HOSPITALITÉ
Notre Dame de Lourdes
To welcome pilgrims, particularly sick or disabled persons or those who are alone.

Notre-Dame de Lourdes Helpers are:

† PILGRIMS
Involved in a process of personal and Group transformation, and a time of Prayer and penance.

† VOLUNTEERS
Men and Women committed to making themselves available every year in order to welcome, guide and serve by providing pilgrimages, pilgrims and sick people with the necessary human and technical resources.

† SERVANTS
“Whoever would be great among you must be your servant […]”
“No longer do I call you servants […] but I have called you friends.” (Jn 15, 15).

“You did not choose me but I chose you […]. A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another.”

† SKILLS PROVIDERS
The spirituality highlighted at Lourdes takes precedence over the technical desire for power or expertise.

Skills are underpinned by:

- Comprehensive training

- The acquisition of interpersonal skills through the consideration given to people (“She looked at me like a person looks at a person.”).

- The acquisition of expertise through a comprehensive training course, ongoing training and the updating of skills.

† PEOPLE FROM ALL NATIONS
“There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female […]” Galatians 3,26–3,28)

The role of Helpers is to welcome these people brought here by faith and allow them to live out their pilgrimage.
“Hospitality is high chivalry for the modern age”

1958 **Centennial of Apparitions**
The Basilica of St. Pius X is consecrated by Cardinal Roncalli, the future Pope John XXIII

1949 The Grotto source channeling system is inaugurated and a glass pane installed to offer pilgrims a view of the source.

1948 The first pilgrimage flight arrives

1933 Bernadette Soubirous is canonized

1928 **THE HOSPITALITÉ NOTRE-DAME DE LOURDES IS RAISED TO THE RANK OF ARCHCONFRATERNITY**

1901 The Basilica of Our Lady of the Rosary is consecrated with delegations from all continents

1888 The Procession of the Blessed Sacrament takes place

1885 **THE HOSPITALITÉ NOTRE-DAME DE LOURDES IS FOUNDED TO WELCOME PILGRIMS TO THE SANCTUARY OF LOURDES**
The Hospitalité Notre-Dame de Lourdes is established as a Confraternity by Msgr. Billère. It is inspired by the Order of St. John of Jerusalem, Knights Hospitaler, which sees pilgrims and sick and poor people as “our Lords, the sick and the poor”

1882 Hospitality conditions for pilgrims and sick people are developed

1878 The “Hôpital des douleurs” is inaugurated

1873 **THE NOTRE-DAME DE SALUT ASSOCIATION ORGANIZES A “NATIONAL” PILGRIMAGE WITH 492 SICK PEOPLE**

1871 **THE BASILICA OF OUR LADY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION IS BLESSED**

1864 **FIRST OFFICIAL CEREMONY: FABISCH’S VIRGIN MARY STATUE IS BLESSED IN THE GROTTO**

1862 **THE CHURCH DECLARES THE VIRGIN’S APPARITION TO BERNADETTE TO BE AUTHENTIC**

1858 **THE VIRGIN APPEARS TO LITTLE BERNADETTE SOUBIROUS**
“Whoever would be great among you must be your servant […]”

Being a “pilgrim and volunteer!”

† EXPERIENCING THE VOLUNTEER SPIRIT MEANS
EXPERIENCING SHARED BEATTITUDES THROUGH FRIENDSHIP.

By working in the Hospitalité de Lourdes, the volunteer experiences both:

• A volunteer pilgrim initiative, for a spiritual journey intrinsically linked to the service commitment;
• A spiritual commitment, without which the service commitment would be reduced to a commonplace – albeit praiseworthy – humanitarian initiative.

† VOLUNTEER PILGRIM: the experience of removing oneself from everyday life and rejuvenation through faith and fraternal life.

† VOLUNTEER PILGRIM: a commitment as part of a personal and group transformation process.

† VOLUNTEER PILGRIM: experience a time of Prayer and penance.
The first Lourdes hospital founded in 1874.

- Welcome for the sick, elderly and disabled pilgrims
- The Volunteers:
  - Work on the floors to comfort sick people
  - Loan methods of transport to mobility-impaired persons (wheelchairs, etc.)
  - Provide information at the “meeting point”.

† IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COMMUNITY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS HOSPITALITY, THE DEPARTMENT VOLUNTEERS DEMONSTRATE THE VALUE OF FRATERNAL HOSPITALITY IN CARING FOR THE SICK.
Hospitalité hostesses

† THE NOTRE-DAME SERVICE VOLUNTEERS ENSURE THE WELL-BEING OF THE OTHER VOLUNTEERS, PILGRIMS AND THE SICK BY CARRYING OUT COMPLEMENTARY TASKS INCLUDING:

- Preparing to host the sick
- Arranging dining rooms to host the sick
- Providing pleasant living conditions
- Arranging floral decorations, etc...

† THIS CAN BE FOUND AT WELCOME DESKS, AT THE TRAIN STATIONS AND AIRPORT, AND IN SACRISTIES. THEY ALSO WORK IN THE SEWING ROOM AND TAKE CARE OF LAUNDRY TO ENSURE THE SICK PILGRIMS ARE WELcomed “AS THE LORD HIMSELF WOUBE BE.”
Saint Michael service

The first sign of friendly hospitality and assistance.

† ON INITIAL CONTACT, THE SAINT MICHAEL SERVICE IS A LOGISTICS DEPARTMENT:

• Provides a welcome office for volunteers
• Manages accommodation
• Manages the social club
• Manages the Saint Michael self-service cafeteria
• Manages the maintenance workshop for the equipment provided to sick people

† THIS SERVICE IS ALSO THE FIRST SIGN OF THE FRIENDLINESS UNITING THE VOLUNTEERS WHO ARRIVE FROM ALL FOUR CORNERS OF THE GLOBE AS “PILGRIMS AND SERVANTS.”

Saint John the Baptist service

Rediscover the inner source…

† THE JOHN THE BAPTIST SERVICE WELCOMES AND GUIDES PILGRIMS

Such service requires:

• Constant humility
• Moral strength
• Controlled sensitivity
• Unwavering love for one’s neighbor
Saint Bernadette service

Offers diverse training.

The purpose of this service is to enable all Notre-Dame de Lourdes volunteers to acquire a better knowledge of the Lourdes message.

† THE ROLE OF THE SAINT BERNADETTE SERVICE:

- Provide service training for trainees
- Offer relevant training
- Support mentoring and sponsorship initiatives
- Forge a link between the entire “Hospitality Family” and the training mission
- Demonstrate the “Hospitality spirit”
- Training based on Christian lifestyle
Welcome the pilgrims and guide them throughout their stay.

† HELPING HANDS AND GENEROUS HEARTS TO:

- Welcome visitors upon arrival (train station, airport, buses, etc.)
- Facilitate ceremony participation through:
  - Prayer assistance
  - Transfer coordination
  - Provision of logistical solution
- Help convey the Lourdes message and signs
- Offer appropriate assistance if required to the sanctuary master of ceremonies
† IN CIVIL TERMS
It is established under the French Law on Associations of 1901.

† IN CANONICAL TERMS
It is under the authority of the Bishop of Tarbes and Lourdes, guide and pastor of Christian associations committed to the Catholic Church in his diocese.

† ASSOCIATIONS OF THE FAITHFUL
(Article 298 and seq. of the Code of Canon Law)

“The Church comprise associations of the faithful whereby clerics or laity, or clerics and laity together, jointly strive for a more perfect life or promote public worship or Christian teachings, or who devote themselves to other works of the apostolate.”

† ARCHCONFRATERNITY
The Hospitalité Notre-Dame de Lourdes was raised to the rank of Archconfraternity in 1928 by Pope Pius XI.

(Extract from Code of Canon Law of 1917).

The Code of Canon Law of 1983 does not change the fundamental status of the associations, or its ecclesiastical authority.

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The Hospitalité Notre-Dame de Lourdes operates under the authority of the Bishop of Tarbes and Lourdes.

† GOVERNANCE

1. The Hospitalité is managed by a Chairman, a Secretary General and a Treasurer who are ‘independent of the department’.

2. A Board consisting of:
   a. ex officio members: the Bishop of Tarbes and Lourdes, the Rector and the Chaplain General of the Hospitalité
   b. Chairman of the Hospitalité
   c. Secretary General
   d. Treasurer
   e. Managers of each department

3. A Council consisting of:
   a. Board Members (listed above)
   b. Two ‘Counselors’ from each Hospitalité department

The Council meets at least twice a year. The Board meets at least four times a year and at the invitation of Senior Management.

† THE HOSPITALITÉ IS ORGANIZED INTO DEPARTMENTS IN CHARGE OF:

• Welcome pilgrims, the sick and disabled people.
• Operational functioning
• Pilgrimage and pilgrim participation in the ceremonies
• Accommodation and catering for volunteers

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