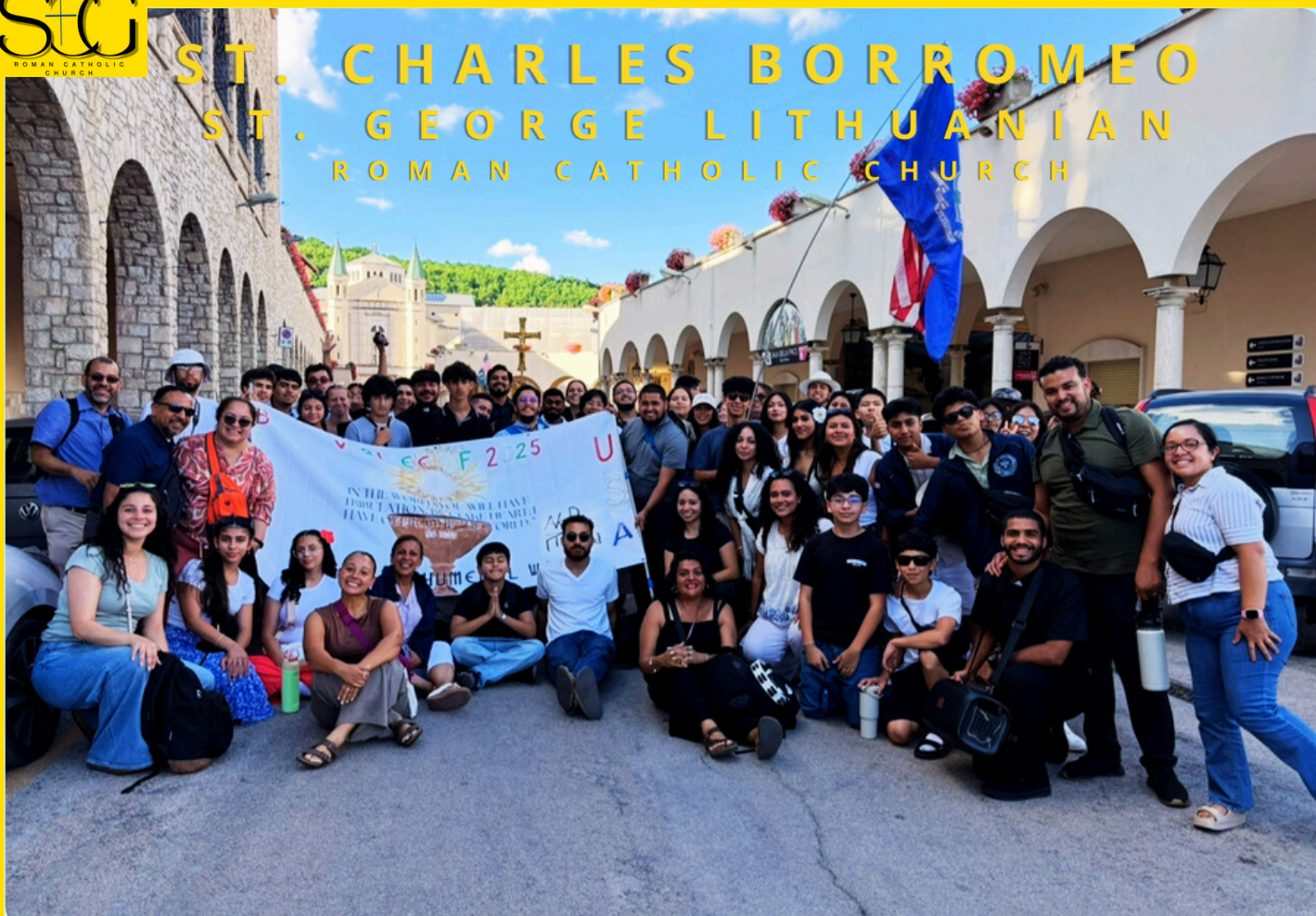




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SAINT CHARLES YOUTH JOIN OVER ONE MILLION PILGRIMS FOR JUBILEE IN ROME

Approximately 50 young pilgrims from Saint Charles, accompanied by their catechists, recently undertook a life-changing 12-day pilgrimage through revered Holy Places—including Rome, Siena, Assisi, Spoleto, Cascia, San Giovanni Rotondo, and sites in Germany. Carrying the petitions of our parishioners to each Holy Place, the youth prayed for their community while encountering the lives of saints such as Saint Francis of Assisi, Saint Peter, Saint Joseph of Cupertino, Saint Rita of Cascia, Saint Padre Pio, Blessed Franz Jägerstätter, and the young Carlo Acutis, whose beatification is set for September 7, 2025. Father Ricardo journeyed with them, celebrating the sacraments along the way and guiding them in faith.

One of the highlights of the pilgrimage was joining over one million youth at the Youth Jubilee Vigil with Pope Leo XIV—an extraordinary event that takes place only once every 25 years. The pilgrims slept under the stars and endured the heat of the sun to listen to the Pope's words of encouragement, as he urged them to “aspire to great things, to holiness, wherever you are. Do not settle for less. Then you will see the light of the Gospel grow every day, within you and around you.” United in a profound night of Eucharistic Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, the youth experienced the universal Church in a powerful way. For many, ranging from age 11 and up, the pilgrimage of prayer, sacrifice, and encounter with the saints was nothing short of transformative.

