

## Use of the Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes

The Grotto of our Lady of Lourdes is a holy place of pilgrimage and devotion under the oversight and pastoral care of the Congregation of Holy Cross at the University of Notre Dame. The Office of Campus Ministry provides day-to-day administration of the scheduling and care of the Grotto, and together with the Congregation of Holy Cross, recognizes its compelling and unique spiritual attraction. The following guidelines help to maintain the Grotto's primary purpose as a place for quiet, private prayer and devotion for all visitors.

Only groups directly affiliated with the Congregation of Holy Cross or the University of Notre Dame may reserve the Grotto for a Mass or other prayer service. Other groups are welcome to pray informally at the Grotto or to join in the celebration of Mass in the Basilica of the Sacred Heart.

A request to reserve the Grotto may be made via an online form. Ordinarily such requests are made one month in advance, and groups are generally expected to provide their own presider. Subject to availability of the Grotto and approval of the request, the group will receive further information regarding a Mass kit or other liturgical supplies, as well as contact information for reserving chairs and a sound system, if needed.

For more information or assistance, please contact Mary Froning in Basilica Operations at (574) 631-5214.

