



A Diocesan Pilgrimage can be organized with 12 parishes willing to host a First Saturday during the Centennial year Dec. 10, 2025 – Dec. 10, 2026. The World Apostolate of Fatima USA is launching the program with the first video release on Dec. 6, 2025, but the pilgrimage can begin anytime during the Centennial year. Below is a suggested program to develop an effective pilgrimage for the whole diocese.

1. Invite 12 parishes from around the diocese to host a First Saturday and choose the month that works best for the parish. Provide WAF resources to help them prepare.
2. Announce the pilgrimage and list of participating parishes, their locations and schedules, and directions on how to obtain a FS Pilgrimage Passport
3. Schedule interviews with World Apostolate of Fatima personnel for the diocesan paper, podcasts and radio shows. Promote on social media channels

PARISH PROGRAM

1. Display a Fatima statue in the church near the altar for 1 week prior to the First Saturday with a box for petitions nearby to encourage prayer to Our Lady of Fatima.
2. Make available WAF First Saturday brochures and the FS Pilgrimage Passport
3. Display posters in high traffic areas of the church
4. Announce in bulletins and social media channels
5. Invite parishioners, Knights of Columbus and parish ministries to coordinate the Rosary/Meditations, Statue Procession, Coffee/Donuts and Presentation.



SUGGESTED FIRST SATURDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

1. Develop events around the parish Mass and Confession times
2. Pray the Rosary before or after Mass
3. Allow 15 minutes after the Rosary for quiet meditation or arrange a public meditation with someone leading (resources for this can be provided).
4. It is recommended to have a Fatima statue procession outdoors or indoors (depending on weather) before the Mass or after devotions.
5. Hold a simple continental breakfast (coffee, juice, bagels, donuts) to show the FS Pilgrimage video and allow a short presentation on Fatima/First Saturdays by a WAF representative, or via a video presentation.
6. Parishioners can place their stamp on the Passport map, and then travel to the subsequent host parishes in the diocese to complete their journey. The parish may wish to continue with the First Saturday format for the entire 12 months.

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