



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF LEXINGTON

THE CATHOLIC CENTER
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Dear Sisters and Brothers in the Diocese of Lexington,

I am eager to share with you the creative initiative of a group of women from Saint Paul's Parish in downtown Lexington. After spending a great deal of time in study and faith-sharing, these women have discerned a call to promote unity in our diocese by organizing a diocese-wide pilgrimage which consists of individuals, families or groups deciding to visit each of the churches in our fifty county diocese and learning a bit about what is special about the place and its people. It is called the "Pilgrim's Trail" and it is a nice reminder of how Vatican II described the Church, "the pilgrim people of God."

To promote this new endeavor, the accompanying letter describes a poster contest described to raise awareness of this pilgrimage. Please take a moment to plan your participation and learn more about this local Church, that is the Diocese of Lexington, and the communities which are part of it.

Peace and all good,

+ John Stowe, OFM Conv.

Bishop John Stowe, OFM Conv.
Bishop of Lexington

Have you heard about The Pilgrims Trail? Beginning during Catholic Schools' Week, on Sunday, January 30th, 2022, you will have the opportunity to fellowship at every church, mission, and oratory in the Diocese of Lexington's 50 counties. You will meet people from all over our diocese, see where they celebrate, and learn about their traditions.

Passports, which can be stamped at each location you visit, will be available at your parish office. In November 2022, bring this passport to our first annual The Pilgrims Trail meal where you will enjoy dining with other pilgrims and Bishop John.

Poster Competition

To inaugurate this journey, we are holding a poster design contest for The Pilgrims Trail. Get out your colored pencils, paper, ink, paints, canvases, or laptops to help spread the word about The Pilgrims Trail! People of all ages are welcome to submit their designs. You could win a cash prize and have the honor of your work displayed in *Crossroads* and in locations around the diocese.

Feel free to use YOUR artistic ideas about the concept of spiritual pilgrimage in Kentucky, but if you need help getting started, symbols for The Pilgrims Trail include: mountains; trees/forests; rivers; open fields; rail fences; a church with a cross on the steeple; the cross or stained-glass windows; people with walking sticks and/or in a vehicle; images of fellowship such as people shaking hands or being welcomed; Catholic Church symbols, such as a monk greeting visitors, a chalice, communion host, or a dove, to name a few.

Prizes include \$100 for 1st place, \$50 for 2nd place, \$25 for 3rd place, and \$25 for the Youth Encouragement Award.

Rules for Submission:

- Physical copies must be delivered on paper, poster, or canvas in the following sizes: 8.5" x 11", 11" x 17", or 18" x 24".
- Photos of your artwork may also be submitted to the Dropbox link below. Please take the highest quality photo you can in bright light/daylight.
- Digital artwork should be at least 350 dpi, CMYK color mode, and have a 1/8" bleed on all four sides.
- Artwork must be signed. If submitted by a minor, please include printed name, school, and grade.
- Entrants agree that their artwork and name can be reproduced and distributed for the promotion of The Pilgrims Trail.

We cannot guarantee your artwork will be returned to you, so please take photos if you would like to include it in your portfolio.

Final entries must be **RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE by November 10, 2021**. Considering current mail conditions, allow extra time for postal delivery.

Mail submissions to:
The Catholic Diocese of Lexington c/o Skip Olson
1310 W. Main St.
Lexington, KY 40508

Upload photos and digital submissions to:
<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/p132hxzk9254kf4/AAAGkRjrsuLFvilQcMfDvKha?dl=0>