

Eucharistic Visitors: Traveling Two by Two

Diocesan policy requires that Eucharistic Visitors, especially when they are visiting private homes or apartments, take another person with them. The reasons for this are biblical, in the spirit of community, and have legal and financial implications.

- Jesus sent his disciples out two-by-two for a reason.
- It is a more robust representation of the community from which we come, and which we represent.
- Our insurance agency requires it.
- Legal advice recommends it.

This does not mean that both people need to be trained Eucharistic Visitors, although both people visiting must be age 18 or older. In a private setting, it is usually not a good idea to have only other family members present. This is to protect both the person being visited and the visitors themselves. It helps to maintain a safe environment for everyone, most especially those committing to these ministries.

If the visit is to be made in a nursing home or hospital, with open doors and other people in the room, or at least in a visible environment where there are other people nearby who could witness the interaction, an exception may be made to this policy.