

Pilgrimage: San Francisco 2025 Written Application Questions

Please thoughtfully answer the following in a few brief paragraphs.

1. Pilgrimages involve both travel to a geographic destination and an internal journey. Share your reasons for applying to this particular pilgrimage and why traveling to San Francisco holds significance for you.
2. Timing is critical for any journey and especially for pilgrimages. Why is October 2025 the right time for you to participate in a pilgrimage?
3. Describe an experience in which you have engaged with individuals from a different spiritual background or faith tradition. What did you learn about yourself through this encounter?
4. This pilgrimage hosts students who represent different religious traditions. Please explain how your engagement with those of other religions contributes to your understanding of your own faith commitments.
5. The pilgrimage course and travel intensive provide a unique opportunity to cultivate practices that will enrich your spiritual life. Describe what spiritual practices, if any, are already a part of your daily life and which ones you hope to develop through participation in this pilgrimage program. If you currently do not engage in any spiritual practices, please use this space to describe spiritual practices you would like to explore during this pilgrimage.