

SAINT
JOHN PAUL II
NATIONAL SHRINE

23 October 2019

Worthy Grand Knight,

I would like to invite you and the brother Knights of your Council as well as your families to become part of a new, exclusive spiritual program here at the Saint John Paul II National Shrine: **The Totus Tuus Pilgrimage for Knights of Columbus Families.**

Councils are encouraged to make this an annual pilgrimage to the Saint John Paul II National Shrine as a way of consecrating Councils and families to God through the meditation of Mary, following an example of Saint John Paul II's devotion to our Blessed Mother. This pilgrimage program would potentially have a five-year cycle. It is a half day retreat filled with prayer, Confession, Mass, spiritual talks, reflection, and a consecration of the Council and/or families to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

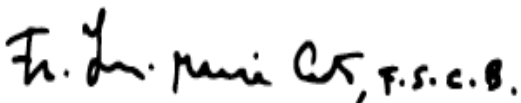
At the conclusion of the pilgrimage, participants will receive a special, small gift. Totus Tuus retreats satisfy the Spiritual Reflection category of the *Faith in Action* program, which is a requirement for the *Columbian Award*.

At the Knights of Columbus 129th Supreme Convention, Supreme Knight Carl A. Anderson announced the plans to establish a shrine to Pope John Paul II. It is the Knights wish that pilgrims find hope in Christ, the Redeemer of Man, and encouragement to live their faith joyfully and without fear.

Worthy Grand Knight, this Shrine is yours. It was built by the Knights for Knights so you, your family and even your children's families can encounter the witness of Saint John Paul II. Through Charity, Unity and Fraternity, we can help ourselves and others gain the invitation to heaven that Jesus won for us. We ask that you accept our request and schedule a Council pilgrimage to *your* shrine dedicated to our patron, Saint John Paul II.

To learn more about the Totus Tuus Pilgrimage Program and to schedule your pilgrimage today, please contact Brandon Brown, the Shrine's Knight Outreach Coordinator at Brandon.Brown@jp2shrine.org.

Respectfully in Christ,



Fr. José Cortes, F.S.C.B.

Chaplain, Saint John Paul II National Shrine

Former Council Chaplain, Fr. Rosensteel Council #2169

Totus Tuus

Annual Pilgrimage Program

A PROGRAM FOR KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COUNCIL FAMILIES







SCHEDULE

- 9:30 a.m. Arrival, welcome, and spiritual talk based on 1 of 5 unique themes
- 11:00 a.m. Confessions, veneration of the relic of Saint John Paul II, personal prayer, visit to our permanent exhibit, *A Gift of Love: The Life of Saint John Paul II*.
- 12:00 p.m. Mass offered for members of the Council who passed away during the last fraternal year or in thanksgiving for the Council's anniversary. Mass includes Consecration of the Council, families, and *Totus Tuus* pilgrims to the Immaculate Heart of Mary (inspired by a similar act of consecration made by Saint John Paul II in 1984), followed by the Rosary with the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy.

OPTIONAL

- 1:00 p.m. Public tour of the Shrine's sacred art
- 2:30 p.m. Talk by the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy followed by prayer at the hour of Mercy and the Divine Mercy Chaplet

A plenary indulgence may also be obtained if certain obligations are met

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