

Pilgrimage to Walsingham 2010



On Sunday September 26th 2010 Grand President Vernon and Evelyn De Cruz, will lead The National Catenian Pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady at Walsingham.

Bishop John Arnold has agreed to be our Spiritual Director on the pilgrimage.

Every few years in rotation with other Organisations, the members of the Association make this Pilgrimage, this one being the fourth. It is hoped that as many Catenians and their families as possible will join it.

The proposed programme is:

1 pm Mass at the Slipper Chapel

3 pm Procession to Walsingham village for Benediction

(Fuller details will be sent out as soon the programme is fully agreed.

Walsingham is one of the oldest shrines to Our Lady in Europe and has been a place of pilgrimage since medieval times. The shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham was founded in

1061 but was destroyed during the Reformation. In the 14th century the Slipper Chapel was restored, and once again Walsingham became a place of pilgrimage. In 1934, the Hierarchy of England and Wales declared the Slipper Chapel to be the Roman Catholic National Shrine of Our Lady. It now houses the Statue of Our Lady of Walsingham.

In 1997 when the Catenian Association made its first visit to the shrine about 500 attended. This time it is hoped that nothing will prevent us from having a record turnout.

Our Mass will be celebrated in the Chapel of Reconciliation. One side of the chapel can be opened so that those who wish can attend Mass in the open. There is a well stocked repository and a tea room if needed and also plenty of space for cars and for picnics.

Following the visit of our Holy Father, Bro. Vernon asks for as many Provinces as possible to organise coaches for the 2010 pilgrimage, so that we, as a Catholic Association, can make a public statement about our Faith.

It would help our planning if each Provincial Council made arrangements for coaches and also appointed one person to collate the numbers attending and to send these to either me, details below or to

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