

## Pilgrimage

## Policy No. 450

- Policy Statement:*** Priests ministering in the Archdiocese can participate as spiritual leader on a pilgrimage for pastoral purposes, once a calendar year, and not be considered as vacation.
- Other pilgrimages will be considered vacation days.
- Intent of Policy:*** To foster faith renewal and formation for the priest and for those he accompanies.
- Definition:*** A pilgrimage is a trip to a designated holy place(s) where the priest may
- accompany a group of his parishioners
  - serve as chaplain of a group organized by an independent organizer or travel agency within the Archdiocese.
- Procedure:***
- a) Before confirming plans for a pilgrimage, the priest will present the purpose and itinerary of the pilgrimage to the Office of the Chancellor.
  - b) Upon approval, the priest may proceed with the necessary reservations, promotion and advertising of the pilgrimage as the circumstances require.
  - c) Priests are to follow the procedure in Policy No. 422 concerning their absence from the parish or current assignment.
- Exception:*** Priests' participation in any other pilgrimages in a calendar year, either as a spiritual leader or for personal purposes, is considered vacation.
- Refer to Policy:***  
No. 422 Vacation