

Vive + Jesus

The aim of this community is to live the humility, simplicity and gentleness of the Gospel that is rooted in the tradition of the Visitation and expressed in our present Constitutions.

As contemplatives we believe that our place in the Church today is the same as in former times: at its heart, and that as Daughters of Prayer we are called to witness to the fact that nothing is more important than prayer. This is not merely to state a priority on how time should be spent but defines for us a way of 'being' and of living community, that is our gift to the Church and to the world.

With the liberty of spirit of our Holy Founders we therefore seek to create structures that will enable a rhythm of prayer, silence, work and leisure: values that we desire to share with others. The celebration of the liturgy is seen as the heart of the community while flexibility of structure will allow communal sharing and reflection on various themes and levels according to needs.

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