

Visitation Code of Conduct

Taken from the Official Handbook of the Legion of Mary.

- The praesidium must think out its methods of approach to the homes. (p.233)
- Full weight should be given to the fact that the home is spiritually the strategic point. To hold the home is to capture society. To win the home one must go to it. (p.185)
- The legionary visitation will be marked by humility and simplicity. (p.233)
- Every home should be viewed from the angle of rendering service. (p.233)
- Visitation should be carried out in pairs. (p.289)
- Legionaries should bear in mind that a want of simplicity in dress or accent will raise a barrier between them and those they visit. (p.296)
- Contact can be made with non-Catholics and non-Christians, and with Catholics who are estranged from the Church. (p.233)
- Visitation for the Enthronement of the Sacred Heart in the homes, for the making of the Parish Census and the dissemination of Catholic literature... among some of the ways in which approach to the homes may be undertaken. (p.233)
- Competent legionaries, once admitted to the home, will know how to make all the members of that family feel the radiation of their apostolate. (p.243) Seek out and talk to every soul (p.294)
- There is no one so good that he may not be brought a great deal nearer to God. (p.294)
- [L]egionaries have to introduce themselves and to explain why they are there. (p.233)
- [L]egionaries should aim initially at listening instead of talking. Having listened patiently and respectfully, they will have won the right to be heard. (p.233)
- Initial difficulties must not be taken too seriously. (p.297)
- Now, to induce persons, who have been content with merely satisfying their obligations, to take on works of zeal or devotion will only be accomplished by a long-continued visitation, requiring much patience. (p.294)
- Many and extended visits to each family mean slow progress by a pair of legionaries, and hence the need for many legionaries and many praesidia. (p.295)
- Departing, the way must be left open for another call. (p.297)

Prohibited

- [V]isitation for the purpose of collecting money. (p.293)
- Material relief... (p.291)

Legio Mariae



Visitation Log Book

Praesidium: _____

Legionary: _____

