

# Program



**8<sup>th</sup> December**  
**2007** **8<sup>th</sup> December**  
**2008**

**150 years after the Apparitions of the Blessed  
Virgin Mary to Bernadette Soubirous**

*"Come and drink at the spring and wash yourself there"*



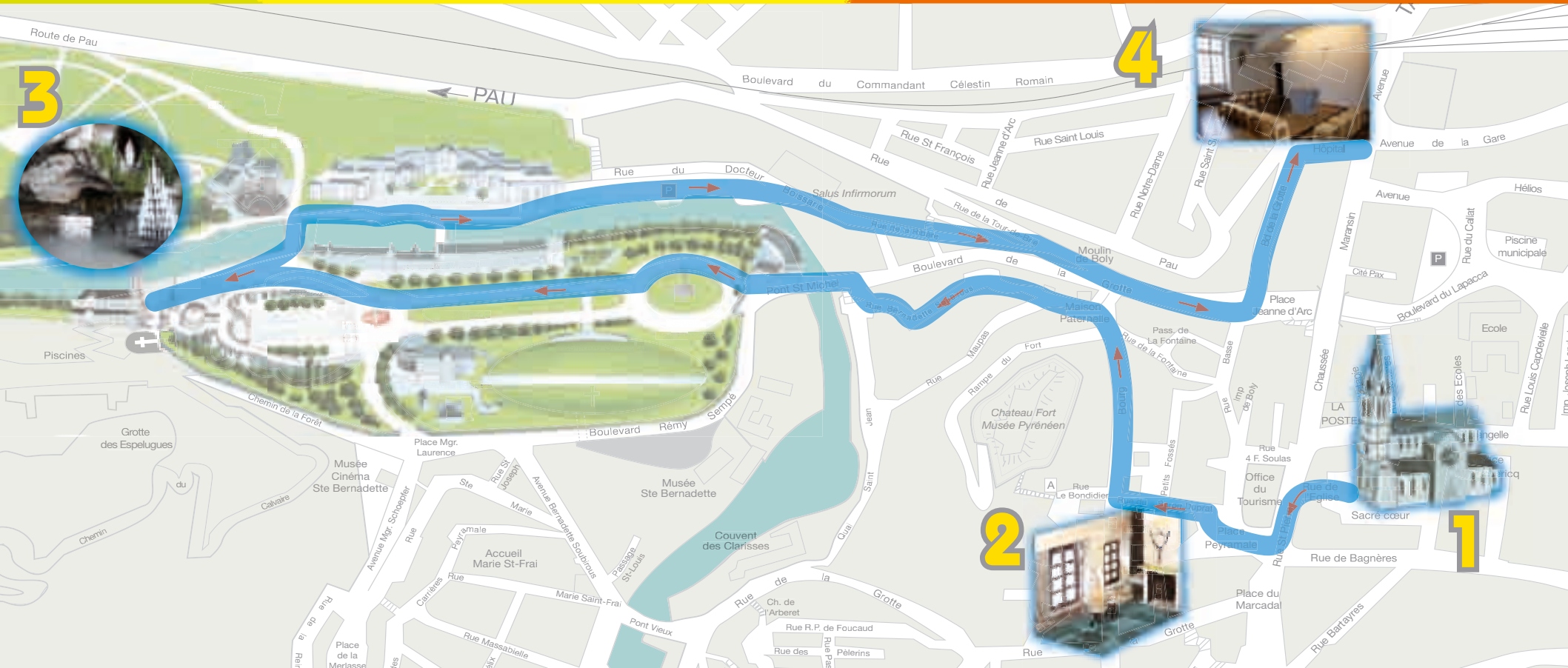
*« Lourdes,  
is the spring  
where the con-  
science becomes  
clear and clear  
again »*

*Joannes Paulus P.P. II*

# The way of the Jubilee

If you want to experience the Jubilee,  
here is the route to follow :

**4 The present day hospital**  
(Formerly the old hospice) it is in the chapel of the old hospice that Bernadette made her first Holy Communion, on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of June 1858 before the last apparition of the 16<sup>th</sup> July 1858. Mary is the way to her Son. The source and summit of the Christian life is the Eucharist.



## 3 The grotto

If you enter the domain by St. Michael's gate you will walk along the Jubilee Avenue which will be specially created for the jubilee Year. In the domain you will find the information you need. The 200 metre walk will help you to focus your mind and heart to visit the Grotto. To the right of the Rosary Basilica you pass under the arches to make your way to the grotto. On each arch you will see an image of Christ. On arrival at the Grotto you will find a place of prayer, a place to pray with confidence in a loving God.

## 2 The cachot on the Rue Petits-Fosses

It was in the cachot that the Soubirous family were living in 1858. this was a place of extreme poverty, we recall the words of the Magnificat: "he has pulled down the powerful and raised up the lowly" we can think of Jesus, the Son of man who had nowhere to lay his head, we can remember the Beatitudes, happy the meek, the kingdom of heaven is theirs.

## 1 The parish church in the old town

The parish church has the baptismal font in which Bernadette was baptised on the 9<sup>th</sup> January 1844. For the Christian, a pilgrimage is an opportunity to rediscover their own baptism and to renew their baptismal promises.

**S**ix million people come to Lourdes every year  
Why do they come? They come because Lourdes is a different place:

- A place where Christians can freely express their faith
- A place where the sick and people with disability have priority
- A place of prayer, of service and fraternity between people
- A place that children and young people say is "super"
- A place where a person can be open to God

It is a place that people keep returning to

The story of Lourdes began in 1858 when the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to Bernadette Soubirous. Since then the number of pilgrims has increased each year. It is a place of spirituality that helps people to live in our world today.

The story of Lourdes is written each day by the pilgrims who come here, it is a living story. After 150 years people still come to give thanks.

This year we will give thanks for graces received, we will discern God's will as we embark into the 3rd millennium and we will make more available the service of the sanctuary.

It is for these reasons that the Jubilee year will last for a full 12 months. It will begin on the 8th December 2007, the feast of the Immaculate Conception and will continue until 8th December 2008. Come in winter when you might have the place to yourself or almost.

*« Come drink at the spring and wash yourself there. »*

**+ Jacques Perrier**  
Bishop of Tarbes and Lourdes



**From the 8<sup>th</sup> December 2007 until 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2008, Easter.**

Below you will find the daily and weekly programme for the above dates. However the programme can be adapted to meet the needs of pilgrims. E.g. if the numbers are sufficient a torchlight procession could be arranged.

**Every day :**

- Doing the "Jubilee Way" with a guide
- Midday, Angelus and prayer at the Grotto
- Mass in English, French, Italian and Spanish
- Confessions in the above languages
- Video (25 minutes) on the message of Lourdes
  - 2:30pm French, Italian and Spanish
  - 3:15pm English, German and Dutch
- The Rosary at 3:30pm
- The baths will be open
- The High Stations and the Stations on the Prairie
- The Museum will be open for the school holidays

**Wednesdays :**

- Festive Mass in the morning

**Friday and Saturday :**

- Torchlight Procession

**Sunday morning :**

- International Mass

Please refer to other events that will be published in the calendar

Sick Pilgrims will be able to stay at the Accueil Notre Dame from the 11<sup>th</sup> February.

Youth groups will be able to stay at the Maison de Sts. Pierre et Paul.

This period of the Jubilee Year is normally off season but because of the Jubilee a fuller programme is on offer to those who wish to visit Lourdes during this time.

**Opening**

**Colloque: 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> December 2007 "The message of Lourdes, yesterday and today"**

**to register: Colloque «The message of Lourdes, yesterday and today»**

1, avenue Mgr Théas - 65108 LOURDES Cedex

Tel : +33 (0)5 62 42 78 01 - Fax : +33 (0)5 62 42 89 51 - Email : [colloque@lourdes-france.com](mailto:colloque@lourdes-france.com)

**Cost : 25 €**



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## December

**6-8** : the Church in mission with volunteers in the service of others. The 2<sup>nd</sup> International meeting of the hospitalité (1)

**8<sup>th</sup>** : feast of the Immaculate Conception (2) Solemn opening of the Jubilee Year

**9-11** : Colloque on the theme of "The message of Lourdes yesterday and today"

**22<sup>nd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>** : Christmas in Lourdes, No need to be alone at Christmas, Mary invites you to Lourdes.

**31<sup>st</sup>-1<sup>st</sup> January** : celebrating our faith (3) special event for young people, but open to all. Midnight Mass at the Grotto, after Mass, time of adoration-singing-time together.

## January

**1<sup>st</sup>** : Feast of Mary Mother of God (2)

**6<sup>th</sup>** : feast of the epiphany

**15<sup>th</sup>** : 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the apparitions of Our Lady (2) of the Poor Banneux. The messages of Lourdes and Banneux are very similar.

**18<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>** : week of prayer for Christain Unity (4)

**21** : the day in 1858 when Bernadette returned from Bartres

## February

**2<sup>nd</sup>** : feast of the presentation of Jesus in the Temple, a day of prayer for those in the consecrated life.

**6<sup>th</sup>** : ash Wednesday, Lent Begins (5)

**9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>** : days of recollection (5) - Welcoming the message of Lourdes

**11<sup>th</sup>** : 1<sup>st</sup> apparition - Feast of Our Lady Of Lourdes (2) - World day of Prayer for sick people (6) - Opening of the Accueills to welcome sick pilgrims

**14<sup>th</sup>** : 2<sup>nd</sup> Apparition - Prayer at the Grotto 11:30am

**16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>** : Recollection (5) - "With Bernadette-living the Grace of Lourdes"

**18<sup>th</sup>** : 3<sup>rd</sup> Apparition - Feast of St. Bernadette Torchlight Procession from the parish church

**Beginning of the 15 Apparitions** : The Lady asked Bernadette to come each day to the Grotto, Bernadette said she would despite many difficulties.

*From 18<sup>th</sup> February-4<sup>th</sup> March at 11:30 there will be prayer in front of the Grotto, which will include the Rosary and the Angelus.*

**22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>** : recollection (5) - Lent and the Light of Lourdes

**29<sup>th</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> March** : recollection (5) - Lent and the Light of Lourdes

## March

**4<sup>th</sup>** : 15<sup>th</sup> apparition and the last of the "15"

*as with the other days, there will be pray at the Grotto at 11:30am*

**7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>** : recollection (5) Lent and the light of Lourdes

**14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>** : recollection (5) Holy week with St. Bernadette.

**23<sup>rd</sup>** : Easter Sunday

**22<sup>nd</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>** : The HCPT pilgrimage (7)

**23<sup>rd</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>** : Festival of Sacred Music

**25<sup>th</sup>** : 16<sup>th</sup> Apparition (2) On this day the Lady gave her name "I am the Immaculate Conception"

**50<sup>th</sup>** Anniversary of the Basilica of St. Pius X (Underground Basilica)

## April

**7<sup>th</sup>** : 17<sup>th</sup> Apparition - Prayer at the Grotto at 11:30

**13<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup>** : The de Monfort Pilgrimage (2)

**16<sup>th</sup>** : death of Bernadette in Nevers in 1879, this will be commemorated at the International Mass

**23<sup>rd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>** : The "Fraternel" pilgrimage from the l'Île-de-France 100th anniversary of this pilgrimage.

**25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>** : Colloque (3) on the theme of "The Church in Mission with Young People."

## May

**1<sup>st</sup>** : Feast of the Ascension

**2<sup>nd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>** : 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Order of Malta Pilgrimage (8)

**11<sup>th</sup>** : Feast of Pentecost- Pilgrimage of the Portuguese people living in France

**22<sup>nd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>** : 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the International Military Pilgrimage (9)

**24<sup>th</sup>** , The Village of peace is open to all

**29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>** : International meeting of journalists and those working in the Media

**31<sup>st</sup>** : Feast of the Visitation (2)

## June

**3<sup>rd</sup>** : Anniversary of Bernadette's 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion in 1858 (10)

**15<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>** : International Eucharistic Congress in Quebec (10) - Mass each day on the theme of the Congress and a Holy Hour

**23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>** : UNITALSI pilgrimage for sick children (6)

**29<sup>th</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> July** : Pilgrimage from Barcelona (7)

## July

**15<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>** : World Youth Days in Sydney with live link ups from Lourdes (3) which will be animated by youth groups and Christian artists in Lourdes.

**16<sup>th</sup>** : 18<sup>th</sup> apparition - and the Feast of Our lady of Mount Carmel (2)

## August

**9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>** : the Tamil Pilgrimage (11)

**11<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>** : National Pilgrimage of the Assumptionists (10)

**15<sup>th</sup>** : feast of the Assumption (2)

**20<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>** : Travellers Pilgrimage (12)

## September

**4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>** : Congress on the Theme of Mary (2) and the apparitions, history, faith and theology.

**6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>** : Film Festival "Lourdes in Film"

**8<sup>th</sup>** : feast of Our Lady's Birthday (2)

**23<sup>rd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>** : Pilgrimage of The society of May (4)

**29<sup>th</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> October** : National pilgrimage of UNITALSI (6)

## October

**7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>** : Centenary of the Rosary Pilgrimage (2)

## November

**1<sup>st</sup>** : Feast of All Saints

**4<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>** : Plenary Meeting of the French Bishops

**14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>** : HCPT Congress (7) "We are called by Name"

## December

**8<sup>th</sup>** : feast of the Immaculate Conception (2)

**Solemn closing of the jubilee Year**

## TWELVE "MISSIONS" FOR OUR TIME.

Lourdes is not only a place of pilgrimage. Lourdes is a place of pilgrimage because it shares in the life of the Church, a Church that is itself on pilgrimage.

Lourdes responds to the call of the Holy Spirit as it calls the Church today.

**We are proposing Twelve "Missions" from Lourdes for the Church of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Millennium.  
Twelve "Missions" to address the needs of our Church  
today. This is our contribution!**

During the Jubilee year these missions will be expressed by various pilgrimage groups sharing with us their experience, faith and witness. The "Missions" are numbered in the calendar (1...2...3...) This numbering is indicative of when in the year the pilgrimage takes place.

If you are not taking part in an organised pilgrimage feel free to choose a time that suits you and a "mission" that has an interest for you.

The registration fee for any give event does not cover travel or accommodation expenses. Check with your pilgrimage for these expenses.

# 1

## The Church in Mission with its volunteers in the service of others.

This mission is in two parts.

Part one, the Church in the service of others. In following the example of Christ we carry on his work. He gave his life for us; he washed the feet of his disciples.

Many people give of their time in the service of others in varying ways and through various organisations. This witness of human solidarity is truly valued in our time. What is the place of the Christian in all of this? What witness does the Christian give? "Charity and solidarity" are they the same?

In Lourdes the Hospitalites are at the heart of the mission here, in solidarity and with a heart full of charity. Each year 100 000 people give of their time in the service of others.

### During the Jubilee Year

#### 6th-8th December 2007, International Meeting of the Hospitalites

Open to all those who are involved as a volunteer in Lourdes in the service of others.

**The meeting will be held** in French, Italian, Spanish, English, German and Dutch.

**To register for this meeting please contact :** Rencontre des Hospitaliers - 1 av Mgr Théas - 65108 Lourdes Cedex France - Email : [hospitalier@lourdes-france.com](mailto:hospitalier@lourdes-france.com)

**Registration fee : 15€**

# 2

## The Church in Mission with Mary

On the 2<sup>th</sup> March Bernadette received the 13<sup>th</sup> Apparition when the Lady asked Bernadette to "have a chapel built here and that processions would take place and for the celebration of Mass" why the procession, perhaps as a sign of the church on the move?

Mary carried the Word of God when she went to visit her cousin Elizabeth. The new world meets the old world. Elizabeth sings her praise and John the Baptist leapt for joy in his mother's womb. The Visitation is the origin of Mission. Mary has been in Mission with the Church throughout its history.

**During the Jubilee Year**, During the jubilee Year we will mark the major feast days of Mary. 8<sup>th</sup> December 1<sup>st</sup> January 11<sup>th</sup> February 25<sup>th</sup> March 31<sup>st</sup> May 16<sup>th</sup> July 15<sup>th</sup> August and the 8<sup>th</sup> September

**13<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> April the de Monfort Pilgrimage**

**to register** : 2 rue Jean Paul II - BP 45

85292 Saint Laurent sur Sèvre Cedex - Email : [montfort.pele@orange.fr](mailto:montfort.pele@orange.fr)

**registration fee** : 35 €

**7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> October The Rosary Pilgrimage**

**to register**

Email : [2008@rosaire.org](mailto:2008@rosaire.org) / tel : 05 62 17 25 27

**registration fee** : 35 €

**4<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> September International Marian/Mariology conference organised by the pontifical academy on Mariology.**

*"The Apparitions of the Virgin Mary, between history, faith and theology"*

**to register** : FORUM INFORMATION

Sanctuaires Notre-Dame de Lourdes

1, avenue Mgr Théas - 65108 LOURDES CEDEX

Tel. : 05 62 42 2008 / Email : [2008@lourdes-france.com](mailto:2008@lourdes-france.com)

# 3

## The Church in Mission with Young People

At the time of the Apparitions, Bernadette was 14. She left Lourdes at 22 to enter the convent in Nevers. Is this perhaps why Lourdes holds such an attraction for our young people?

Like Taize, like the World Youth Days, young people in Lourdes discover a place where they can be themselves and perhaps to discover themselves. They have the freedom of being able to share their faith in an atmosphere of community. Lourdes is a place where they can express their faith in their service of others in the presence of Mary.

Today's young people are welcomed here where Mary is calling them to follow her Son.

### During the Jubilee Year

#### The evening of the 31<sup>st</sup> December leading into 1<sup>st</sup> January

"Celebrating Our Faith" an evening of music, of song and sharing  
**to register** : Email : [cathy.lesterle@wanadoo.fr](mailto:cathy.lesterle@wanadoo.fr)  
**registration fee** : 10 €

#### 23<sup>rd</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> April "The Frat"

100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary pilgrimage of young people from Ile de France

#### 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> April during the above pilgrimage a conference with the theme "The Church giving confidence to Young People"

**to register** : Service Communication - Sanctuaires Notre-Dame de Lourdes - 1  
avenue Mgr Théas - 65108 Lourdes Cedex -  
Email : [jeunes@lourdes-france.com](mailto:jeunes@lourdes-france.com) / Tel : 05 62 42 78 01 / fax 05 62 42 89 51  
**registration fee** : 25 €

#### 15<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> July live the Sydney World Youth Days in Lourdes

young people, artists, musicians and youth groups are invited to this special event which coincides with the Sydney WYD

**to register** : Jubilee-Lourdes JMJ 2008

Sanctuaires Notre-Dame de Lourdes 1 av Mgr Théas - 65108 Lourdes Cedex France

**"Le Pass" for accommodation and meals, 190 euro.**  
Reduced price if only participating for the weekend.



# 4

## The Church in Mission for Christian Unity

In the time of Bernadette there was probably only three Protestant families in Lourdes and ecumenism was not really an issue.

With the proclamation of the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception and the recognition of the Apparitions the rift between Christians grew deeper. However in spite of our differences, all Christians read the same Gospel and profess the same Creed.... "He was made known by the Holy Spirit and he was born of the Virgin Mary"

Lourdes welcomes Christians from all churches and from all four corners of the world.

### During the Jubilee Year

#### 15<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> January Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

We will follow, each day, the programme suggested by the Christian Churches throughout the world.

#### 23<sup>rd</sup>-26<sup>th</sup> September Joint Catholic Anglican Pilgrimage

this pilgrimage is jointly organised by the Society of Mary, of the Church of England and by the local Catholic community in England.

#### **To register:**

Email : [bishopofwhitby@episcopus.co.uk](mailto:bishopofwhitby@episcopus.co.uk) (tel. : 0044 1642 714475)

**Other initiatives are in preparation, particularly with the Orthodox Churches**

# 5

## The Church in Mission in the Call to Conversion

At the heart of the Apparitions from the 24<sup>th</sup> to the 28<sup>th</sup> February the Lady spoke of penance and invited Bernadette to do make expressions of contrition and to pray for sinners.

At the same time the Virgin asked to Bernadette to move further into the Grotto and to look for water, it was only after several attempts that the water ran clear. Several hours later the water was still running clear and does so to this day. This is a beautiful sign of conversion, a sign leading to the penitent to the joy of reconciliation.

The passage through the Grotto, the Stations of the Cross, the Water Walk and the baths are all signs and ways in which we can express and experience our desire for reconciliation, leading to a celebration of the sacrament of reconciliation. This is inextricably linked to our participation in the Eucharist and we are promised to receive many blessings during this Jubilee Year.

### During the Jubilee Year

The call to conversion will be expressed in periods of recollection that will take place during Lent. These will be given by the religious Communities of Lourdes.

**9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> February, Welcoming the Message of Lourdes**

**16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> February, With Bernadette, living the grace of Lourdes**

**22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> February/28<sup>th</sup> February-2<sup>nd</sup> March/7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> March Lent and the light of Lourdes**

**14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> March Holy Week with St. Bernadette**

These retreats are organised by the Religious of Lourdes and the chapelains. A detailed programme will be sent out to you by request.

**To register :** FORUM INFORMATION - Sanctuaires Notre-Dame de Lourdes  
1, avenue Mgr Théas - 65108 LOURDES CEDEX

Tel. : 05 62 42 2008 / Email : [2008@lourdes-france.com](mailto:2008@lourdes-france.com)

**registration fee : 25 €**



## **The Church in Mission with the Sick**

Lourdes is a place where the sick have priority. The first cure was on the 1<sup>st</sup> March 1858 and to this day Lourdes is associated with a place where people come looking for cures and miracles. However Lourdes is not a place of false hope and it would be wrong to dismiss all the many ways in which God works in the lives of his people. Lourdes is for all and the sick who come here may experience God in many ways.

### **During the Jubilee Year**

#### **Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes 11<sup>th</sup> February**

The Accueils of Notre-Dame, Saint-Frai and the Salus Infirmorum will be open to receiving pilgrims from the 11<sup>th</sup> February and will remain open for the remainder of the season.

**23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> June UNITALSI Pilgrimage for sick children.**

**29<sup>th</sup> September-2<sup>nd</sup> October National Pilgrimage of UNITALSI**

# 7

## The Church in Mission with People with disability

Here in Lourdes the person with disability is accepted as an equal and there is much evidence of this when pilgrims come here. This aspect covers disability in its many forms, physical, mental or psychological. An example of this is the Faith and Light group.

For many years now there has been within the Domain a place of welcome for people with disability and their families, this is found at the entrance of St. Michael's Gate. This office is at their service to help them to have a fulfilling pilgrimage and to have access to as much as possible to the places within the Domain.

### During the Jubilee Year

#### 23<sup>rd</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> March the HCPT Pilgrimage

The HCPT is an English organisation working in particular with children. It has evolved over the years and now draws people from many countries.

**To register :** HCPT - The Pilgrimage Trust Oakfield Park  
32 Bilton Road - Rugby - Warwickshire CV22 7HQ U.K.

Email : [hq@hcpt.org.uk](mailto:hq@hcpt.org.uk) / Web : [www.hcpt.org.uk](http://www.hcpt.org.uk)

**registration fee**

#### 29<sup>th</sup> June-3<sup>rd</sup> July Pilgrimage from Barcelona

**contact :** Pilgrimage of Barcelona

Carrer Consell de Cent, núm 224-228,bxs - 08011 Barcelona - Espagne

Email : [hospil@hospitalitat.org](mailto:hospil@hospitalitat.org) / Website : [www.hospitalitat.org](http://www.hospitalitat.org)

**registration fee : 50 €**

#### 14<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> November HCPT Conference "We are called by our name" Valuing Difference

**to register :** FORUM INFORMATION

Sanctuaires Notre-Dame de Lourdes - 1, avenue Mgr Théas - 65108 LOURDES CEDEX

Tel. : 05 62 42 2008 / Email : [2008@lourdes-france.com](mailto:2008@lourdes-france.com)



# 8

## The Church in Mission between Nations

When the Pope gives the blessing “Urbi et Orbi” to the Church and the World in numerous languages we have a sense of the universality of the Church.

It is the same here in Lourdes; pilgrims come from all over the world to express their faith.

We have six official languages in the sanctuary, French, Italian, Spanish, English, German and Dutch.

This is expanded at the nightly Torchlight procession when many languages are used in the praying of the Rosary and in the singing of the “Ave Maria”

The language of signs and gestures is however universal, this is clearly seen at the Grotto, the spring and the Way of the Cross.

As transport becomes more affordable, Lourdes now sees many pilgrims coming from Asia and North America. All are welcome!

### During the Jubilee Year

#### 2<sup>nd</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> May : 50<sup>th</sup> Pilgrimage of the Order of Malta

the Ancient Order of Malta represents people from the five continents.

**To register:** : *Association française des Membres de l'Ordre de Malte - 42, rue des Volontaires - 75015 Paris*

Email : [contact@ordredemaltefrance.org](mailto:contact@ordredemaltefrance.org)

**registration fee**



## The Church in the Mission for Peace

The is a town that is overlooked by the ancient chateau fort. It is a reminder that peace was not always present in these mountains. The fort played a vital role in protecting the town and the surrounding area. Certain dates are worth remembering, 1870, 1914-1918, 1939-1945.

During these times of war and conflict Lourdes welcomed the sick and injured. After the wars, Lourdes prayed for the mort, consoled the living and worked for peace.

It is this spirit that we need to understand the International Military Pilgrimage that brings together men and women who in former times had been enemies. It was to Lourdes, after the Second World War, that German soldiers came on pilgrimage.

Who knows better than a soldier, the horror of war and the price of peace!!

### During the Jubilee Year

**22<sup>nd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> May The International Military Pilgrimage**

**to register :** *Diocèse aux Armées - PMI 2008*

*20 bis, rue NotreDame des Champs - 75006 PARIS*

*Email : [secretariat.pmi@orange.fr](mailto:secretariat.pmi@orange.fr)*

**registration fee :** 25 €

**24<sup>th</sup> May the "Village of Peace" will be open to all. Free entry**

# 10

## The Church on Mission, Nourished by the Eucharist

After spending sometime in Bartres, Bernadette returned to Lourdes to prepare for her first Holy Communion. During her preparation the Lady of the Grotto reassured her. Bernadette made her first Holy Communion on the 3<sup>rd</sup> June 1858 in the Chapel of the Sisters of Nevers in Lourdes. This is the 4<sup>th</sup> stop on the Jubilee Way.

Mary asked that a chapel be built. After the Apparitions were recognised the bishop and priests wasted no time in responding to Our Lady's request.

Before she left Lourdes for the last time, Bernadette was able to attend Mass at the Grotto and in the upper Basilica.

Very soon after this the Blessed Sacrament procession and the blessing of the sick was inaugurated. This is one of the main events that take place every day in Lourdes.

Adoration is also very important in Lourdes and there are several places where this takes place. The "Tent of Adoration" is the most recent place.

### During the Jubilee Year

**15<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> June, coinciding with the Eucharistic Congress in Quebec.**

Mass will be celebrated daily on the theme of the Congress, a talk and a Holy Hour will also take place every day this week.

**11<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> August National Assumptionist Pilgrimage**

**to register : Email : [Central@pelerinage-national.org](mailto:Central@pelerinage-national.org) - Tel : 01 58 36 08 76**  
**registration fee : 30 €**

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## The Church in Mission for Inter-Religious dialogue

Lourdes is clearly a Roman Catholic place of pilgrimage. It is a place that is open to all Christians; it is a place that seeks unity among Christians. (see Mission 4). Lourdes is open to religions and other spiritual traditions.

Like other Marian shrines, Lourdes is frequented by many Muslims, in particular Muslim women. Mary is venerated in the Koran. Mary is also venerated by people of the Hindu faith.

The sanctuary of Valankani in India is often referred to as the Lourdes of India.

Believers come to Lourdes and pray before the Grotto no matter what religion or faith.

### During the Jubilee Year

#### 9<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> August the Tamil Pilgrimage

There are many Tamils in Europe, some are Roman Catholic and others are Hindus. Here they come together as brothers and sisters.

**To register :** *Pèlerinages Tamouls - 51 rue de Traynès  
65000 Tarbes - France / Email : [tamils.lourdes@orange.fr](mailto:tamils.lourdes@orange.fr)*

**registration fee :** 10€

**Other gatherings between Christians and Muslims are under preparation**

**To register : 05 62 42 81 52**



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## The Church in Mission with the Marginalised

Since its beginning as a place of pilgrimage, Lourdes has always sought out the less fortunate. There has always been a welcome for a person who for whatever reason or circumstance feels excluded.

Near the sanctuary you will find the "Cite St. Pierre" here the pilgrim will be welcomed for the duration of their stay. It is run by the Secours Catholique.

With great sensitivity and respect the sanctuary welcomes groups or individuals who are on the margins of society.

### During the Jubilee Year

#### 20<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup> August Travellers Pilgrimage

during this week the town and its environs are festooned with the Traveler caravans. In 2006 they celebrated their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

#### The Cite St. Pierre

will be open (except from 17<sup>th</sup> December-13<sup>th</sup> January) to pilgrims who do not have funds to stay in a hotel.

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