

To: Priests, Deacons, Parishes, Schools

From: Rev. James L. Bartoloma, J.C.L.  
Director of the Marian Commission

Date: May 20, 2026

Re: Diocesan Marian Pilgrimage to the Basilica of the National Shrine, Washington, DC



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The next Biennial Diocesan Marian Pilgrimage to Washington, DC will take place on

**Saturday, November 7, 2026**

9:00-10:30 Arrive at the Basilica. Priests available for Confession.

Time to explore the Shrine, for private prayer, and to visit the gift shops.

10:45 Official Welcome. Concert of Sacred Music.

12:00 Time for Lunch (Cafeteria is now open or pilgrims may bring their own lunch.)

1:30 Procession of Parishes with their banners in the Great Upper Church.

Immediately followed by Multi-Lingual Rosary.

3:00 Holy Mass in the Great Upper Church. Departure following Mass.

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For planning purposes, kindly send the following survey information to  
[jneri@churchoftheholymfamily.org](mailto:jneri@churchoftheholymfamily.org)

Information will be shared with the Bishop's office and with the Basilica of the National Shrine to prepare for this year's Pilgrimage. Submit initial information by July 1, 2026.

1. Name of Parish.
2. Name of Parish Pilgrimage Coordinator.
3. Email and Phone Number of Pilgrimage Coordinator.
4. Bus company used by Parish or School.
5. Number of persons registered to attend pilgrimage.
6. Names of priests and deacons attending.
7. Does the parish have a Parish Banner for the Procession and who will be carrying or walking with the banner?  
**(MAXIMUM FOUR (4) PEOPLE)**
8. Is there any additional information you would like to share?