

Journey to Aspirancy

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We were introduced to the Voluntas Dei secular institute by Fr. Andrew Sioleti after he started celebrating the Spanish language mass at our church of St. Augustine in Park Slope, Brooklyn. Our team meets monthly and we have counted with the spiritual direction of Frs. Andrew, Lenny and Gonzalo.

We have found the Voluntas Dei spirituality to be a very simple and practical guide to the practice of our Catholic, Christian faith outside the limits of the parish walls. In particular, the application of the pillars of the three fives of the VDI spirituality are a very useful guide when we seek God's presence in our daily lives, to be in community and fellowship with our brethren, regardless of who they are or where they come from and to be in solidarity with all of God's creation. It has made a tremendous contribution to our growth as parents and as members of our broader family and community by helping us gain a better understanding of God's marvelous hands at work.

After a period of discernment, we have taken the step to enter the aspirancy phase.

Just for Today

Lord Jesus,
just for today,
give me the grace to think of you
at every hour,
that I may live in your presence.

Lord Jesus,
just for today,
empty my heart of all sadness,
of all hatred and rancor,
that I may
love without criticizing,
serve without complaining.

Lord Jesus,
just for today
help me to follow the example
that you gave me,
so that through your example
and that of Mary,
I may be a peacemaker
all the days of my life. Amen

Fr. Parent