

Pastoral and Fraternal Visitation Prayers (Part 1)

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This script will be used in conjunction with the slide (power point) presentation of the same name. If no slide number is identified, slide can be simply read.

Slide 1: Introduction

Mary Stronach and I will discuss the prayers for the P. & F visitation prayers from the Ritual.

I will review the introductory prayers before the actual “work” of the visitation takes place and Mary will cover the concluding remarks and closing prayers

Slide 2:

According to our Constitutions V: Art. 92 the purpose of the visits are:

- Revive (as a booster shot for those professed)
- Assure fidelity to the charism and rule (we are going in the right direction keeping to the Franciscan charism and rule?)
- Help to fraternity life (assist in “issues” within the fraternal dynamics)
- Reinforce the unity of the Order (between the local, regional, national and international fraternities) Each one of us lives in the 4 fraternities.
- Insertion into the Franciscan family and the Church (links with the friars, poor clares, TOR and other branches of the Franciscan family)

Remember that we are **part** of the Catholic Church and are established for and with the church and her mission (evangelization.)

Slide 3:

Within the prayers of the visitations, there is a “flow” or “movements” of the introductory prayers (review the slide). Sometimes they are reminders of our purpose, other times they are petitions or goals. The movement will be indentified on the left side of the slides. We will SAVOR the actual words of the prayers. Unfortunately, due to time constraints, I will not be able to cover them completely. So sit back and reflect upon the words of the visitation.

Slide 4:

Slowly “pray” the words of the slide in a meditative manner. Letting the Holy Spirit guide you in emphasizing what “strikes” you about the slide.

Slide 11:

From the Constitutions: one of the purposes of the visitations

Slide 12:

Another reminder of the purpose of the visitations

Slide 13:

We go from gospel to life and life to the gospel.

Slide 14:

This is our charism- the way we have chosen to live the gospel life.

Slide 16:

We must show the Spirit within us and have it overflow to others in our word and action.

Slide 17:

May we focus on God alone. Detach us from things that keep us from God.

Slide 18:

We live in this world, but we are countercultural.

Slide 19:

From our profession: to live the gospel going from gospel to life and life to the gospel in the footsteps of St. Francis

Slide 20:

We acknowledge that we have done wrong. We are brothers and sisters of penance (metanoia, conversion)

Slide 21:

Our purpose to God and his church.

Slide23:

Emphasize “firey” and “sweetness.”

Slide 24:

We belong to Christ, not this world.

Slide 25:

Repeat this slide twice with a short silence between the repetitions. At the end, add that these prayers are concluded with a meditation on scripture or a story from the life of St. Francis taken from the back of the Ritual. After concluding the meditation, then the “work” of the visitation begins.

Slide: 26:

Credits for graphics.

