



Newman Catholic Community

Pilgrimage: El Camino de Santiago - 2020

Part of celebrating 80 years of sojourning on the campus of EIU

El Camino

May 27 – June 30, 2020

with various options for shorter trips

The Way of St. James is one of the major Christian pilgrimages, made popular in the Middle Ages. More than a dozen routes lead pilgrims to the Cathedral of St. James located in the town of Santiago de Compostela, Spain.

Since the Middle Ages millions of Christians have made the pilgrimage to Santiago. It fell off in popularity until in the 1980s only a few hundred pilgrims made the journey each year. However, since then hundreds of thousands have made the journey, e.g., in 2017 300,000 went on pilgrimage.

We have decided to offer this pilgrimage to students, faculty, staff, alumni, and friends of the EIU Newman Catholic Community as a way of celebrating our 80 years on campus. It is a chance for us to sojourn together and to deepen our commitment to a life in Christ. As with all pilgrimages, folks will be bringing their own concerns, joys and reasons for going on pilgrimage. The hope is we can be a conduit for you to **discover more fully what God has in store for you in your walk, and to strengthen the work of the Church on campus, via our prayer for the ministry during the pilgrimage.**

What will be happening:

We will be walking the Francis Way from Pamplano, Spain to Santiago de Compostela. Like all pilgrimages this is a religious journey to a specific location. Each day we will begin with morning prayer, and then pilgrims will make their way to the next stopping point. Since we are organizing this as a group pilgrimage we will be asking folks to make it to the designated stopping point each day. The attached four walking packages give you a breakdown of the walk itself and the distances we will be walking each day. In the evening we will be staying in simple accommodations and sharing meals, reflecting on the day, Mass, and relaxing.

Accommodations:

We will be staying at a *refugio* or *albergue* each night. These are what we would refer to as hostels. Some are converted convents, some are monasteries, most are places set up as hostels to accommodate pilgrims each and every day. Many of them provide food in the evening called the “pilgrims meal.” There will be opportunities to do laundry, take showers and celebrate Mass every evening.

More info? Drop Dianne Timm dtimm@eiu.edu or Roy Lanham rlanham@eiunewman.org an email. For a couple of good books about the camino with a look at practical things to think

about: *Camino de Santiago, Camino Frances: St Jean - Santiago - Finisterre*, by Anna Dintaman and David Landis or *A Pilgrim's Guide to the Camino de Santiago: St. Jean - Roncesvalles – Santiago*, by John Brierley. You can also search the web. There are wonderful articles and stories about folks who have been on pilgrimage.

Cost: Varies. It depends on how long you will be on pilgrimage (one week to the whole month)

We are requiring a *\$100 non-refundable deposit with the application.*

The only other money we will collect will be for the cost of the flight. *For students* your \$100 deposit will go towards your flight. So \$900 (based on the flight costing \$1,000) would be due on *April 1, 2020*. For everyone else your \$100 will go towards renting a vehicle to move our gear each day to our next destination. So for *all others*: \$1,000 is due by *April 1, 2020*.

To see what the total cost of the trip will be, please look at the four trip packages.

The flights are based on a group rate departing and returning via Chicago O'Hare. For those leaving from other cities, your cost may vary, and we would only require the \$100 with your application if you are not flying in with the group.

Meetings?: For those living in Charleston or surrounding area. We will gather to answer questions, meet one another and pray for our pilgrimage. We will also be offering some "pilgrimage" walks here in the area in preparation for going to Spain. This gets folks ready to make long walks. We will also use these walks as a chance to prepare our minds and hearts, and not just our bodies, for the journey.

Besides the application, everyone going will have to have notarized a signed waiver for international travel. This is a requirement from the Diocese of Springfield in Illinois for any church sponsored international trip.

Finally: This is exciting and we are glad you are interested in taking a step towards going. Please pray about it and think about what God has in store for you, because we do believe going on pilgrimage is a prompting from our Lord. So embrace it and see if this is the right time for you. Blessings, and ask St. James, St. John Henry Newman, St. Philip Neri and St. Hedwig to intercede for you as you make your decision.

KEEP THIS INFORMATION



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Date

Pilgrimage 2020 El Camino de Santiago Application

A sojourn to celebrate 80 years on EIU's campus! **May 27 – June 30, 2020**

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

- Complete the following application, and return it to the Newman Catholic Center, 500 Roosevelt Ave.
- A \$100 NON-REFUNDABLE deposit must be turned in with your application. (For students this applies to your plane ticket)
- Total cost of trip varies. Please see attached packages and choose. Applications are due by **January 10, 2020**
- Balance due on **April 10th 2020** - A cancellation for any reason forfeits the cost of the flight.
- Make checks payable to: Newman Catholic Center with Pilgrimage on the memo line.
- The trip will involve faith-based reflection
- Most of the cost of the trip is taken care of by the pilgrim in Spain (daily stay, transportation to and from starting points/ending points to Madrid, food). The Newman Community is just coordinating flights and the path each day.

Name _____ MI _____ Last Name _____ (F) (M) Age _____

Birth date ____/____/____ Phone _____

Passport # _____ Expires on _____

CHARLESTON ADDRESS Street _____ # _____

Email _____

Major: _____ Minor: _____

Classification: () Student* () Friend () Alumni () Faculty () Staff

* If you do not attend EIU, please list the university at which you are currently enrolled: _____

T-shirt size (circle one) S M L XL XXL

HOME ADDRESS Street _____ # _____

City _____ ST _____ ZIP _____ Home Phone: _____

Religious Affiliation: _____ Home Church: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT AND MEDICAL INFORMATION

Relation to you: _____

Emergency contact: Name _____ MI _____ Last Name _____

Contact address if different than home: _____

Phone number (if different than home) _____

Do you have the EIU Insurance? If yes, please state your "E" number _____

If not please complete the following (application will not be processed without this information).

Health Ins. Co. _____	Policy number: _____
Do you have any medical conditions or allergies? _____	Are you on daily medication? _____
Please describe in case of emergency: _____	
Dietary Needs? _____	