

VIA CATHEDRAL

Frequently Asked Questions

What is a pilgrimage and why are we doing this?

A pilgrimage is usually a journey toward a specific destination, often a place of spiritual and/or historical importance. The time spent walking towards this destination is generally spent in prayer, reflection, introspection, and/or searching for meaning. We are doing a pilgrimage in groups as a way to connect our bodies to our spiritual journey – movement can bring clarity to our minds and hearts and can also be a celebration of moving towards something new. You are invited to use this daily practice as a new way to pray, connect with God and friends, and celebrate the gift of movement.

Will there be any in-person events?

Yes! We are having two in-person walking events called “Walkabouts” and a final get together on Saturday, May 22 to celebrate this journey together. Join us April 24th (Stude Park) and/or May 8th (Terry Hershey Park) from 9:30-11:30 a.m. for a walk in a public park – see your favorite Cathedral folks, walk together (or separately) and finish off with a popsicle and a picture for social media! The final event will be a

Are there Via Cathedra resources I should know about?

Absolutely! There is a document on the website with a visual map through the 50 days of Easter. On the back of the map, you will find a verse of scripture and a breath prayer to help you as you walk during the week. Additionally, our podcast, Making Our Home for Faith will drop episodes each Monday to give additional food for thought and words of encouragement.

What is the Camino de Santiago?

The Camino de Santiago (the Way of St. James) is a pilgrimage through Europe to the Santiago de Compostela in northwest Spain. This is the burial site of St. James (Santiago in Spanish). It is a famous pilgrimage for Christians around the world to walk with many routes – one of the most popular routes is 480 miles long. That is why we are walking 480 miles in teams.

When is this happening?

The Easter season lasts for fifty days from Sunday, April 4 through Sunday, May 23. We are inviting walking teams to start their journeys on Monday April 5. Small groups will meet weekly starting the week of April 5. The culminating event for Via Cathedral will be a prayer walk through downtown from Discovery Green to the Cathedral on Saturday, May 22.

How do I sign up?

Register online at: <http://www.christchurchcathedral.org/viacathedralreg>

Do I have to walk 480 miles in 50 days?

Not at all! If you're in a walking team of 10 people, each person will walk about a mile a day. The smallest group size is 4 people, which will be about 2.5 miles a day per person.

Can I sign up as a partial team or partial small group?

Yes – if you know someone or a few people you want to participate with but you don't make up a whole team, write down these names on the registration form and we'll make sure to fill out your walking team or small group.

Is this open to children and families?

We hope children and families will participate in the walking teams! Small groups are for adults, but the walking teams are a great way to get kids involved. Families can sign up as a “team” or join with other families to make a larger team.

Who can participate?

The walking teams are for everyone and the small groups are for adults. If you want to sign up as a family with kids and join others, you will most likely be paired with another family. There will also be walking teams of all adults.

I want to walk but I don't know anyone to team up with?

If you want to sign up as an individual, there is an option to do so on the registration form. You don't need to know anyone to be a part of this!

If I'm joining a walking team and a small group, are those going to be the same people in each group?

If you choose to be a part of a walking team *and* a small group, they will not be the same people in each group.

What if I can't or prefer not to walk but still want to participate on a walking team?

That is absolutely possible! If you are a cyclist or a swimmer or do chair yoga, you can do whatever form of movement works best for you! Contact Elizabeth Cuevas (ecuevas@christchurchcathedral.org) for more information about these other options.