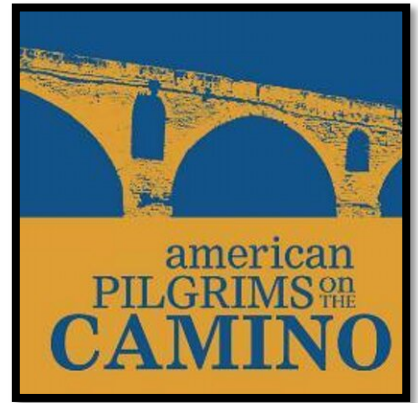


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## **Caminos**

Frances 2016

Kumano Kodo 2018



**Introduction:** My two oldest sons and I hiked and biked the Camino *francés* in August 2016. It was an memorable bonding experience for us as my sons are in their early 20's and live in New Orleans and Seattle while I work for public radio in South Bend, Indiana. Returning home after that first Camino, I started teaching ten-week courses about the pilgrimage at the Forever Learning Institute which has helped keep the experience alive for me and subsequently inspired many to do their own Camino. The classes are each spring and fall and one of my students and decided to create the new local American Pilgrims of the Camino local chapter in South Bend. In June 2018, my youngest son and I hiked the Kumano Kodo as part of his high school graduation present. I am grateful that the Caminos have had such a positive impact on my life, my family, friends and students and I have a strong passion for sharing that powerful experience with others.