

Bishop Jaime Soto – Homily for the
Feast of the Visitation, Mass of Ordination
May 31, 2010

For the Mass of Ordination, Bishop Soto shared the very beautiful instructions for ordination. He followed with these remarks.

The Lord Jesus has chosen you as his friends. He has given you his spirit so that you may love others as you are loved by him. This is his commandment to you: “love one another as I love you.” (Jn. 15.12)

This relationship, the Lord’s fellowship, now defines your whole existence. All of your ministry – your preaching, your prayer, and your service – draws its strength from the Lord’s love for you. It is inspired by the Lord’s care for you. It has no other reason than the Lord’s grace given to you. Remember that the Lord Jesus has loved you first. May all who meet you, hear you, and pray with you recognize the Lord Jesus as their friend and brother.

Ustedes han recibido un espíritu de gozo y esperanza. Tomen en cuenta el ejemplo de aquellas santas mujeres, cuya memoria celebramos hoy en esta fiesta de la Visitación. La virgen María y su prima, Isabel, fueron inspiradas por el Espíritu Santo. Sus saludos y acogida mutua eran fruto de una docilidad a esta inspiración divina. Que así sea también en el ministerio sacerdotal que hoy día ha sido encomendado a ustedes. Pidamos a la Santísima Virgen María interceda por ustedes para que sus vidas siempre se alegren en Dios, tu Salvador.