

Via Pacis. Walking Pilgrimage to Fátima

Credential and certificate for the walking pilgrimage to Fátima

“Via Pacis: Walking Pilgrimage to Fátima” is an initiative of the Shrine of Fátima that aims to honor the tradition of walking pilgrimage, promote the Caminhos de Fátima, and strengthen the spiritual dimension of the experience of making the pilgrimage on foot to the Cova da Iria.

The initiative takes the form of a certificate awarded specifically to those who walk to Fátima on pilgrimage, whether they make the journey individually or in a group, over a minimum distance of 13 kilometers.

Beyond recognizing arrival at the Sanctuary, the initiative aims to honor the journey in its entirety, from departure to return, embracing the spiritual dimension that characterizes the pilgrimage experience.

Along with the certificate, the Shrine makes available in advance a dedicated credential, designed to accompany pilgrims throughout their journey. In a fold-out format, the credential includes brief prayers, identification fields, the place and date of departure, space for the stamp of the home diocese or parish, and space for the stamps collected along the way.

The credential costs €2.00, of which €0.50 goes to operating costs and €1.50 to a social and charitable cause. In this first year of the initiative, the beneficiary of direct sales by the Shrine of Fátima is Acreditar – Association of Parents and Friends of Children with Cancer.

Once the pilgrimage is complete, the certificate can be requested at the Shrine of

Fátima's service desks upon presentation of the items needed to verify the certification criteria, namely proof of the pilgrimage through the Shrine's dedicated credential, the Caminhos de Fátima credential, or other existing forms of record.

Although the credential will be available for purchase starting October 13, 2026, physical certificates will begin to be issued on November 29, 2026, at the start of the 2026/27 pastoral year.

To begin the process, and before setting out on foot, pilgrims must complete the form available on this page.

After the form is completed, a registration code will be sent to the email address provided. This code will be associated with the credential.

Who can receive the Certificate for the Walking Pilgrimage to Fátima?

All pilgrims who walk to the Shrine of Fátima, whether individually or in a group, provided that they cover a minimum distance of 13 kilometers and can document their route.

What is the difference between the Credential and the Certificate?

The Credential is the fold-out document that accompanies pilgrims along the way: it serves for identification, offers spiritual support with prayers, and is used to collect stamps (from the starting point and each stage).
The Certificate is the official document awarded upon arrival at the Sanctuary, recognizing and attesting to the completion of the walking pilgrimage once the certification criteria have been verified.

What is the initiative's credential, and how much does it cost?

It is a dedicated credential offered by the Shrine of Fátima in its physical stores and online store, designed to record the pilgrim's experience and stages. It costs €2.00, of which €0.50 goes to operating costs and €1.50 to a social and charitable cause. In this first year of the initiative, the beneficiary of direct sales by the Shrine of Fátima is Acreditar – Association of Parents and Friends of Children with Cancer.

What should I do before I start walking?

Before departing, pilgrims should complete the online registration form on the Shrine's website (also accessible via the QR code printed on the credential) to begin the certification process and indicate their starting point and departure date.

How can I prove the route I walked?

Proof is provided through stamps collected along the way. We recommend a stamp from the starting point (home parish or diocese) and intermediate stamps for each day of walking. Accepted forms of proof are the official credential of the Sanctuary, the Caminhos de Fátima credential, or other valid existing forms of record.

Where and starting when can I pick up my certificate?
The certificate can be requested and picked up at the Shrine of Fátima's service desks (Information Desk) upon presentation of proof of the walk. Physical certificates will begin to be issued on November 29, 2026 (with credentials available for purchase starting October 13, 2026).

FORM

View the **regulations HERE**.

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