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IPL Permian Immersion Pilgrimage Experience—March 26-28, 2026

Details: This experience through New Mexico and El Paso Interfaith Power and Light and Citizens Caring for the Future introduces people of faith and conscience to frontline communities, to the land and waters, and to the extensive oil and gas industry in Southeast NM Permian Basin. The Permian Basin spans Southwest Texas and Southeast New Mexico and is the largest in operation productive oil and gas basin in the world. The Immersion Pilgrimage this spring brings together people of faith and conscience who want to learn, pray for healing and then act for just transition, repair and healing and a future for all living in Our Common Home.

The immersion pilgrimage integrates a community experience that is guided and includes being with the land, with communities, for individual and communal reflection, prayers and sharing. At the end everyone will be given opportunity to commit to solidarity engagement and action. Information contact Sr. Joan Brown,osf at joankansas@swcp.com. Space is limited. Deadline to register March 16, 2026.

Logistics: People carpool from their location to Carlsbad Caverns. In the Permian meals, housing, and guidance are taken care of. Transportation will be carpooling in the Permian. A donation of \$100 (more if you are able) is requested to help defray expenses; however, no one is turned away for lack of funds. Accommodations and food will be simple. We will need to know if you have food restrictions that are medical related. We also need to know if you are alone or a couple and if you are willing to share a room. Persons are responsible for their own physical well-being and must sign a waiver upon registration.

Schedule: (subject to changes as needed)

Thursday, March 26: Arrive at 12:30 pm at Carlsbad Caverns to experience this Cathedral of the Earth. You will walk in the Carlsbad Caverns to experience the underground Earth beauty and wonder, a contrast to the extractivism taking place on the surface. The group then drives to a nearby natural area for prayer and reflection. Dinner in the evening is together with an an overview of the area and oil and gas extraction, prayer and reflection.

Friday, March 27, 2026:

Breakfast and opening of the day, prayerful ritual, sharing and then visiting sites in Permian to be determined. This might be in the area of Carlsbad, Artesia, Jal, or Hobbs. We will meet with community members and be on the ground in the oil and gas field and if possible experience technology to detect methane pollution and what we can do. Snack and lunch provided. The evening includes dinner and meeting with community members in Carlsbad. Little walking is required.

Saturday, March 28, 2026:

Opening reflection and breakfast. Sharing of experiences, conversation about what actions might be taken and commitments in solidarity, followed by closing prayerful ceremony. Leave Carlsbad by about 11 am.