



On October 9, 1859, the Holy Mother appeared to Adele Brise on the site of the Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help in Wisconsin and gave her this message

“Gather the children in this wild country and teach them what they should know for salvation. Teach them their catechism, how to sign themselves with the sign of the Cross, and how to approach the sacraments; that is what I wish you to do.”

On December 8, 2010, The Most Rev. David L. Ricken, Bishop of Green Bay, determined it to be 'worthy of belief', that the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to Adele Brise.

On August 15, 2016, The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops declared Champion a 'National Shrine,' by formal decree, distinguishing 'The National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help' as the first and only Catholic Shrine in America with a Church-approved Marian Apparition Site.

Adele Brise never swayed from her mission to teach the children the Catholic faith, no matter the hardship. She carried the messages of salvation, healing and grace on the back of her perseverance. This awe-inspiring determination continues to captivate the faithful.

Preparing the Heart

A pilgrimage is not a ritual or a rite. There is no prescribed right way or wrong way. It is an experience of very personal contemplation, reflection and prayer, so each pilgrim approaches it with his or her own unique relationship with God. We come as we are. Some come dancing with joy. Others come with tears of sorrow. You might prefer to walk alone with your eyes to the skies. You might prefer to walk intimately with a spouse or close friend. You might prefer to sing or chant or pray rosaries with others along the way. You should feel free to walk your journey in whatever way best opens your heart to the whispers of the Holy Spirit. We only ask that you respect the sacred spirituality of the other pilgrims, understanding that, while all walk the same path, God has given each his or her own journey.

In preparation, you might find it helpful to do an examination of conscience, asking yourself what is holding you back from fully and freely being the person God created you to be. What is it you fear? Who do you need to forgive?

Some might find Eucharistic Adoration meaningful in preparing for the pilgrimage. Others might find the Sacrament of Reconciliation helpful as a way to bring peace to their hearts. The biggest thing is that you prepare your heart for openness. Make room for the Holy Spirit!

This is the year of St. Joseph. May 1 is also the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker and our pilgrimage day!

Walk To Mary Across America - Reno Saturday May 1, 2021

What To Bring

- A backpack
- Layered clothing and a hat - the walk will take place rain or shine
- Whatever food and water you will require - we will have only bottled water and packaged snacks
- Rosary
- Comfortable walking shoes that have been broken in
- Sun screen

Logistics

There is no need to sign up
There is no fee to walk - donations appreciated

UPDATED INFORMATION-the route begins and ends at Immaculate Conception!

If you begin your Pilgrimage with the First Saturday Mass at 9 AM at St. Albert the Great Catholic Church you will then drive to Immaculate Conception

OR

You can drive directly to Immaculate Conception and begin from there with or after the First Saturday Mass at 9 AM

The route is a 3.4 mile loop. The estimated walk time is 1 hour and 9 minutes.

The route will be marked periodically and there will be volunteers along the route in the event a pilgrim needs assistance.

The only restrooms will be at St. Albert, in local businesses along the route and at Immaculate Conception.

Confession will be available from 2 pm at Immaculate Conception and from 2:30 pm at St. Albert.

If you would like to participate, but are unable to walk the route, you can pray from wherever you are in union with the Walk. Also, the church, social hall and grounds at Immaculate Conception will be available to pray and socialize with your fellow pilgrims.

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