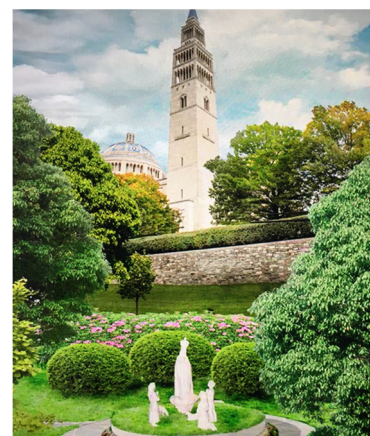


**Catholic Diocese of Wilmington Marian Pilgrimage
with Bishop William Koenig at the
Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception,
Washington, D.C.
September 25, 2021, 10AM-4PM**



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**We Walk By Faith
with Bishop William Koenig and Priests of the Diocese of Wilmington
on pilgrimage to the nation's spiritual capital and
Shrine of the Patroness of the United States, The Immaculate Conception**

*** SCHEDULE FOR THE DAY**

* 10AM: Arrival at Basilica Shrine

* 10:15AM: Opening Prayer

* 10:30AM-12:30PM: Pilgrims may tour Basilica & grounds independently or be guided by docents; visit the nearby Pope St. John Paul II Shrine & visit nearby Caldwell Chapel where Venerable Fulton J. Sheen used to pray the Mass when he taught at the Catholic University of America. Pilgrims may also find religious items and books in the Basilica's two shops.

* 12:30-1:15PM: Lunch-Eat in on-site cafeteria; brown bag lunches may be eaten on the grounds outside the Basilica Shrine

* 1:30-2:30PM: Holy Hour & Confessions

* 2:30PM: Bishop Koenig leads Benediction & Reposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament

* 3-4PM-Mass in the Crypt Church: The Blessed Virgin Mary, Pillar of Faith. Before the final blessing, Bishop Koenig will bless religious articles bought by pilgrims and re-consecrate the Diocese of Wilmington to the Immaculate Heart of Mary

* Participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation

* Visit the site of the first saint canonized on American soil: St. Junipero Serra

Pray through Our Lady at over 40 chapels dedicated to the many titles she bears

* Be a part of salvation history by bringing your petitions, family, friends and, above all, yourself, to Jesus through Mary, the Immaculate Conception

Participate in the Sacred Mass with Bishop Koenig, his first at the Basilica Shrine as Bishop and have your Marian souvenirs blessed.

* Visit the Our Lady of Fatima Rosary Walk and Garden

* During this Year of St. Joseph, make a sacred pilgrimage to "Mary's House," the one whose chaste spouse St. Joseph is.

* Take a guided tour of the Basilica, home of the largest collection of contemporary ecclesiastical art in the world

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