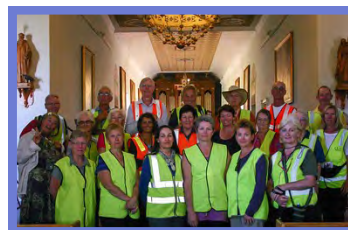


Camino Salvado

The Camino Salvado Pilgrimage took place on two occasions during 2014, coinciding with the bicentenary commemorations of the birth of Dom Rosendo Salvado, founder and first Abbot of New Norcia.

The pilgrim walkers set off from St. Joseph's Parish in Subiaco on this historic and emotional walk in August and September. The pilgrims travelled for seven days by foot, following in the footsteps of Salvado.

Setting off as a group of strangers, a special bond was formed over the seven days. When arriving in New Norcia, anyone would think that this was a group of long lost friends.



Every pilgrim participates in the Camino for a reason; in search of a certain direction, to reflect, to form friendships, to enjoy the countryside and of course, the meaningful welcome at New Norcia.

When arriving to town, the pilgrims are greeted by the church bells, a very emotive walk to the Abbey church where Abbot John Herbert welcomes the group for a ritual of foot washing, prayer and blessing. To commemorate the bicentenary of Dom Salvado's birth, New Norcia not only stamped the pilgrims passports, but designed a special postcard with wax seal for each pilgrim as a keep sake.



The September pilgrim walk was followed by the SBS reporter, Ryan Emery, and the link can be found on the New Norcia Website.

For Schools interested in incorporating the Camino Salvado Pilgrim Walk into their retreats, please see poster for further details

