



SJB STUDENTS FOR MARY



“I am the Queen of Heaven...Gather the children in this wild country and teach them what they should know for salvation...Go and fear nothing. I will help you.”

- Our Lady of Good Help to Adele Brise – Oct. 9 1859

On Saturday May 5th we have an opportunity to unite Our Lady’s instruction with the Holy Rosary and participate in a pilgrimage! This unique event is the annual Walk to Mary. The Walk to Mary is a 21 mile (optional 2, 7 and 14 mile distances) walking pilgrimage starting at the Shrine of St. Joseph on the Campus of St. Norbert College and ending at the National Shrine of our Lady of Good Help in Champion WI, the only church approved apparition site in North America. Transportation will be made available to assist Pilgrims who struggle to complete the walk. There will be buses available to either transport fatigued Pilgrims directly from the lunch location (Holy Cross Parish) to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help or back to the Pilgrim's starting point. Upon completion of the journey, buses will also take Pilgrims back to their starting locations. At the completion, Holy Mass will be celebrated by our Bishop David Ricken at the Shrine. Buses will depart both BEFORE and AFTER Holy Mass.

St. John the Baptist School is the first school to create its own special event for our students within the framework of the Walk to Mary. The Walk to Mary Board of Directors is very excited about our ideas and our eventual participation. Specifically, we are planning to solicit donors to sponsor our students on this pilgrimage. In addition, our students will accept prayer requests and prayer intentions that they will carry with them and pray about throughout their journey to Mary to get to Jesus. Students can walk any distance, collect as many prayer requests as they wish and pray for those intentions, all while learning about, and praying the Rosary during the Walk to Mary.

Each student will receive a pledge request form, a T shirt, a Walk to Mary pocket Rosary and a fanny pack to carry the prayer requests. All donations from sponsors collected will go to St. John the Baptist School.

To put an exclamation point on our children’s event and to gain national attention in order to increase the involvement of schools and children in the Walk to Mary, Father Francis Hoffman (“Fr. Rocky”), Executive Director of Relevant Radio, will be at our school on April 4th from noon – 1pm. Father Rocky and Relevant Radio will be broadcasting their popular radio program “Go Ask Your Father” LIVE with all our students and other students from within the GRACE System. The LIVE broadcast will reach potentially 65 million listeners from coast to coast across the United States. Father is excited to talk to our students about the Walk to Mary and more important their faith. We are equally excited to showcase our school as a living example of what Our Blessed Mother asked of Adele Brise – teach the children their faith. We hope to be a national leader for other schools to follow!

So let’s gather the children, fear nothing and join in the Walk to Mary!