

PILGRIMS IN PERÚ (July 17-25, 2019)

APPLICATION PROCESS



Pilgrim Prayer

To be a pilgrim means to be on the move, slowly
to notice your luggage becoming lighter
to be seeking for treasures that do not rust
to be comfortable with your heart's questions
to be moving toward the holy ground of home
with empty hands and bare feet.

MACRINA WEIDERKEHR

Thank you for opening yourself to the opportunity to journey as a pilgrim with the people of Perú. This is an invitation to leave the comfort of home and work with Edmund Rice Christian Brothers, other religious, and lay men and women who daily live Essential Element III *Stand in Solidarity with those Marginalized by Poverty and Injustice*. The 9-day Pilgrimage to Perú will include:

- 🌐 Orientation to the Peruvian reality
- 🌐 Service Projects (building a house, preparing a meal, sewing ...)
- 🌐 Visits to ministry sites serving the poor (orphanages, schools, community centers ...)
- 🌐 Reflection, prayer and sharing together each day on the experience
- 🌐 Accommodations at Hendricken House in Las Flores (Dorm style rooms with one or two roommates)
- 🌐 Travel on public transportation
- 🌐 Journey to Cuzco and Machu Picchu (Pre-Columbian Inca ruins)

Expectation and Costs for Program

- 🌐 The cost of air fares, accommodations, food, and activities is covered by the Office of Educational Services.
- 🌐 Each participant is asked to raise \$500 within their school community to fund the service projects and donations made to ministry sites. A pilgrim does not travel alone – you will be accompanied by the prayers and donations of your sending community. You travel to Perú in the name of your school community and you bring their commitment to the poor in the donations received.
- 🌐 When you return to your school, it is expected that you will share something of your experience with your school community. Your pilgrimage will grow deeper when you find ways to share with others.

Application Process

1. **Complete all parts of the application form.**
2. **Submit a Letter of Recommendation from your President, Head of School or Principal**
3. **Application and Recommendation must be received at OES by November 15, 2018.**

Br. Stephen Casey, CFC and Maureen Kiers will facilitate the pilgrimage to Perú. We look forward to growing with you in this experience of grace and challenge.

4. There is an expectation that pilgrims will share the fruits of their pilgrimage with colleagues and students. How would you envision making this happen when you return home?

5. When you look at yourself in a group situation which of these terms best describe you, and why?

- Team player
- Community builder
- Observer
- Enthusiast
- Follower
- Loner
- Leader
- Introvert
- Extrovert
- Other _____

6. Have you ever traveled outside of your country? If so: where to, how often, for what purpose, and what was the longest time away? What were some peaks and valleys of your experience?

7. The program for *Pilgrims in Perú* may be demanding physically, spiritually, and interpersonally.
- a. Do you have any health/medical concerns traveling to an emerging nation?

 - b. Would the high altitudes of Cuzco (11,000 feet) and Machu Picchu (8,000 feet) be of concern to you? Some people may experience altitude sickness at these elevations.

 - c. How would you describe your energy level for being “on the go” most of the day, physically laboring to build a house, walking, and traveling on public transportation?

 - d. Do you have special dietary needs?
8. Do you have any fears or concerns about traveling in an emerging nation?
9. Do you speak Spanish? How well? (Not required)

Send all information by November 15, 2018 to:

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