

Pilgrimage Checklist

This checklist is designed to help participants prepare for the annual pilgrimage to the Santuario de Chimayó. Keep in mind that cell phone service may be limited as you approach the area, depending on your wireless carrier. Ensure you have a communication plan in place with someone beforehand.

SEVERAL WEEKS BEFORE THE PILGRIMAGE

- ☐ Have and share your intended route in advance.
- ☐ Set designated check-in points along the way.
- ☐ Arrange pick-up and drop-off locations, keeping heavy traffic congestion in mind.

THE WEEK OF THE PILGRIMAGE

- ☐ Be aware of road closures and adjust pick-up/drop-off locations as necessary.
- ☐ Check the weather forecast for the days you will be walking.
- ☐ Dress in layers to adapt to changing weather conditions.
- ☐ Bring a hat, sunglasses, and sunscreen for sun protection.

WALKING DURING LOW-LIGHT CONDITIONS

- ☐ Wear bright, visible colors and **avoid black or dark clothing.**
- ☐ Carry a flashlight or glow stick, to ensure visibility from the front and the back.
- ☐ Consider wearing a reflective safety vest or wristbands for added visibility.

DURING YOUR PILGRIMAGE

- ☐ Wear comfortable shoes.
- ☐ Follow posted signs, stay on designated pedestrian paths, and avoid traffic lanes.
- ☐ Carry plenty of water and snacks to stay hydrated (restrooms are provided along the route).
- ☐ Stay off the roadway and avoid walking in highway medians.
- ☐ Walk in groups of at least two for safety and increased visibility to drivers.

TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS

The North Central Regional Transit District (NCRTD) Blue Bus may offer special services on routes in and around Chimayó to support pilgrims. For more information on transit schedules, visit RideTheBlueBus.org.

Motorists should anticipate substantial delays on roads leading to and around Chimayó. Be sure to plan for significantly increased travel times if you are traveling in the area.

