



Thursday 23rd November 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian,

65th Middlesbrough Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2018

As usual, Trinity Catholic College is joining the Middlesbrough Diocesan Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Lourdes, France, during next year's May half-term break. Following initial information, I am delighted that your child has expressed an interest in this wonderful opportunity.

Millions of Catholics from all over the world travel to Lourdes every year to witness the place where Our Lady appeared on numerous occasions to the young St Bernadette. Many of the pilgrims are ill, disabled or elderly and through their faith seek the healing strength of the spring waters discovered by St Bernadette under Our Lady's guidance. We will be part of the Middlesbrough Youth along with many other schools from the diocese, and our students will have a vital role in caring for the sick as well as participating in Holy Mass, processions and other services throughout the week.

The pilgrimage will take place from Friday 25th May until Friday 1st June, and the cost is £400. This cost includes all coach and ferry travel with excursions and our full-board accommodation in a 4* Hôtel. Our party will be approximately 35 in number from both Year 10 and the Sixth Form.

To obtain a place on the pilgrimage for your child, please complete and sign the Consent Form overleaf and return it by Wednesday 6th December in a sealed envelope, a non-refundable deposit of £100 will be asked for, wherever possible please use Parentpay. Alternatively cash or cheques (made payable to St. Hilda's Academy Trust) can be addressed to Mrs Benton (Main Office). When you receive confirmation of your child's place, a payment schedule will be sent to you.

Our pilgrimage is not just a week's holiday in the south of France; it will be a year-long commitment from your child. Students who are accepted onto the pilgrimage will be working together all year to prepare for it, and there will be a wealth of opportunity for the Lourdes' Group to get to know one another, especially at the compulsory Wheelchair Training Day later in the year. This week is one that our young pilgrims will never forget and it will be one of the most spiritually rewarding experiences they will ever have. A major theme of our pilgrimage is 'Service to Others' and we hope to bring our students closer to God through caring for the sick and for each other. We know that this week will be a happy blend of pilgrimage and holiday whereby our students will grow both spiritually and socially.

If you would like any further information please contact me at 01642298100 or at gargett.c@trinitycatholiccollege.org.uk

Yours sincerely,

C Gargett

Mrs C Gargett
Pilgrimage Leader

Educational Visit Parental Consent & Indemnity Form

Pilgrimage to Lourdes (25 May-1 June, 2018)

PILGRIMAGE STAFF Pilgrimage Leader: Mrs C Gargett

DECLARATION OF CONSENT & INDEMNITY

I give permission for my son / daughter: To take part in the International Educational Visit that is known as the "Pilgrimage to Lourdes" that takes place away from the main College site and that is authorised by Trinity Catholic College and follows the College's International Educational Visits Policy and arrangements for the supervision of students. To be given first aid or urgent medical treatment during any such activity if deemed necessary by the member of staff in charge.

Please note the following important information before signing this form: The trip and activities covered by this consent form is the "Pilgrimage to Lourdes" taking place from Friday 25th May until Friday 1st June. Mrs C Gargett and accompanying teachers in charge of the visit will provide full information about the visit before it takes place. This information is provided in the form of a letter sent accompanying this form, as well as information provided to parents at the Parental Information Evening and any other printed material corresponding to this pilgrimage. You can inform us if you do not want your child to take part in this College visit by sending a letter or an email (gargett.c@trinitycatholiccollege.org.uk) to Mrs C Gargett or by telephoning the College and speaking with her. The information used by Mrs C Gargett and accompanying teachers in charge of the visit regarding a student's medical condition and emergency contact information will be taken from you as well as from the College database. It is essential, therefore, that this information is up to date. If the College has reason to believe this is not the case, your child may not be able to participate in the planned visit. If your child's medical circumstances have changed since you last submitted their records to the College, you must notify the College's Officer by email (fenton.v@trinitycatholiccollege.org.uk) or by letter so as to ensure that their record is up to date. Alternatively, you can list it below.

Student Name: _____ Form: _____

Student Medical Condition(s):

Student Dietary Requirements:

Please note that any student with medical conditions, such as asthma or severe allergy, must bring their medication (e.g. inhaler/epipen) with them on this College pilgrimage.

PARENTAL CONFIRMATION I would like to secure a place for my child on the Pilgrimage to Lourdes, and I enclose a non-refundable deposit of £100.00/I have used Parentpay

Parental Name: _____

Signature: _____

Emergency Contact Telephone Number (for International Purposes):

_____ Date:
