



Dear Sponsor,

Your pilgrim, NAME, has been selected to attend Men's Walk to Emmaus #39 beginning Thursday evening, September 18, 2025, at Monroe United Methodist Church, 206 East Ave, Monroe, OH. I have copied you on Name's welcome letter.

You should begin soon to prepare for your Pilgrim's successful three-day Walk and their Fourth Days.

Your responsibilities include:

- Prayerfully consider your role and responsibilities to the pilgrim. Pray for them.
- Be available to help meet the needs of the pilgrim and their family during the weekend.
- Properly prepare the pilgrim for the weekend.
- Please answer any questions your pilgrim has concerning the Walk.
- **Find family and friends to support the pilgrim with agape letters. At least 8-12 letters should be provided to the pilgrim. These letters should be brought by you and given to the Agape team prior to the Sponsor's Hour or Candlelight service on Saturday evening. This is an extremely important part of the Weekend. Start getting letters as soon as possible.**
- Let your pilgrims know that they should not share their occupation with anyone until asked to do so.
- Encourage and assist the pilgrims to find a sharing group.
- Bring the pilgrims to the first monthly gathering after their Walk to Emmaus
- Continue to work with the pilgrims as a fellow Christian.

Additional responsibilities include:

- Take your Pilgrim to the church, arriving between 6:00 and 6:30 pm. The **\$125.00** fee (whatever has not been already paid) should be paid at registration. After signing in, go with your pilgrims to find their room and help make their beds. Beds are not available at the church. Your Pilgrims will need to bring bedding. Ensure your Pilgrims do not have a Fitbit, cell phone, laptop, or watch. There is a light meal for Pilgrims and sponsors before Send-off. **Please bring 2 snacks and/or 2L drinks for the opening meal.**
- After Send-off, stay for Sponsors Hour to pray over your Pilgrim's cross. If you can't stay for this service, have someone attend in your place.
- Care for the Pilgrim's family during the weekend.
- Attend Candlelight on Saturday night. Be there by 8:00 pm. Please do not bring gifts for your Pilgrim. Save them for the trip home.
- Attend Closing beginning about 4:00 pm Sunday. No supper is served on Sunday.

Inform your Pilgrim's family that the Walk may last until around 6:00 PM on Sunday.

Your responsibilities as a sponsor after the Walk include:

1. Take your Pilgrims to the Fourth Day follow-up meeting and attend the Gatherings with them. Times and dates will be announced.
2. Encourage your Pilgrims to fill out a Willing Servant form.
3. Continue to be interested in the spiritual growth of your Pilgrims.
4. Get your Pilgrims into a share group.

If you are unable to fulfill all these responsibilities yourself, please find a co-sponsor to help.

Below is a sample letter that you may choose to use to obtain agape for your pilgrims.

You are requested not to leave agape for your pilgrims at bedtime or other times during the weekend so as to not detract from the weekend for other pilgrims. Logistics coordinators will remove items such as shirts, cups, etc., and return them on Sunday. Agape will be the only items permissible.

NO PICTURE TAKING IS PERMITTED AT CLOSING OR CANDLELIGHT. ONLY THOSE WHO HAVE ATTENDED EMMAUS/CHRYSALIS MAY ATTEND CANDLELIGHT AND CLOSING.

Your role as sponsor has begun. Enjoy the opportunity and privilege to serve. If you have any questions, please call. Thank you for your time, your cooperation, hopes, and your prayers for your pilgrim.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

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SAMPLE AGAPE LETTER

Dear

_____ will be attending the "Walk to Emmaus" on September 18th, 2025 through September 21st, 2025 at Monroe United Methodist Church, 206 East Ave, Monroe, OH. The "Walk to Emmaus" is a weekend of spiritual renewal with many beautiful gifts and surprises. One of these surprises is the mail that persons attending receive from their loved ones.

As a sponsor, I am responsible for contacting family and close friends and asking them to send a note or letter to _____ so that he will receive it during this special weekend. Since it will be a total surprise, we sometimes have to do a little detective work in order to get names and addresses of persons from whom we need help. Perhaps you'd like to pass this along to someone that you know

_____ would like to hear from.

This letter is an opportunity for you to express your appreciation of _____ and what your relationship with him has meant and means. You might want to recall some humorous event or some happening that has been special to the two of you. This is a letter of love and **WILL BE READ ONLY BY _____**.

Would you help make _____'s "Walk to Emmaus" special by doing the following:

1. Write a letter to _____ and sign it.
2. Put it into an envelope and seal it.
3. Write _____'s name (but not yours) on the envelope.
4. Put the envelope in a larger envelope and mail it to me at the address below prior to September 10th, so I can get it to the proper place on time.

This should be a complete surprise to _____, so please help make it special by keeping "mum" until it is all over.

I hope you'll help by getting a letter to me. It will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you.