

## **POLICY 3.6.4    Serving as a Spiritual Director on Pilgrimages Outside of the Archdiocese**

The clergy of our archdiocese, incardinated priests, are encouraged to engage in the spiritual direction of pilgrimages to shrines and other sacred sites, for the spiritual growth of the people of our diocesan Church, and for their own spiritual good.

So as both to encourage this activity as well as keep it within accepted parameters, the following directives are to be followed as priests commit themselves as spiritual directors of pilgrimages:

1. A priest working in the Archdiocese may engage as spiritual director in one pilgrimage per every two calendar years not exceeding two weeks (14 days) including travel time.
2. The pilgrimage destination or shrine is to be a generally accepted holy site. The acceptance of a pilgrimage destination or shrine is solely the decision of the Archbishop of Grouard-McLennan.
3. All costs related to the priest's participation in the pilgrimage are the responsibility of the priest himself, or of a sponsor. The Archdiocese of Grouard-McLennan and the parish(es) that the priest serves are not responsible for any costs related to travel, accommodations, spending money, or pastoral assistance in his parish(es).

When on a pilgrimage, the priest is responsible for the cost of pastoral assistance in his parish(es).

4. All details of the pilgrimage and the priest's participation as spiritual director must be pre-approved by the archbishop prior to a commitment being made by the priest. The priest will complete and submit Form 3.6.4.a and Form 3.6.4.b to the Archbishop for his pre-approval as soon as possible after receiving the invitation to engage as a spiritual director for a pilgrimage and **no later than two months** before the departure date.
5. The priest will complete and submit Form 3.6.1.a Notification of a planned Absence by a Priest within one week of receiving the Archbishop's approval for the pilgrimage.
6. The priest engaged in such a pilgrimage **that has been duly authorized** is entitled to his regular clergy living allowance during the time of his absence on the pilgrimage.

Accepted by the College of Consultors on 02 May 2012  
Amended by the College of Consultors on 23 January 2018  
Amended by the Curia 27 November 2025  
Approved by the College of Consultors on 10 March 2026

**Approval to Engage as Spiritual Director on Pilgrimage**

<b>Priest Information</b>				
Name				
Parish(es)				
Dates	Depart AGM		Return to AGM	
Emergency Contact Name		Emergency Contact Number		
Last engagement as a Spiritual Director on a pilgrimage				
<b>Pilgrimage Information</b>				
Destination(s)/pilgrimage site(s)				
Pilgrimage dates	Start date		End date	
Pilgrimage organizer				
Total # of pilgrims				
# of pilgrims from AGM				
Other sites to be visited				
Comments				

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 Date

<b>Archbishop's Decision</b>
<input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Not Approved
Reasons/Comments

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 Archbishop's signature

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 Date

**Itinerary for Pilgrimage Outside of the Archdiocese**

Date of departure		Fare number	
Day 1			
Day 2			
Day 3			
Day 4			
Day 5			
Day 6			
Day 7			
Day 8			
Day 9			
Day 10			
Day 11			
Day 12			
Day 13			
Day 14			
Date of arrival		Fare number	

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Priest's Signature

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Date

