



We Dominican Sisters are encouraging all who wish to make a pilgrimage of hope for creation. "Pilgrimages are not like vacations, but more like *intentional journeys of transformation to wholeness*. We encourage everyone to make such a pilgrimage. ...Perhaps a multiday journey...or, as short as a 30-minute reflection in the back yard or a nearby park." Sr. Sharon Zayac, OP.

Read more about pilgrimages here. (link to What is a pilgrimage?)

1) Pilgrimages in your local areas may include:

- Community Gardens
- City or State Parks
- Lakes & River areas
- Backyards
- Sites that hold special memories
- Bread lines, soup kitchens, agencies that give direct assistance to poor
- Places where buildings or old strip malls lie empty and abandoned
- Areas of urban sprawl, abandoned lots
- Polluted, degraded areas

*Where else might you go? Share ideas with others by word of mouth, social media **#pilgrimsofhope** and/or **@springfieldop***

1) Pilgrimages outside your local area may include:

- Favorite places of beauty
- Favorite vacation sites
- Landfills
- Polluted, degraded areas

3) Pilgrimage possibilities in the Springfield area may include:

- [Adams Wildlife Sanctuary](#)
- [Camp CILCA, Lutheran Campground \(Cantrall\)](#)
- [Enos Park Neighborhood Gardens](#)
- [St. John's Breadline](#)
- [Jubilee Farm Dominican Center for Ecology and Spirituality](#)
 - 25th Year Anniversary- Saturday, September 20, 2025, 10AM-2PM
- [Lake Springfield](#)
- [Lincoln Memorial Gardens](#)
- [Washington Park](#)
- [Southwind Park](#)
- [Lincoln Park](#)
- [Riverside Park](#)
- Driving tour of places where buildings and homes are discarded, empty, waiting to be helpful in new ways, for example, Town and Country Shopping Center, 2403 S MacArthur Blvd, Springfield, IL 62704 or properties that are recognized by the city as neglected or blighted, called [Cited Properties](#).