

VISITATION MINISTER TRAINING

HOLY NAME OF JESUS PARISH

Welcome to Visitation Ministry.

As a group, you are some of the most generous volunteers with your time of all parish ministries. Your ministry is a unique one: you are the messenger who brings Our Lord Jesus to our sick and homebound parishioners. You have chosen to serve in this ministry; while the parish is grateful and appreciates your service, that is miniscule in comparison to the blessings Jesus has for you for being His traveling companion.

The ministry of being the messenger who brings Our Lord Jesus carries responsibilities. As the traveling companion of Jesus, He is never to be left alone and is always carried on your person and treated with the utmost reverence. When you leave the church carrying Jesus, you take Him directly to the people who await you. If you want to have breakfast, want to visit for coffee in the Hall or need to stop at the store, you do not take the pyx with you. You put the pyx in the tabernacle in the church or chapel until you have completed any personal errands; after that you can retrieve the pyx for visitation. If you have hosts remaining after visitation is complete, you can do one of two things: consume those hosts immediately or can return the hosts to the ciborium in the tabernacle; however it would have to be immediately. You can never keep the hosts overnight. If you return the hosts, place them in the covered ciborium in the tabernacle; do not leave them in the pyx and put the pyx in the tabernacle. You do not travel with the hosts once your visits are complete except to return to the tabernacle.

You each should have the personal pyx given to you. Therefore, it is no longer necessary to return the pyx to the sacristy drawer which holds the extra pyxes. If you are using one of the general parish visitation pyxes, please return it to the drawer in the sacristy at your earliest convenience. If you do not have a pyx, let me know.

God bless.

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