

# Pilgrim's Code of Conduct

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All pilgrims are expected to behave in a way that reflects the Catholic nature of the event, shows consideration for others, and upholds the safety and dignity of all involved. By registering for the Pilgrimage, you agree to the following:

## General Conduct

- I will treat all participants, volunteers, clergy, and members of the public with respect, courtesy, and Christian charity at all times.
- I will conduct myself in a manner appropriate to the sacred and penitential character of the Pilgrimage.
- I understand that disorderly or disrespectful behaviour may result in me being asked to leave the event at the discretion of the organisers.
- I will dress in a manner which reflects the profound spirituality of the Pilgrimage and a reverence for Christ the King, especially at Mass and other liturgies.
- I will actively contribute to the spirituality of the Pilgrimage by walking in communion with the other Pilgrims and joining with them in communal prayer, song and penance.

## Safety and Logistics

- I will check-in upon arrival and wear my Pilgrim ID lanyard at all times.
- I will walk in the procession with the other pilgrims, and endeavour to maintain an average pace of approximately 5 km/h set by the processional crucifix and banner bearers. I will not walk in front of the processional crucifix and banner bearers.
- If I am unable to keep pace with the procession (or delayed at an amenity stop), I will follow directions to board a support vehicle to the next safe stop.
- I will follow the designated Pilgrimage route and obey all instructions given by safety marshals, Pilgrimage officials, police, and emergency services.
- I will walk on the left-hand side of the road or designated footpaths, keeping clear of traffic lanes unless otherwise directed. I will not unreasonably obstruct traffic.
- I will wear appropriate footwear while walking. I acknowledge that walking barefoot is not permitted.
- I will not use wheeled devices such as scooters, bicycles, skateboards, rollerblades, or similar.
- I acknowledge that animals are not permitted on the Pilgrimage, except registered assistance animals.
- I will not operate drones or remotely piloted aircraft without prior written permission from the Society.
- I acknowledge that spectators or supporters are not permitted to follow the Pilgrimage on foot, by vehicle, or by any other mode of transport.

## Alcohol and Substance Use

- I will avoid the excessive consumption of alcohol.
- I will not behave in a disruptive, aggressive, or unsafe manner.
- I understand that, if I engage in disruptive or aggressive behaviour while affected by alcohol which impacts the safety, spiritual tone, or conduct of the Pilgrimage, I will be removed from the event.

## Child Safety

- I will comply with the **Christus Rex Society's Child Safety Policy** and act in accordance with the general principles of child safety.
- I will not engage in behaviour that could be considered unsafe, inappropriate, or harmful towards children.
- I understand that all children under 18 in my care must be supervised by a parent, guardian, or responsible adult at all times.
- I will immediately report any concerns regarding child safety to a Pilgrimage official or nominated child safety contact.

#### **Respect for Property and Environment**

- I will take care not to damage private or public property. I will promptly notify a Pilgrimage official of any damage.
- I will keep the Pilgrimage route and overnight sites clean and dispose of rubbish appropriately.
- I will follow all site instructions when camping or using hall facilities, and be mindful of families with young children when setting up.

#### **Media and Photography**

- I understand that I may be photographed during the Pilgrimage and I consent to the use of my image by the Christus Rex Society in any media or promotional materials, without payment or further approval.

#### **Conflict Resolution and Complaints**

- I will raise any formal complaints or concerns through the appropriate process.
- Formal complaints must be directed to the nominated member of the Christus Rex Society (ordinarily the President) and will be handled in accordance with the Society's Complaints Procedure.