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Catholic group plans to add 'Wisconsin Way' to its list of walking pilgrimages

BY SAM LUCERO | THE COMPASS

ALLOUEZ — Walking pilgrimages to religious sites have been a popular way of expressing and building one's faith and connection to God for centuries. In the Diocese of Green Bay, spiritual journeys such as the annual 21-mile Walk to Mary, from the National Shrine of St. Joseph in De Pere to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help in Champion in May, have attracted thousands.

A new opportunity to experience this physical act of faith will soon be available, courtesy of the Modern Catholic Pilgrim based in San Diego. Will Peterson, founder of Modern Catholic Pilgrim, visited the diocese in late August to make a 130-mile walking pilgrimage from the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help in Champion to the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary Help of Christians in Hubertus. The journey is known as "The Wisconsin Way."

The Wisconsin Way walking pilgrimage is a journey first promoted by Fr. Andrew Kurz, administrator of St. Paul Parish



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Will Peterson, founder of Modern Catholic Pilgrim, prepares to begin a 130-mile walking pilgrimage from the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help in Champion to the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary Help of Christians (Holy Hill) in Hubertus on Aug. 28.

in Plainfield, Fr. Kurz created his own walking pilgrimage from Champion to Hubertus, also known as Holy Hill, in 2013. He told The Compass that it was his hope to ignite a walking pilgrimage movement in this country.

Peterson, whose Modern Catholic Pilgrim project leads walking pilgrimages in Kentucky and California, plans to add The

Wisconsin Way to its offerings. He decided to scout the route before promoting the pilgrimage.

"My plan for this first pilgrimage is to get a sense of the route and to connect with our initial hospitality network members along the way," Peterson said.

Our full story appears in the Sept. 10 issue.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Let us continue our journey in deepening the faith — our faith — in the light of the Letter of Saint Paul to the Galatians. The Apostle is insistent with those Christians so they would not forget the novelty of God's revelation that had been proclaimed to them. Completely in agreement with the evangelist John (cf. 1 Jn 3:1-2), Paul emphasises that faith in Jesus Christ has allowed us to truly become children of God and also his heirs. We Christians often take for granted this reality of being God's children. Instead, it is good to remember with gratitude the moment in which we became such, the moment of our baptism, so as to live the great gift we received with greater awareness. If I were to ask you today, "which of you knows the exact date of your baptism?"

+ Pope Francis, Sept. 8, 2021

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Mother, daughter embark on new education journey together

BY JEFF KUROWSKI | THE COMPASS

CHILTON — Approximately 12 miles separate Chilton Area Catholic School and Divine Savior School in Kiel, so it would make sense for the new principals at both campuses to build a working relationship. No problem for Samantha Meyers and Martha Holst. They more than have it covered.

Meyers, the principal at Chilton Area Catho-

lic School, is the daughter of Holst, who takes over this fall as principal at Divine Savior. Surprisingly, both were not planning on becoming principals this year.

Holst will begin her 37th year as an educator. Divine Savior was formed in 2007 from the unification of Holy Rosary School, New Holstein, and SS. Peter and Paul, Kiel.

"I started out with Holy Rosary when we were two (separate schools)," she explained.

"When we combined and became part of Divine Savior, I was still on the New Holstein campus, because we had two campuses. (New Holstein) was the middle school campus. When we decided on one campus in Kiel, I came along. The last several years I've been teaching math, grade two all the way through algebra. I've taught all over the board over the last 36 years."

Our full story appears in the Aug. 27 issue.

5 THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

St. Therese of Lisieux

BY PATRICIA KASTEN | THE COMPASS

1 Born on Jan. 2, 1873, she was named Marie Françoise-Thérèse Martin.

2 Thérèse experienced a childhood call to religious life and entered Lisieux's Carmelite monastery at age 15. Her five sisters all joined religious orders.

3 Thérèse received the religious name of Thérèse of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face.

4 Her older sister, Pauline, became prioress of the same monastery. Recognizing her sister's spiritual gifts, Pauline told Thérèse to write down her spiritual memoirs. These were published after Thérèse's death (Sept. 30, 1897) as "The Story of a Soul."

5 Thérèse's advice on trusting and loving Jesus became known as "the Little Way." The "Little Flower" was canonized in 1925. Her feast is Oct. 1.

Good St. Joseph at work in our diocese

Dear friends and followers of Jesus:

Almost exactly two years ago, in this column, I shared with you two goals that my leadership team and I had set for our diocese for the next five years. One goal centered



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Bishop David Ricken

around increasing the number of missionary disciples in our diocese and the other goal centered around increasing the number of seminarians. Brothers and sisters, there is some very good news to report about our vocations goal to call forth and form 30 seminarians to be missionary leaders in the priesthood by 2025. The Lord is hearing your prayers!

You may also remember that, on March 19, 2020, here in the Diocese of Green Bay, we began a year dedicated to St. Joseph. Before our diocesan Year of St. Joseph concluded, Pope Francis declared that 2021 would also be dedicated to St. Joseph as we recognize the 150th anniversary of his being named patron of the universal church.

Over the past 18 months, then, we have prayed our diocesan Prayer to St. Joseph. Among the intentions of this prayer is a request to St. Joseph for his assistance with vocations:

"With Mary, you raised Jesus the High Priest.
"You know our need for priests.

"Please raise up good and holy priests from our families to serve the people of our diocese.

"May our children and grandchildren hear and say 'yes' to the call of Jesus, just as you and Mary did."

Has St. Joseph ever been at work in this last school year! Last year, five young men entered our new pre-seminary studies year in the diocese. They lived at the Holy Name of Jesus House of Formation at the former convent at St. Matthew Church in Allouez. During this "Kairos Year," these young men spent time praying and living in community, learning to listen and respond to God's call for them. I am pleased to report that all five of those men have decided to move forward and apply to the seminary. They have all been accepted and are now beginning their studies in the next few days! In addition, this year another seven young men are beginning their Kairos Year.

I have noticed over the years that St. Joseph always answers prayers so quietly and so completely that he often goes beyond our expectations. Since all of you started praying for an increase in "yesses" to the vocation to the priesthood, through the intercession of St. Joseph, a little over a year and a half ago, 12 young men are now engaged in seminary and pre-seminary studies, leaving us with a total of 17 men in formation! These men were not here before we started the prayer!

Read the entire column in the Sept. 10 issue.

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Mike Taddy, left, and Glenn Steinhorst carry an image of St. James the Greater, patron saint of St. James Parish in Cooperstown, at an outdoor Mass in the parish cemetery July 25, the feast of St. James. About 180 people attended the Mass in honor of St. James.

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