



"To gather priests to Christ and to one another to proclaim..."

# THE VISITATION

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## A PRAYER FOR PRIESTS

O Jesus, Eternal High Priest, live in (name of priest), act in him, speak in and through him. Think your thoughts in his mind, love through his heart. Give him your own disposition and feelings. Teach, lead and guide him always. Correct, enlighten and expand his thoughts and behavior. Possess his soul, take over his entire personality and life. Replace him with yourself. Incline him to constant adoration and thanksgiving; pray in and through him. Let him live in you and keep him in this intimate union always.

O Mary, Immaculate Conception, Mother of Jesus and Mother of priests, pray and intercede for (.....). Amen.

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## Being Fulfilled

By Father Francis Dabre, of the Vasai, India Fraternity

### 1. Introduction

A person came back from a week retreat and he was sharing with me, "Father, our religion is really great and satisfying, I am feeling so elated and happy, life in Jesus is real life and now I have decided to follow Jesus fully." The joy and enthusiasm on his face convinced me that it is possible.

There are thousands of people who follow Jesus fully, are satisfied and are happy. I too find life after the baptism of the Holy Spirit; I find that there is a special anointing along with being anointed as Priest. There is some SUPER POWER that guides and leads me on in better life.

### 2. Being Fulfilled

a. **John 10, 10** says, "I have come to give life, life in its abundance." Jesus through his passion and death has given us life in its abundance, the Grace is already present, one needs to gain it by following Jesus fully, as St. Paul says it is not I who live but Jesus lives in me. (....) **St Augustine** says that I will not find rest, until I find rest in love of Jesus. So it is in life of Jesus that we will find joy, peace and inner fulfillment.

b. We are made into the **image of God**. Gen 1, 27. We were in paradise and in the company of God, in the presence of God, we had everything. God gave us everything that is needed for a good life, but Adam and Eve gave in to the

temptation and we lost being in the presence of the Lord. What does it mean by being in the presence of the Lord, it is nothing but being happy and finding inner peace and joy.

c. Life in Jesus is a constant call to Holiness 1Peter, Lev--and one needs to work for it through the sacraments of the Church, where we will be sanctified and made holy. As James says we must be the doers of word and not just listener to the Word. As Jesus says: "be perfect as my heavenly Father is perfect." The **Sermon on the Mount** in Mathew 5, is the guideline to be holy, if you read and follow the sermon, it is the way to be fulfilled and we live a Christ centered life. As Jesus says about new life in Him, we have heard it was said (Old Testament); "now I SAY" (New Testament), it is a new life in Jesus of being fulfilled.

d. The **Mother Church** helps us to be sanctified through its sacraments, it is also a call by the church to renew once life in Jesus, it is a sustainable process, it is never just a renewal retreat and transformed, changed life is guaranteed, but it is continuous process, one need again and again life in the Spirit. Our daily Eucharist attendance, going for constantly for the sacrament of reconciliation. It is healing process that makes us perfect and closer to God.

### 3. How to get it?

a. One needs to be **always**

**connected** to the Lord. As all of us use mobile devices and we know unless there is a network in our mobile, it will not work, it is just useless, but if it has full network, it works well and our voice is clear and good, similarly our connection to the Lord has to be full and it has to be continuous, wherever we lose the connection, the Holy Spirit will guide us as paraclete and advocate.

b. All are called to be **Holy, Saints and another Christ to others**. It is a process and we need to follow it meticulously. Day in and day out, we need to follow the teaching of the Church fully and thus put it into practice. All our living saints and those who have gone ahead of us have done the same thing, they are our good models. It is an opportunity for all, it is necessary that this call is not only for religious but for all those baptized and following the Holy Mother Church.

c. The Holy Spirit gives us charisms to follow, there is no one who has no gift of the Holy Spirit, says St. Paul in 1Corinthians 12: 1 and following. It is not only the life in Jesus but the empowerment that is also important; we are enabled and empowered with the POWER of Holy Spirit. So God does not just leave us all by ourselves but gives us the gifts accordingly and he is EMMANUEL, HE is with us. We can exercise all our gifts to build up the Church and help others

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Newsletter material from all Fraternity members is gratefully accepted. Any submissions will help make each issue better!

As brothers in the Fraternity of Priests we make a commitment to "Proclaim the Visitation Message". Over the course of the years more than one priest, new to fraternity, raised the question: "What is this Visitation Message?". In the Fraternity Conference that launched many of our Fraternity Groups it was stated this way: "God is visiting His people today in a unique outpouring of His Holy Spirit as of a new Pentecost calling His people to conversion in order to establish His Kingdom."

As Christians we know that God is constantly visiting His people. God intervened in human history to bring about and accomplish His plan of salvation. The divine Son of God has come from heaven to earth for us and for our salvation. In His earthly minister, Jesus even wept over Jerusalem because it did not recognize the time of its visitation.

While God is always visiting His people and is always present to them, we believe that there are special and unique times of God's visitation and that we are living in one of these special times of grace. We recognize the work of God in a renewed outpouring of the Holy Spirit going back to the time of Pope Leo XIII who wrote: "We ought to pray and invoke the Holy Spirit for each one of us regularly needs His protection and His help. The more a man is deficient in wisdom, weak in strength, borne down in trouble, prone to sin, so ought he the more fly to Him who is the never ceasing fount of light, strength, consolation and holiness... We ought confidently and continually to beg of Him to illumine us daily more and more with His light and inflame us with His clarity; for thus inspired with faith and love, we may press earnestly towards our eternal reward" (Divinum Illud Munus par. 11, 1897). We have experienced the hand of God and the work of the Holy Spirit in the Second Vatican Council. This visitation continues in the Charismatic Renewal movement of the 20th century and many other renewal movements. New religious communities are being formed. We have been blessed in a special way in the recent Popes who

have led our church towards renewal especially in the call to the New Evangelization. Also one of our new saints, Pope John XXIII, who convened the Second Vatican Council, had the church praying for a "new Pentecost".

God is visiting His people today and our responsibility is to teach, preach, and proclaim this message. We are charged with calling people to repentance and deeper faith and to committed discipleship that all may embrace the work of God. We are to bring people into personal relationship with Jesus and help them to be disposed to be filled with the Holy Spirit that they may be eager to share joyfully in the work of Christ in bringing in the Kingdom.

Fraternally,



Fr. John



## Fraternity Financial Report

One of the objectives for the Fraternity of Priests is to inform our donors about the ongoing financial health and details of the organization. We're providing this information to help communicate our specific need and to thank those many faithful benefactors who help make our service possible. Thank you!

Monthly Donation Budget: **\$4,750.00**

Actual Donations: **\$ 2,655.00**

Budget Surplus (shortage): **(\$ 2,095.00)**

*Current as of April 30, 2014.*

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to practice their faith. Meanwhile we are benefiting individually and collectively. We cannot be selfish and go alone to God, but rather, we must go in community that is so important, we are one, apostolic Church. One needs to be active in the Church and follow whatever she teaches and practices.

### 4. Possible blocks.

**a. Sin** - One who is in sin is not in the presence of God, We lose the network with God, and as soon as possible we need to restore the connection. Our personal and communal sin can be big a block with contact with God. Sins which are personal and communitarian, one need to address. It is a big block to our contact with God. The sacrament of reconciliation can bring us back and restore our contact with God, through the POWER of Crucified Jesus that we get salvation and total forgiveness and back to the company of God.

**b. Total Faith and surrendering** - It is our faith and total surrendering in God that will give us solace, one cannot earn God's Grace, it is total gift of God, but positive response to God's Grace is what is required. The miracles in the Gospels, we see Jesus looks at the faith of concerned person. Jesus says your faith has healed you. It is the Will of God that will bring us closer to God. We need to surrender in order to obtain inner peace and joy in the Lord.

### c. Individualistic to Communitarian

As Catholics one cannot be individualistic at all, it is being in the community that will bring us joy and happiness, whatever you do to the least of my brothers and sisters, that

you will do it to me. Hence, there is no way to be self-centric. We cannot be happy by living a selfish life, we need to reach out to the poor and needy in any way, it is our catholic mission given by Jesus that we need to go beyond our periphery and reach out to others. This will give us joy and peace; it is with justice that peace will prevail. There are so many examples of our people who live a life of others-centred.

### 5. Conclusion

All are called to be happy and joyful people as we are made originally into the image of God. Even in our sufferings, we are called to live a happy life. By our reaching to others, we give inner peace and joy. We are called to have Christ centric life in order to peace and joy.

*Father Francis writes from the Diocese of Vasai, India.*

## Fraternity of Priests Annual Gathering

To my brother priest members of the fraternity,

As you may already know, our Annual Fraternity Meeting will be hosted by our brothers in Trinidad on the nearby island of Tobago. It will take place from Monday, July 28, until noon on Friday, August 1. This will be the third time that our meeting takes place outside the USA. At the May Board meeting we discerned that the theme this year will be "Return to Galilee" based on the past Holy Saturday homily of Pope Francis. We are to return to where we first met the Lord and also for us when we first committed to the Fraternity of Priests. We will be reviewing the Fraternity Disciplines, looking at ways to recruit new members, and having a presentation on exorcism.

The cost of this conference will be \$350 and another \$30 will be needed for the Wednesday Brotherhood Day. The Fraternity Board has agreed on a travel reimbursement of up to \$500 for those coming from North America and up to \$1000 for those from Europe, Asia, and Africa. You will need to alert us beforehand that you will need the reimbursement and then present your paid bill for airfare.

It will be up to each of you to arrange your flights to Trinidad - Port of Spain (POS). Also a flight must be arranged by you from (POS) to Tobago (TAB) on Caribbean Airlines (<http://www.caribbean-airlines.com>). This cost is about \$50.

Our hosting brothers want us to arrive in Trinidad on Sunday afternoon or evening, July 27. They will make arrangements for us to stay at the seminary on Sunday night. Flights to Tobago should be arranged for early Monday morning. Also flights from Tobago should be on Friday afternoon, August 1. For those with a Saturday flight the seminary in Trinidad will again be available. Fr. Dwight Merrick has indicated that flights to and from Tobago should be booked as soon as possible because they fill up quickly.

Please consider joining with us and make a decision soon because of the flights to Trinidad and Tobago. Check with your doctor to see if any shots are needed. Keep the conference in your prayers that we may deepen our love of the Lord and our love of our brothers. At the meeting we will have an election for several Board Members. Come prepared for nominations. Make sure the person you nominate is willing to serve a three year term. Also please nominate a Fraternity member for the Annual Brotherhood Award.

Your brother in Christ,

Fr. John Kiley, Chairman

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