

DIA Schools Summit Pilgrimage

[A Video Invitation to the DIA Schools Summit Pilgrimage](#)

Join fellow Catholic School leaders, teachers and campus ministers on a two-day pilgrimage October 21-22, 2022, through the “Holy Land” of Southern California. Pilgrims make trips to spiritual sites such as the only standing chapel in which St. Junipero Serra said Mass and the gorgeous, newly-built St. Michael’s Abbey, home of a dynamic Norbertine community. All of this is done while seeking the intercession of St. John Paul II on the weekend of his Feast.

Will F. Peterson, founder of Modern Catholic Pilgrim, leads the group on an intentionally simple and spiritual journey modeled on the “Road to Emmaus” passage in Luke’s Gospel. Modern Catholic Pilgrim has used this Emmaus Model of pilgrimage for thousands to lead thousands of pilgrims since 2017, and participants in this special DIA Schools Summit Pilgrimage will be taught the model through firsthand experience that can be applied directly to their own schools.

On Friday afternoon, the pilgrims will walk to Mission San Juan Capistrano on pilgrimage to the chapel in which St. Serra said Mass and to explore the beautiful grounds of the Mission. Saturday will be given over to time at St. Michael’s Abbey. Pilgrims will be transported to the hills east of San Juan Capistrano to walk through the spectacular terrain to arrive at the Abbey for a day of reflection and retreat.

The days are given over to praise of God in mind, body, and spirit and to reflection on the DIA Schools Summit. The nights are given to fellowship and a deepening of the Summit experience through further presentations by noted speakers, such as Father Christopher Iwancio, Ed.D., OFM Cap., who has extensive experience in the realms of pilgrimage and Catholic education. His doctoral dissertation was titled “The Pilgrims’ Return: The Influence of the Assisi Pilgrimage on High School Participants.”

Pilgrims must be able to handle some walking each day while covering changing elevations. We will stay in the same hotel that hosted the DIA Schools Summit. Transportation to area airports will be

provided and all meals are included for the very affordable rate of \$275. Our group size is limited, and for planning purposes registration closes October 1, 2022, so please register early.