



Calvary of Pontchâteau, great pilgrimage for vocations

PONCHÂTEAU, France – Monday, May 1, 2023 has been chosen by the Ecclesiastical Province of Western France as a day of prayer for vocations. The choice of the place of the nine bishops for this historical event fell on the Calvary of Pontchâteau. In a superb day of grace, 3,500 faithful have arrived since in the morning with their bishops and priests. In the Hall of the Temple, the dioceses had set up their stands as well as the Montfortian Family, to present the variety and the beauty of the different vocations.

In the program, there were many planned activities:

- The renewal of the baptismal promises in stages in the ascent to Calvary
- Adoration in the Church of Our Lady of Calvary
- A time of prayer in the small chapel at the foot of the Calvary
- An 8 km walk “to ask for vocations”.
- Workshops by age groups
- The guided tour of the site

The welcome was provided by the Montfortian Family present on site: welcome in the morning with pastries and coffee. The entire high-performance refreshment team was formed for the

most part by walkers from the “Marche Montfortaine”. The general organization was top-notch.

A "pilgrim's booklet" gave points of reference for all these activities and times of prayer. It explained the meaning and structure of certain prayers such as the rosary and adoration and certain steps such as confession and the Stations of the Cross. It also contained a preparation for the renewal of baptismal promises. An outdoor Mass with a platform in front of the Scala Sancta closed this day of extraordinary pilgrimage and evangelization.

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