

Marianist Moments

The Feast of the Visitation, May 31



“Blessed are you!”

How wonderful for a family to journey
together in faith and love,
even when the road is rugged and
the truth is unanticipated!

Blessed Fr. Chaminade writes:

“Mary set out.” (Luke 1:39)

Mary leaves her home; how precious and sweet it was. It is only on an order from God and from a motive of charity that Mary is inspired to leave her home.

It is not so that God can prove to her that she can conceive and still remain a virgin, *but* to inform her that the condition of her cousin required her presence.

What are the reasons for her immediacy?

She “set out in haste” because Mary shared the loving dispositions of Jesus Christ whom she bore in her womb. Like hers, *our family’s* journey is a long journey, often encountering difficult terrain. Yet, is it a journey of generous, constant love.

In order to show us the true nature of his Mother’s love, Jesus Christ combines in this mystery all the difficulties that must be overcome and all the forms that love must take. “Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months.” Persevering love . . . Mary’s love is *humble, generous, fearless, and constant.*”

In light of the scripture and Fr. Chaminade’s message presented above, consider how God may be inviting you to bring Christ into your family as you spend time together this summer.

We pray, Lord Jesus, and ask for Your mother’s intercession, to be inspired this summer to love and care for our own families in the same way that Mary loves and cares for hers! Amen!

Humble like Mary

Humility in family relationships allows love to thrive, and the good of all family members to be revered and honored.

Generous like Mary

Life is not about getting things and having status, it’s about giving of ourselves and having tranquil time to enjoy with our family.

Fearless like Mary

Fearlessly let go of imposed expectations and external pressures in order to cultivate deep and meaningful relationships within our own beautiful family.

Constant like Mary

Family means no one gets left behind or forgotten. Families are called to intently see one another as Christ sees us.