

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Is the Shrine just for Catholics?

This is an ecumenical Shrine. Heaven is inviting all people of all faiths from all nations to come here, including, but not limited to, Catholics.

2. When is the best time to make a pilgrimage?

Pilgrims visit the Shrine throughout the year, but especially during the spring, summer and fall. The Feast of Mary, Refuge of Holy Love (May 5th), the Feast of the United Hearts (Sunday after the Feast of the Immaculate Heart), Blessed Mother's Birthday (August 5th), and the Feast of God the Father and His Divine Will (first Sunday in August) are special grace-filled times to visit. Thousands of pilgrims visit the Shrine during special events held throughout the year.

LOCAL WEATHER <i>(Degrees Fahrenheit)</i>								
Month	Avg. High	Avg. Low	Month	Avg. High	Avg. Low	Month	Avg. High	Avg. Low
Jan	34	21	May	70	50	Sep	74	56
Feb	37	24	Jun	79	60	Oct	62	45
Mar	47	30	Jul	83	64	Nov	51	37
Apr	59	40	Aug	81	63	Dec	38	26

3. Where is the closest airport?

The closest airport is the **Cleveland Hopkins International Airport**, located approximately 18 miles east of the Shrine. Most major airlines fly to this airport (*see Transportation*). The **Akron-Canton Regional Airport** is located approximately 58 miles southeast of the Shrine in North Canton:

Cleveland Hopkins International Airport (CLE)
 Information: 216-265-6030 www.clevelandairport.com

Akron-Canton Regional Airport
 Information: 888-434-2359 www.akroncantonairport.com

4. Where will we stay? Is overnight camping allowed?

There are numerous hotels and motels, bed and breakfasts, and campgrounds within driving distance from the Shrine. No lodging is available at or adjacent to the Shrine and the Shrine does not allow any overnight camping or motor homes parked on the property overnight. (*See also the Lodging section.*)

5. How do we arrange for a group to visit the Shrine by bus?

If you would like to organize a bus group, please contact us for assistance (440-327-8006 Ext. 222). Bus groups are responsible for coordinating their own travel arrangements, transportation,

lodging and meals. Group leaders should contact us at least two weeks prior to the desired pilgrimage date(s), so we can properly accommodate the group.

6. What are the Shrine hours? *(Subject to change.)*

The Shrine is open to the public 365 days a year. During the spring, summer and fall, the Shrine is open from 9 AM to 9 PM EST, Monday through Sunday. When Winter hours are in effect, the Shrine is open from 10 AM to 8 PM (9 PM on Fridays, Mondays and First Sundays). On certain holidays, the grounds close at 5 PM and the buildings may be closed. In case of inclement weather, announcements about Shrine closings and/or canceled service(s) are posted on the Ministry's phone line (440-327-8006).

7. Is there a dress code?

The Shrine is a sacred place, so we encourage visitors to show due respect by dressing comfortably, but modestly. Please do not wear clothing such as halter tops, short shorts, swimsuits, mini- or micromini skirts, see-through clothing, or any clothing with offensive wording and/or designs.

8. Are meals available at the Shrine?

No food service is available on the grounds of the Shrine, but there are many restaurants in the area. A cafeteria with vending machines and outdoor picnic tables are available for pilgrims who wish to bring food to eat. Groups may arrange to have catered meals delivered to the Shrine. Food service may be available in the cafeteria during special events.

9. Are alcohol and/or smoking allowed?

Pilgrims may not partake of any alcohol or illegal substances while visiting the property. All of the shrine buildings are smoke-free.

10. How much walking is involved?

Pilgrims are encouraged to walk the grounds, if physically able. Many of the shrines on this 115-acre property are only accessible on foot or by golf cart, such as St. Michael's Shrine and all of the shrines in the Field of the United Hearts.

11. Are wheelchairs and/or golf carts available?

Pilgrims should bring their own wheelchairs or arrange to rent them from their hotel or nearby pharmacies. Call 440-327-8006 ext. 222 for information about golf cart rentals.

12. Can we bring our pets?

Pets are not permitted on the grounds beyond the bridge at the entrance to Maranatha Way. Pilgrims traveling with pets are asked to leave their pet(s) in their vehicle as they visit the shrines.

13. Will our group meet with the Visionary?

The Visionary spends a great deal of time in prayer and is not available to meet with groups of pilgrims or to give talks to groups.

14. When are Prayer Services held?

Call our Ministry phone line or visit our website for information concerning our daily prayer services and announcements about special feast day celebrations and/or special events. Prayer Services may also be live-streamed on our website.

15. Will there be an apparition during the Service?

When the Visionary is present at a Prayer Service, there may be an apparition. When our Heavenly Guest(s) arrive, it will be announced. If you can kneel, please do so, while the Message is given to the Visionary. We will be told when the Blessing is being given. The Rosary then continues. The Message is then read at the end of the service.

"When I appear – not only here, but anywhere – I speak to all the angels of the people present, while I appear and speak to the visionary or visionaries. I guide these angels as to the welfare of those in their charge. It is up to each individual to open his heart to heavenly inspiration during or directly after each apparition. Be open to My Sovereignty. At the same time, realize that during these present moments - during or directly after an apparition – Satan tries to mislead and interfere. This is the reason, My dear, dear children, you should pray for discernment before an apparition and after this grace-filled event."
(Blessed Mother – August 23, 2012)

16. Are pilgrims allowed to pray over or lay hands on other pilgrims?

It is our policy that no one prays over another. Our Lady has promised all the graces a pilgrim needs when they come to Her Shrine with an open and sincere heart.

17. Is swimming or immersion in the lakes permitted?

All of the waters on the property have graces of healing and conversion, but swimming and/or immersion in the lakes are NOT permitted. Instead, Jesus has given a special prayer to recite whenever any water from this property is used in making the *Sign of the Cross*. To obtain the graces, bless yourself with the lake water while making the *Sign of the Cross (In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.)* and reciting the prayer below. Pilgrims are welcome to bring containers to take lake water home with them.

18. How do we use the Maranatha Spring water?

Bless yourself with the Spring water while making the *Sign of the Cross* and reciting the following special prayer.

Prayer to be Recited Whenever Any Water from this Property is Used in Making the Sign of the Cross

"Dear Jesus, as I bless myself with this water, open my heart to the grace Heaven desires I have. Let me look into my soul with the eyes of truth. Give me the courage and humility to do so. Heal me according to the Will of Your Father. Amen."

(Jesus – January 18, 2008)

19. How much Maranatha water are we allowed to take home?

Bring your own containers and take as much water as you can manage, keeping in mind any airport restrictions for those traveling by plane.

20. Where can we buy books and religious articles?

Please visit the **United Hearts Bookstore in the Aquinas Center**. For information, please call 440-327-4532, or visit our online website at www.RosaryoftheUnborn.com.

Glossary of Frequently Used Terms

Apparition – A certain kind of supernatural vision in which something naturally invisible is seen with the bodily eye.

Feast Day – A special day set apart for the liturgical commemoration of Our Lord, The Holy Trinity, Our Lady, Angels or Saints, or an important religious event.

Graces – A supernatural gift of God to an intellectual creature.

Holy Water – Water blessed by a priest according to the form in the "*Rituale Romanum*." It is a sacramental.

Locutions – Words heard by the ear, but produced supernaturally.

Shrine – A sacred image in a church, house, on land, or elsewhere to which special devotion is accorded. A holy place to which pilgrimages are made.

Venerate – Does not mean "to worship" or "pray to." Rather, it does mean to pay honor to a saint in Heaven (e.g., Blessed Mother) who, when asked in prayer, will by their intercession and their own example of sanctification, help the faithful on earth to grow in Christian virtue and holiness. Venerating the saints does not detract from the glory given only to God in worship, since whatever good they possess is a total gift from God's bounty of graces.

Visionary – A person who receives supernatural perceptions.