



BROTHERS AND SISTERS TO US

OUTLINE OF TYPICAL INITIAL VISITATION

- Greeting and Welcome
 - Introduction of couples
 - Opening prayer
 - Greetings from the Bishop (Letter?)
 - Definition and brief overview of the Brothers & Sisters program
 - Interview and General Inquiry (How's it going?)
 - Pastoral
 - Ministerial
 - Marital
 - Familial
 - General focused questions
 - What effects has your assignment had on:
 - You
 - Your wife
 - Your family
 - Are you happy with your assignment?
 - Would you be open to another assignment if needed?
 - Would there be any limitations on you if there would be a new assignment?
 - Are there other areas of ministry in your community that you feel need a diaconal presence?
 - What kinds of support mechanisms would you like to see offered, that is not currently available?
 - Are there areas in your ministerial service that you would like to receive additional education/formation on?
 - Are you in contact with other deacons in your area? Region? Diocese? If not, can we help you to get in contact with the community?
- Information on community events
 - Retreats
 - Days of reflection
 - Study days
 - Remedial study programs
 - Liturgical
 - Homiletic
- Encouragement to form small diaconal communities in local area
 - Support groups
 - Book study
 - Prayer/Caritas groups
- Evaluation Process
 - Receive the letter from Msgr. Smith and the questionnaire packets?
 - Discussion of evaluation process
 - Used as a tool to further educate and support the deacon in ministry
 - Used as input to shape future continuing education programs
 - Will help to identify strengths and weakness in the formation process and allow for implementation of changes
 - Questions from deacon/couple
- Conclusion
 - Packet of information on the *Brothers and Sisters to Us* program
 - Contact information, etc.
 - Thank you
 - Blessing upon the deacon/couple.
- Completion of the summary visitation form