

From Fr. Don:



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Although it may seem like it belongs in a different age or time, one can and sometimes one should call the priest.

In years past, I have been called in the middle of the night to be present as someone travels from this world to the next. I consider being called a great honor and I was always thankful to be asked. As a parish priest and as a Chaplain I have been called to bless a newborn baby, or a new home especially after Epiphany.

In many parishes, a service honoring St. Francis of Assisi is held with an open invitation to welcome pets of all kinds. Blessing animals is really fun, although some of the time they may not appreciate it. One of my favorites was a Llama named Dolly. Admittedly, words failed me as to the correct thing to say in a blessing for hermit crabs, or an ant farm.

Of course, a priest can be a friend in times of crisis, especially the crisis of the spirit when believing in God becomes so hard. Maintaining relationships can be tough and cultural influences and choices are not always helpful.

I am not sure that I can give you every instance when calling the priest is a good idea, but I can say that if you want to talk to the priest... call me.

One of the joys of my time with COR is being your priest, your pastor. Call me if you need me.

Fr. Don+

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Today after the service in the parish hall.*

Following the Sunday service on two Sundays of each month, I plan on a brief adult education time. If you have a topic that you would like explored, please let me know.

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