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

Accompaniment
Practical Support
Compassion • Care
Presence • Dignity



The Pilgrim Support Team reflects one of the deepest realities of Lourdes: that nobody should walk alone.

For further information regarding the Pilgrim Support Team or the Carmelite Lourdes Pilgrimage 2026, please contact:

Carmelite Lourdes Pilgrimage Office
Email: lourdesadmin@carmelites.ie

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PILGRIM SUPPORT TEAM

Pilgrims of Hope in Service



THE ROLE OF THE PILGRIM SUPPORT TEAM

The role may include:

- ✓ Accompanying pilgrims to liturgies and pilgrimage events
- ✓ Assisting with mobility and day-to-day practical needs
- ✓ Helping create a calm and welcoming atmosphere during the pilgrimage
- ✓ Supporting the overall wellbeing of those entrusted to our care
- ✓ Assisting pilgrims to and from liturgies, processions, meals, and events
- ✓ Supporting the smooth and dignified participation of assisted pilgrims in the life of the pilgrimage

Volunteers work as part of small teams under the guidance of the **Pilgrim Support Team Coordinator**, the **Director of Safeguarding**, the **Medical Team**, and in collaboration with the **President of Hospitality**, all of whom provide ongoing support and supervision throughout the pilgrimage.



No volunteer will be expected to undertake responsibilities without appropriate training, support, and clear lines of communication within the wider pilgrimage team.

PILGRIM SUPPORT TEAM UNIFORM

Members of the Pilgrim Support Team are clearly identifiable and form a support presence throughout the pilgrimage.

The Pilgrim Support Team uniform includes:

- ✓ Black trousers & shoes
- ✓ White shirt or blouse
- ✓ Specially branded white gilet

The Pilgrim Support Team is coordinated by the **Pilgrim Support Team Coordinator**, who oversees all aspects of the team during the pilgrimage.

IMPORTANT CLARIFICATION

The Pilgrim Support Team is distinct from the Blue Tie Volunteers.

While Blue Tie Volunteers focus primarily on hospitality, welcome, visibility, and practical logistical support, the Pilgrim Support Team provides structured and direct accompaniment to pilgrims requiring additional assistance.

Members of the Pilgrim Support Team therefore undertake additional preparation, safeguarding training, and Garda Vetting appropriate to the responsibilities of the role. Both groups play an essential role in the life of the pilgrimage.



WHO CAN APPLY?

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

- Have a genuine desire to be of service to others
- Are willing to work as part of a team
- Demonstrate maturity, patience, and good judgement
- Are physically capable of undertaking the practical aspects of the role
- Are willing to undertake safeguarding training and Garda Vetting
- Can commit to the preparation process prior to the pilgrimage

Previous pilgrimage, healthcare, caring, youth work, pastoral, or volunteering experience is welcome but not essential.

SAFEGUARDING, TRAINING & GARDA VETTING

Because members of the Pilgrim Support Team work directly with vulnerable adults and assisted pilgrims, safeguarding is an essential part of the role.

All volunteers on the Pilgrim Support Team are required to:

- ✓ Complete appropriate safeguarding training
- ✓ Undergo Garda Vetting
- ✓ Participate in preparation and training sessions
- ✓ Adhere fully to pilgrimage safeguarding policies and procedures

The Carmelite Lourdes Pilgrimage is committed to creating and maintaining a safe environment for all pilgrims, volunteers, and staff.