



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS OF THE ROSES IN DECEMBER IN THE 45th ANNIVERSARY PILGRIMAGE TO EL SALVADOR AND HONDURAS

*A Pilgrimage / Peregrinaje is a journey to a holy place.
You as a pilgrim / Peregrinus will be walking on Holy Land
Walking with the People of God, - el Pueblo de Dios.*

1. **Who is inviting you?** SHARE and LCWR are extending an invitation from Christian Base Communities in El Salvador to women religious and lay women and men to join them on this special Pilgrimage to walk with the People of God in Holy Land.

2. **What are the dates?**

- Pilgrimage to El Salvador, November 28 to December 6, 2025.
- Pilgrimage to Honduras December 6 to 10, 2025

December 28th: travel to El Salvador, arriving any time and returning on December 6th; for those going on to Honduras, will travel by land on December 6th and return =home from SAP San Pedro Sula Airport.

3. **What are the objectives of the delegation?**

- a. To remember and celebrate the lives of Ita, Maura, Dorothy and Jean.
- b. To be in solidarity with the organized people of El Salvador and Honduras.
- c. To return to the U.S. and continue planting the seeds of solidarity.

We hope each pilgrim will become a promoter of solidarity, including organizing presentations to share their story, educating their elected officials in Congress, hosting a guest from El Salvador who is visiting the US, and raising funds to support SHARE's partners in El Salvador.

4. **What is the Cost?** The cost for the Pilgrimage to El Salvador is \$1,250 plus airfare. The cost for Honduras is \$450 which includes housing, food, translation, in-country transportation, partner organization honoraria, and organization of events. The total cost for El Salvador and Honduras is \$1700.
5. **What airport do I fly to?** Arrive in El Salvador's Monsenor Oscar Romero Airport SAL, anytime on November 28th. Depart December 6th from El Salvador. For delegates going to Honduras, return on December 10th from San Pedro Sula SAP airport.
6. **When do I pay?** First payment is a \$100 NON-refundable on or before September 1st. Second payment on or before November 1st. To pay, please send a check for \$1,250 or \$1700 to SHARE Foundation, memo line Roses in December, and send to 2425 College Ave. Berkeley, CA 94704; or online at share-elsalvador.org (plus a 3% processing fee)
7. **How do I apply for a partial scholarship?** Please send a letter to jose@share-elsalvador.org We have many ideas and suggestions on how to fundraise for this trip, please contact Jose at 510 848 8487.
8. **I would like to join the Pilgrimage, but I cannot go on the delegation; are there other ways to be part of this Pilgrimage?** Yes, there are several ways to be part:
 - a. Join the online pilgrimage to receive before, during, and after emails with pictures, reflections, and invitations to Zoom on activities. Register [HERE](#).
 - b. Sponsor a Pilgrim with a donation and frequent flyer miles.
 - c. Join the organizing team to help with the Pilgrimage.
9. **Are children and youth welcomed?** Yes, minors are welcomed as long as they are accompanied by a relative or guardian. Pilgrims in their 80s and plus are also welcomed and we will do our best to accommodate any mobility need they may have. Please advise us beforehand of any such needs.

10. **Where will we stay?** We will stay in humble guest houses or hotels in El Salvador. Meals are simple and healthy and we will have access to purified water at all times.
11. **Who should come to this delegation?** Young and old, women and men, elected officials and their aides, journalists and people working in the media, artists, and religious leaders. Younger folks, women and people of color are encouraged to join. People working with justice issues such as immigration rights, women's rights, etc., are most welcome.
12. **Are there concerns about safety?** Safety is one of our primary concerns and we take all possible measures to insure the safety of our delegates. El Salvador and Honduras have a long history of being one of the most violent countries in the region, yet some of these conditions have improved over the past few years. Our itinerary is developed in close collaboration with partners in El Salvador and Honduras who are aware of the risks and mindful to reduce them in every possible way. We will be lodged in secure locations and will not be traveling at night; being part of a group provides some safety. We will not participate in demonstrations or knowingly enter situations that would put us at risk. This delegation is one of accompaniment and we encourage participants to consider both the risks and the rewards of this form of activism. SHARE and LCWR have sponsored these delegations for several decades following very strict security measures and, thanks be to God and our martyrs, we have had zero negative incidents. If people are still concerned about safety, they should not go on this Pilgrimage. **Please check and follow the US Travel Advisories travel.state.gov**
13. **What are the expectations for preparation and follow-up for this journey?** Some weeks before the program begins, you'll be asked to engage with study materials that will help you understand the people and places we will visit, as well as the long history of US intervention in the region. On your return home, we hope you will find many ways to share your experience and all that you've learned with your community and engage with your local congressmembers. We will support you with ideas and resources for action and advocacy. Those with particular skills will be asked to organize presentations, blog, write and produce media pieces.

There will be 3 required Preparatory Calls for Delegates: the first Thursday of September, October and November at 4 pm PST/7 pm EST.

14. **Do I need a passport or a visa to travel?** A valid passport with an expiration date no less than 6 months from the date you are returning is necessary for travel. U.S. citizens do not need a visa.

15. **Do I need to speak Spanish?** Spanish is not necessary for participation. Interpretation will always be provided.

16. **Are there any cultural issues or group norms to be aware of? YES:**

a. Wearing modest clothing is most appropriate. Women in El Salvador do not usually wear shorts. Skirts, capris and long pants work best. Men often wear longer shorts.

b. Alcoholic drinks are not allowed in the retreat houses where we stay, and it is not appropriate to be drinking in the context of so much suffering in the communities we visit.

c. It is possible that particular people may approach you personally for financial help of some kind. Please know that SHARE offers support to organizations not to individuals; this is the best way to be in solidarity. We ask you not to give any person-to-person financial assistance if approached.

17. **When is the deadline? How do I sign up:** Deadline is October 15th?

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Please send us any additional questions to
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