

Las Peregrinas Profiles

Anita D'Amario

A 44 year old business executive. First generation Canadian Italian, from a family of three daughters. Funny and likeable, she befriends humans and animals alike on her journey. Considered the oddity in her family, she is single and hasn't had a baby yet. She faces constant pressure from her family, especially from her mother, who wonders what is wrong with her. She's optimistic and ready for a possibly difficult journey, and ends up in deep introspection. It's Anita who raises possibly the most interesting question on the journey; "How much do we have to suffer in order to be happy?"

Mony Dojeiji

A 40 year old Lebanese, Canadian MBA, former business (or sales and marketing) exec in the software industry, and now a master pilgrim. She resigned from a lucrative position to walk the Camino in 2003 and then continued on a 5000 kilometer walk for peace from Rome to Jerusalem with another pilgrim. They now have a two year old daughter and live in Cadiz, Spain. She and Alberto are writing a book about their experiences. Strong willed and assertive, Mony represents hard-core pilgrim values and struggles with her natural inclination to take charge. A soldier for peace, Mony assumes the role of a veteran sergeant in the group.

Margie McParland

A 56 year old retired teacher and mother of five children, Margie is a world traveler and loves to hike. A strict Roman Catholic, she walked this pilgrimage to pray for her sister in law who has Breast Cancer and for the physical challenge of the journey. She lost her 16 year old son to a car accident several years ago, but felt he was with her on the journey. She speaks openly and calmly about him and appears to have come to terms with his death. "Some people came on this journey to find out who they are, I know who I am." She came not expecting to have a religious experience but winds up mothering, mentoring and teaching two pilgrims how to pray the rosary.