

My dear fellow Pilgrims,

"...Were not our hearts burning within us as He spoke to us on the road, while He opened to us the Scriptures". How important it is for us to gather as a community to hear the Scriptures together, to walk and journey together in life, and to build community around the Lord!

On the bus, going back to Jerusalem, I asked George, our Christian Israeli tour guide where Emmaus was located. He answered: *It could be "anywhere", it could be "nowhere" - it could be anywhere on the road of our spiritual journey - the point of learning, a place of encounter, a glimpse of insight - the hope of the good news.* It is a place where our hearts burn within us with the fire of God's healing, understanding, mercy and love. It is where the eyes of our hearts are opened to God's bountiful grace.

So, as we continue our journey in life, now beginning at the end of this pilgrimage, may the good Lord continue to shower us with the grace to learn more about him in the context of our faith, when we journey together, when we gather for fellowship and worship, when we grow together as a community of charity and service. Let us be witnesses to our experience of Emmaus!

Here at Emmaus - the last day of our digital journey - we begin the rest of our story, the road that leads us closer to Jesus.

Your pilgrim priest,
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