

The Basilica & National Shrine of
**OUR LADY OF
CONSOLATION**

*The Conventual Franciscan Friars
of the Province of Our Lady of Consolation*

*315 Clay St, Carey, OH 43316
Open 24/7*



HISTORY

Pilgrims have journeyed to Carey since 1875 to honor Mary, Consoler of the Afflicted, a devotion dating back to 2nd-century Luxembourg. Father Joseph Peter Gloden, following a promise to Mary, oversaw construction of the original shrine church and procured a replica of the statue from Luxembourg.

The Conventual Franciscan Friars have served the Shrine since 1912, caring for pilgrims and surrounding parishes. Through prayers, Masses, and special devotions, countless faithful have experienced healing, consolation, and spiritual renewal at this sacred site.

FRANCISCAN PILGRIMAGE PASSPORT

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JANUARY 2026–JANUARY 2027

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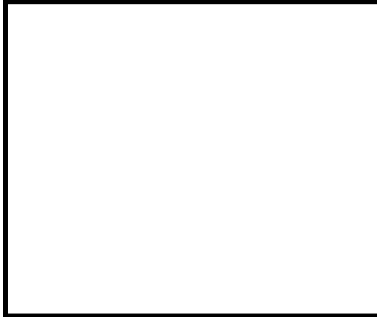
Make a pilgrimage to the Franciscan Pilgrimage Sites in the Diocese of Toledo, as designated by Bishop Daniel Thomas.

At each site, present your passport and receive a stamp to mark your journey. Collect all three stamps to commemorate your pilgrimage and celebrate the Franciscan spirit of prayer and service.

PORTIUNCULA

On the Motherhouse grounds of the Sylvania Franciscans

620 Convent Blvd, Sylvania, OH 43560
Open Every Day from 8:00am to 5:00pm



HISTORY

The Sylvania Franciscans were founded in 1916 as a province of the Sisters of St. Francis of Rochester, Minnesota, in response to Bishop Joseph Schrembs' request to serve Polish immigrants in Northwest Ohio. Under the leadership of Mother Mary Adelaide Sandusky, 23 Sisters established a Franciscan presence, first teaching in local schools and then building a motherhouse on 89 acres in Sylvania.

Over the years, the Sisters ministered in 125 schools and 20 hospitals across 13 states, always adapting to the needs of the communities they served. Their work focused on education, healthcare, pastoral and social services, and a commitment to peace, justice, and care for creation.

MOTHERHOUSE EUCCHARISTIC CHAPEL

On the grounds of the Tiffin Franciscans

200 St. Francis Avenue, Tiffin, OH 44883
Chapel Open Wednesdays & Sundays
from 10:00am to 2:00pm with Mass at 11:00am;
Grounds Open Every Day
from 9:00am to Dusk



HISTORY

The Tiffin Franciscans were founded in 1867 when Father Joseph Bihn asked volunteers to help care for orphaned children and the elderly. Four women answered the call, including Elizabeth Schaefer, who became Sr. Mary Francis, co-founder and first Mother Superior. The Sisters established a home on 400 acres of farmland, teaching the children trades, providing religious instruction, and caring for the aged.

Sisters and lay staff worked together to educate and spiritually form generations, while fostering justice and peace. The Tiffin Franciscans have adapted their ministries in response to the needs of the Church and the wider community.