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Bishop Ricken to lead pilgrimage to approved Marian shrines of Wisconsin, July 29-31


“During my time as bishop of the Diocese of Green Bay, I have spiritually led several Compass pilgrimages to destinations worldwide. Each one has been an excellent opportunity to grow closer to Jesus. This summer, I’ll be heading out on pilgrimage again, but will be staying right here in Wisconsin,” said Bishop Ricken. “Travel closer to home makes it affordable for more people to join us. During our time together, we will pray, reflect and rediscover places near us which are diamonds right in our own backyard! I invite you to join us as we seek to encounter Jesus more deeply while traveling throughout our beautiful state, and then, return home inspired to follow Him more closely and share His love with those around us.”

National Shrine of Mary, Help of Christians - Hubertus, Wis.
Situated on 435 beautiful acres outside of Milwaukee, the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Help of Christians, receives more than 500,000 visitors each year. Holy Hill was declared a Shrine with “Portiuncula Privilege” by Pope Leo XIII in 1903. As a result of the increasing number of pilgrims, the Discalced Carmelite Friars from Bavaria were invited to staff the Shrine in 1906. On November 19, 2006, the Shrine was elevated to the status of Basilica.

Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe - La Crosse, Wis.
Nestled amid the beautiful natural setting of southwest Wisconsin, the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe serves the spiritual needs of those who suffer poverty in body and soul. It is a place of ceaseless prayer for the corporal and spiritual welfare of God’s children, especially those most in need. The shrine is faithful to the message of the Blessed Virgin Mary through her appearances on the American continent in 1531 and funded entirely by private donations.

National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help - Champion, Wis.
The National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help stands humbly, yet majestically, in a quiet and beautiful spot of rural northeast Wisconsin. Known as “The Chapel” by the local inhabitants, the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help is built directly over the site where Mary, the Queen of Heaven, appeared to Adele Brise, a young Belgian immigrant, in October 1859, one year after the Marian apparitions occurred at Lourdes, France. For over 150 years, the faithful have come to this hallowed site seeking the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The Marian apparition at the Shrine was granted official Church approval on December 8, 2010.

Cost to attend is $575 and includes all meals, accommodations, tips, and taxes. Please view the Wisconsin Shrines Pilgrimage registration brochure for full details and registration instructions by visiting www.thecompassnews.org or clicking here. For more information, contact Amy Kawula, Advertising and Marketing Manager for The Compass, at (920) 272-8212 or akawula@gbdioc.org.
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