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**Join us in presenting**  
*Pilgrimages: Footsteps of Faith* – an interactive exhibit that both explores the history and illuminates the meaning of Christian pilgrimage.

From the earliest times, pilgrimages were widely seen as a unique expression of worship. And, at least since the days of Abraham, holy sites and the journeys to them have been part of spiritual life. Journey's end might be a place hallowed by centuries. *Pilgrimages: Footsteps of Faith* explores these many sites, and the spirit of the sacred that lies within.

**The Journey begins...**

Visitors encounter both video and motion graphics that work to recapture the past, develop story lines, and help to invigorate the exhibit-viewing experience itself.

Beginning with the fateful journey of Jesus to Jerusalem in 33 AD, the exhibit teaches that centuries ago, Christian pilgrims would journey from far corners of the world to the sacred sites of the Holy Land. Their pilgrimage goal was a personal encounter with the Lord, as they retraced their steps to His resurrection.

**With the Spread of Christianity...**

As Christianity spread across Europe in the years from 400 AD to 1100 AD, this exhibit traces a similar expansion in the number of sites welcoming pilgrims. But, as the exhibit warns, there could be great perils in crossing untamed lands and barbarous seas.

With the Middle Ages, pilgrims become a central part of popular religion. The exhibit explores the effects this had on life and work in the Medieval World. From building roads to constructing inns, way stations and hospitals, the pilgrimage was often a driving force.

Then, with the Twelfth Century begins "The Golden Age of Pilgrimages," a time when pilgrims were seen trekking ever greater distances: down the rough roads to Santiago de Compostela, Spain; and England's famed Canterbury.

**The Growth of Pilgrimage...**

In centuries that follow, new sites are made holy: Guadalupe in Mexico; Lourdes in France; the Knock Shrine on the west coast of Ireland; and Fatima in the mountains of Portugal. And when visitors to our exhibit arrive at Station Seven, which examines the years from 1917 to the present, a highlight is the landmark Papacy of John Paul II – The Pilgrim Pope.

The exhibit's last stop turns the focus to Orlando's Mary, Queen of the Universe Shrine: "the last great shrine of the Second Millennium." It is here that visitors begin to appreciate "the dream" and all who have generously helped make it real.

**The Tradition and the Life...**

Today, the pilgrimage tradition continues as a meaningful element of Christian life. It exerts an appeal as powerful as our own internal search for the living God. Whether enlightenment, inspiration, or even pardon is the goal, men and women of every era and locale have set out to visit those sacred places where God's presence is experienced.

"Making a pilgrimage," in a sense can be seen as a metaphor for life itself. From birth unto death, the condition of each person is that of a pilgrim. Indeed, the long and storied history of the Church is the living account of a pilgrimage in process.

