2011 - 14th Annual Gathering of Pilgrims

March 22-29, 2011

We hope you'll join us at Mission Santa Barbara in beautiful Santa Barbara, California in March for our 14th Annual Gathering of Pilgrims. Our theme for 2011 is *Voices of the Camino, Past, Present, and Future.*

Hospitalero Training

The Gathering is preceded by our popular two day *Hospitalero* Training. This will begin Tuesday (March 22) with dinner and a beginning session. The training will continue all day and evening Wednesday (March 23) and all day Thursday (March 24), ending late afternoon. Lodging, in double occupancy rooms, and meals will be at the Mission and are included in the price of the training.

Gathering

While the Gathering officially begins on Friday morning, many people arrive on Thursday evening to be sure to be ready for the first session on Friday morning. An Early Arrivals Reception on Thursday evening with tapas, wine, and music will give all who come in Thursday a chance to enjoy a little Spanish flavor while connecting with old friends and meeting new ones. You may add Thursday to your Gathering registration if you will be arriving early to either attend the reception or register for Thursday lodging and reception. Lodging, in double occupancy rooms, and meals are available at the Mission for the Gathering Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Please see the registration form for details. If you are planning to arrive earlier than Thursday and are not registering for the *Hospitalero* Training, please contact registration@americanpilgrims.com to make arrangements.

Friday morning will feature a special workshop *Walkabout Language Learning: Experiencing the Camino in the local language*. Whether you are a novice, intermediate, or advanced learner, you can use the five steps from this workshop to improve your language ability. The morning will also offer concurrent sessions addressing our theme of *Voices of the Camino*, looking at crossroads and markers showing the way and seeing the Young American people on the Camino past and present. The afternoon will present a variety of sessions on Camino literature, Camino symbolism, Question and Answer, Camino in winter, and more.

Saturday sessions will address such topics as the music of the Codex Calixtinus, Camino art history, first aid on the Camino and a return of the Camino Cabaret. In addition, our keynote address will celebrate 2011 as the 800th anniversary of the consecration of the cathedral at Santiago de Compostela. Throughout the weekend, time will be available to share stories with old and new friends and to walk the labyrinth. A group walk is planned for Sunday morning.

Retreat

The Spiritual Retreat follows the conclusion of the Gathering and is scheduled for Sunday evening through Tuesday morning.

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As usual, you may register for one, two or all three of these events. Lodging and meals are available on site and provide a wonderful opportunity to mix, mingle and share Camino experiences and questions with your fellow pilgrims and future pilgrims.

Come share your Camino experiences with other pilgrims. Be inspired to return or to set out for the first time. For questions regarding registration, please contact registration@americanpilgrims.com. Registrations are available online on the National Gatherings page under the Events menu or by sending in the mail-in registration forms.

We look forward to seeing you in Santa Barbara, California in March 2011.

Buen camino

TRANSPORTATION GUIDE TO MISSION RENEWAL CENTER

MRC Cell phone: 805-698-2453

Please use this number for assistance upon arrival and/or as the contact number for the delivery of your mishandled luggage.

The Mission Renewal Center is located at Old Mission Santa Barbara, approximately 90 miles north of Los Angeles and 90 miles south of San Luis Obispo. Entry for retreat guests is at the rear of the Mission property.

By car:

Take US Highway 101 to the Mission Street exit. Go east (towards the mountains) to Santa Barbara Street and turn left. You will come to Pueblo Street. Turn right and go straight until it dead-ends at 2300 Garden Street. You will see a private driveway straight ahead. Enter the driveway and turn <u>right</u> at the Mission Renewal Center sign to the parking lot. The two rows on the left in the parking lot are reserved for Friars and staff.

By taxi:

The drop off address is 2300 Garden Street – across from Pueblo Street. All <u>Mission</u> buildings are on the right of the driveway. (Large private property is on the left of the driveway.) Follow the sign on the right for the Mission Renewal Center. Your driver may stop in the unloading area on the left before entering the parking area. (This is <u>NOT</u> the mailing address for the Old Mission or Renewal Center. It is only used for retreat arrivals/departures.)

By train:

The Amtrak station in Santa Barbara is about 3 miles from the Old Mission. Taxis are available there.

By plane:

Santa Barbara Municipal Airport is about 10 miles from the Old Mission.

Also, Santa Barbara Airbus has service from LAX (Los Angeles International Airport). You may go on line at www.sbairbus.com for schedules and fares.

Roadrunner Shuttle - Paul M Pena, Operations Manager 805-331-0413 or paul@rrshuttle.com

LAX to Old Mission Santa Barbara Renewal Center

Ride share: \$92.00 per person and \$10.00 each person on same reservation

Santa Barbara Municipal Airport to Mission Renewal Center

Ride share: \$25.00 per person and \$5.00 each person on same reservation

The Mission Renewal Center Office is located in the lower St. Francis courtyard next door to the Bonaventure Hall – a sign hangs outside the door.

From the loading zone: enter the gates and turn right.

From the retreat center parking lot: climb the stairs by the Serra Chapel and turn left.

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PAYMENT FORM – For those staying at the Mission for the Gathering

Name:	-		
Address:			
City, State, Zip			
Telephone:	E-mail:		
May we share your nam	e and e-mail address with other attendees? Yes No		
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•	eat – March 27 – 29 th eetings, lodging, and meals Sun dinner – Tues lunch.	\$ 195	\$
TOTAL FOR TH	HE EVENTS/ACTIVITIES YOU WILL ATTEND:		\$

<u>Make checks payable to American Pilgrims on the Camino</u> and complete registration forms for each event/activity in which you will participate

Registrations must be received no later than March 5, 2011.

A 50% fee will apply for cancellations before March 5, 2011. No refunds afterwards. Guests assume full responsibility for personal loss or injury.

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REGISTRATION for *HOSPITALERO* TRAINING Santa Barbara Mission Renewal Center, Santa Barbara, CA

The <i>Hospitalero</i> Training, lodging, and meals will be at the Sal Lodging will be in double occupancy accommodations – two p	
Do you have a roommate? Yes / No Name	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Do you need help finding a roommate? Yes / No Ma	ale / Female
Hospitalero trainees are required to have been a pilgrim on the American Pilgrims on the Camino. Please use the space belo pilgrim, and why you would like to learn to be an hospitalero.	
Hospitaleros should have some fluency in Spanish. How well any other languages?	do you speak Spanish? Do you speak
Have you worked as a volunteer host before? If so, where and	d when?
Have you completed the payment form to include this training? completed the membership form? If you are registering and pacomplete a separate registration form for each participant:	
Your name and home address or e-mail address:	

Cost: \$195 per person

For questions and more information, please contact Daniel De Kay, hospitaleros@americanpilgrims.com.

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REGISTRATION for GATHERING – March 25 – 27th Santa Barbara Mission Renewal Center, Santa Barbara, CA

All meetings, workshops, lodging and meals will be in the Santa Barbara Mission Renewal Center. The accommodations will be in double occupancy (twin bedded) rooms.
Will you be staying at the Santa Barbara Mission and have a roommate? Yes / No Name
Will you be staying at the Mission and like assistance finding a roommate? Yes / No Male / Female?
Please indicate if you wish to have a vegetarian menu. Yes / No
Any other dietary restrictions?
Will you attend the informal 'Early Arrivals' Reception on Thursday evening? Yes / No
Are you registering for the Workshop – Walkabout Language Learning? Yes / No
Will you be starting your 1 st Camino in 2011? When / Where?
Have you completed the payment form to include the Gathering? If you are registering and paying formore than one person, please complete a separate registration form for each person.
Your name and home address or e-mail address:

Early Arrivals Reception without lodging: \$25 per person Early Arrivals Reception & Thursday night lodging: \$95 per person Gathering Cost: \$265/295 per person (includes lodging Fri & Sat) Special Workshop - \$30 per person

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REGISTRATION for SPIRITUAL RETREAT – March 27 - 29, 2011 Santa Barbara Mission Renewal Center, Santa Barbara, CA

The Spiritual Retreat, meals and lodging will be at the Santa Barbara Mission Renewal Center. The accommodations will be in double occupany (twin bedded) rooms. You'll find the Santa Barbara Mission Renewal Center, which hosts many of its own spiritual development retreats, to be an ideal setting to encourage a healthy interaction of mind, body, and spirit.

Lingering Voices: Pilgrim Stories - Past, Present and Yet to Come

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Have you completed the payment form to include the retreat? If you are registering and paying for more than one person, please complete a separate registration form for each person

Your name and home address or e-mail address:	

Cost: \$195 per person