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## Eucharistic Visitors: Traveling Two by Two

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Diocesan policy requires that Eucharistic Visitors take another person with them, especially when they are visiting private homes or apartments. 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.

Only one of the two is required to be trained and currently licensed as a Eucharistic Visitor. The two should be un-related people. A partnered couple is considered one person for the purposes of this requirement. Likewise, children or other family members under the age of 18 may be part of the visiting team, but they may not be counted as the second person required.

If the visit is to be made in a nursing home or hospital in an environment with open doors and with 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 the two-by-two policy.