

## **Pilgrims of Hope for Creation Code of Conduct:**

In order to be registered with the “Pilgrims of Hope for Creation” campaign, as a Leader(s), I/we agree that this pilgrimage / gathering will:

- Be focused on healing towards right relationship with God, each other, and creation
- Seek to make the pilgrimage a truly spiritual experience, rooted in the gift of God’s creation.
- Demonstrate openness and appreciation for all pilgrims no matter their perspective or background.
- In good faith and in the realities of the pilgrimage, plan that the pilgrimage route be as accessible as possible to all who wish to participate.
- Be prepared to respond with Gospel-inspired love and understanding to those who may lack an appreciation for this initiative, and remain non-violent in word and deed. Avoid partisan or divisive language.
- Facilitate the safety and security of the pilgrimage and surrounding events: Secure permits from local authorities as needed, ensure that pilgrims respect local traffic ordinances, follow diocesan Safe Environment protocol, and follow diocesan / congregational / institutional protocol around safety and liability.
- Understand that:
  - National [Pilgrimage Collaborating Organizations](#) do not implicitly approve of all organizations collaborating at the local level.
  - National Organizers will do their best effort to ensure that new partner requests at the national level are upholding Catholic teaching and
  - Local organizers will be responsible for ensuring that local partners uphold the fullness of Catholic social teaching.
- Not seek to make a profit from these pilgrimages; seeking donations to offset costs are acceptable. Pilgrimage logo is available for use, but not for profit.
- Agree to the RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK Hold Pilgrimage Collaborators at the national and local levels harmless for any potential and unfortunate events that may result in injury or death.

Terms:

- Pilgrimage Collaborators: National coordinating organizations of the Pilgrimages of Hope for Creation initiative, as seen [here](#).
- Leaders: Local organizers and planners of a pilgrimage.

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## **LEADER RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK**

THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND ASSUMPTION OF RISK (THE “**RELEASE**”) TAKES EFFECT WHEN THE INDIVIDUAL NAMED IN THE ONLINE REGISTRATION FORM (REFERRED TO AS “**LEADER**”) CLICKS THE “I ACCEPT” BUTTON TO COMPLETE THE REGISTRATION PROCESS TO BECOME AN ORGANIZER AND LEADER FOR THE

PILGRIMAGES OF HOPE FOR CREATION CAMPAIGN (“**PILGRIMAGES OF HOPE**”). BY CLICKING ON SUCH "I ACCEPT BUTTON, REGISTRANT (A) ACKNOWLEDGES THAT REGISTRANT HAS READ AND UNDERSTANDS THIS RELEASE; (B) REPRESENTS AND WARRANTS THAT REGISTRANT HAS THE RIGHT, POWER, AND AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO THIS RELEASE AND IF ENTERING INTO THIS RELEASE FOR AN ENTITY, THAT REGISTRANT HAS THE LEGAL AUTHORITY TO BIND THAT ENTITY; AND (C) ACCEPTS THIS RELEASE ON ITS BEHALF OR ON BEHALF OF THE ENTITY IT REPRESENTS, AS APPLICABLE, AND AGREES THAT REGISTRANT OR SUCH ENTITY, AS APPLICABLE, ARE LEGALLY BOUND BY ITS TERMS.

IF REGISTRANT DOES NOT AGREE TO THESE TERMS, PLEASE SELECT THE ["I DECLINE"] BUTTON AS PART OF THE REGISTRATION PROCESS. IF REGISTRANT DOES NOT ACCEPT THESE TERMS, REGISTRANT MAY NOT PARTICIPATE AS AN ORGANIZER OR LEADER OF PILGRIMAGES FOR PILIGIMAGES OF HOPE.

Registrant desires to participate in Pilgrimages of Hope, by organizing and leading pilgrimage events in the community that are consistent with the Code of Conduct (above) for **Pilgrimages**, on behalf of those organizations admitted from time to time by the Pilgrims of Hope as Collaborating Organizations (“**Collaborating Organizations**”). A current list of Collaborating Organizations is listed on the following website: <https://catholicpilgrimsofhope.org/>. In consideration of being permitted to participate in the Pilgrimages of Hope as an organizer and leader of Pilgrimages, and in recognition of the reliance by CCC and the Collaborating Organizations hereon, Registrant agrees to all the terms and conditions set forth in this Release.

REGISTRANT IS AWARE AND UNDERSTANDS THAT PILGRIMAGES ARE A POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS ACTIVITIES AND INVOLVE THE RISK OF PERSONAL OR PSYCHOLOGICAL INJURY, PAIN, SUFFERING, TEMPORARY OR PERMANENT DISABILITY, DEATH, PROPERTY DAMAGE, AND/OR FINANCIAL LOSS. REGISTRANT ACKNOWLEDGES THAT ANY INJURIES THAT REGISTRANT, OR ANY INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPATING IN ANY PILGRIMAGES, SUSTAINS MAY RESULT FROM OR BE COMPOUNDED BY THE ACTIONS, OMISSIONS, OR NEGLIGENCE OF CCC AND/OR ANY COLLABORATING ORGANIZATION, INCLUDING NEGLIGENT EMERGENCY RESPONSE OR RESCUE OPERATIONS OF CCC OR ANY SUCH COLLABORATING ORGANIZATION. **NOTWITHSTANDING THE RISK, REGISTRANT ACKNOWLEDGES THAT IT IS KNOWINGLY AND VOLUNTARILY PARTICIPATING IN PILGRIMAGES OF HOPE AND THE ORGANIZED PILGRIMAGES WITH AN EXPRESS UNDERSTANDING OF THE DANGER INVOLVED AND HEREBY AGREES TO ACCEPT AND ASSUME ANY AND ALL RISKS OF INJURY, DISABILITY, DEATH, AND/OR PROPERTY DAMAGE ARISING FROM PILGRIMAGES OF HOPE AND SUCH PILGRIMAGES, WHETHER CAUSED BY THE ORDINARY NEGLIGENCE OF CCC OR ANY COLLABORATING ORGANIZATION OR OTHERWISE.**

To the fullest extent permitted by applicable law, Registrant hereby expressly waives and releases any and all claims, now known or hereafter known the [Collaborating Organizations](#), and any affiliates thereof, and their respective officers, directors, manager(s), employees, agents, volunteers, representatives, successors and assigns (collectively, the “Released Parties”), arising out of or

**attributable to Pilgrimages of Hope and any Pilgrimages, including without limitation, on account of injury, disability, death, or property damage, whether arising out of the ordinary negligence of the Released Parties or otherwise.** Registrant covenants not to make or bring any such claim against the Released Parties, and forever release and discharge the Released Parties from liability under such claims.

Registrant shall defend, indemnify, and hold harmless the Released Parties against any and all losses, damages, liabilities, deficiencies, claims, actions, judgments, settlements, interest, awards, penalties, fines, costs, or expenses of whatever kind, including reasonable attorney fees, fees, the costs of enforcing any right to indemnification under this Release, and the cost of pursuing any insurance providers, incurred by the Released Parties, arising out or resulting from any claim of a third party related to Registrant's participation in the Pilgrimages of Hope, or any Pilgrimages that Registrant organizes therefor, including any claim related to Registrant's own negligence or the ordinary negligence of the Released Parties.

Registrant hereby consents to receive medical treatment deemed necessary if Registrant is injured or requires medical attention during Registrant's participation in any Pilgrimages. Registrant understands and agrees that Registrant is solely responsible for all costs related to such medical treatment and any related medical transportation and/or evacuation. Registrant hereby release, forever discharge, and hold harmless the Released Parties from any claim based on such treatment or other medical services.

This Release constitutes the sole and entire agreement with respect to the subject matter contained herein and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous understandings, agreements, representations, and warranties, both written and oral, with respect to such subject matter. If any term or provision of this Release is invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any jurisdiction, such invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall not affect any other term or provision of this Release or invalidate or render unenforceable such term or provision in any other jurisdiction. This Release is binding on and shall inure to the benefit of the Released Parties and Registrant and our respective heirs, successors, and assigns. All matters arising out of or relating to this Release shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the internal laws of the District of Columbia without giving effect to any choice or conflict of law provision or rule that would cause the application of laws of any other jurisdiction. Any claim or cause of action arising under this Release may be brought only in the federal and state courts located in the District of Columbia and Registrant hereby consents to the exclusive jurisdiction of such courts.

PLEASE CHECK ONE:

☐ [Check Box] I have read and agree to abide by this Release of Liability and Assumption of Risk

☐ [Check Box] I decline to abide by this Release of Liability and Assumption of Risk. By doing so, I will not be a leader in the Pilgrimages of Hope effort.