

Secular Franciscan Order

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Saint Francis Of Assisi Fraternity

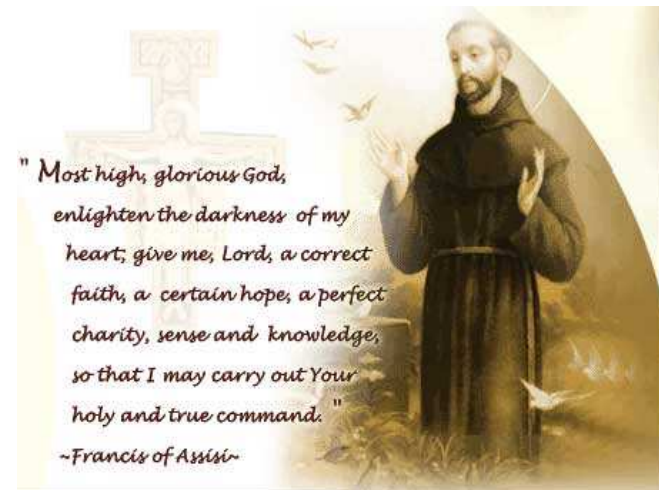
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*" Most high, glorious God,
enlighten the darkness of my
heart, give me, Lord, a correct
faith, a certain hope, a perfect
charity, sense and knowledge,
so that I may carry out Your
holy and true command. "*
~Francis of Assisi

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The Call to the Secular Franciscans

Secular Franciscans are members of the Catholic Church, men and women, married and single, who answer the call to follow Christ more deeply through the spirituality of St. Francis of Assisi.

It all begins with a nudge from the Holy Spirit!

Someone mentions St. Francis or the Franciscans. Something happens and we find we keep running into or hearing about or asking about the Secular Franciscans. Something inside tells us we need to do more for God, for our neighbors, and our Church.

We realize we desire to be more like Christ and to devote energy to growing in our knowledge of Him. We are drawn to something more and as we pray we find peace in considering that perhaps we should follow the spirituality of St. Francis of Assisi.

The Holy Spirit, the great convincer, our Helper continues to nudge us until we decide on our response.

Are you being nudged?



Who is St. Francis of Assisi?

The Little Poor Man of Assisi lived in the 12th century in Italy. At a time when there was much emphasis on wealth and little attention to the spiritual needs of the poor of the Church, St. Francis answered God's call to "repair my church." Francis, born into wealth, gave all away, as he claimed deep love for Lady Poverty. He traveled the roads of Umbria, serving God with great joy and complete dedication to the gospel way of Christ. He took the Hebrew letter T, the Tau, as the symbol of the cross to mark himself and others as especially known to God. With his great love for Christ, He became the first to bear the stigmata, the wounds of Christ on his body. Since his death, thousands have followed his teachings, wearing the Tau, as Secular Franciscans, religious sisters, brothers and priests. Franciscans stress the Incarnation, a call to daily conversion, joy in life and care for all of God's creation.

"They have been made living members of the Church in Baptism; Therefore, they should go forth as witnesses and instruments of her mission among all people proclaiming Christ by their life and words."



Can I become a Secular Franciscan?

Anyone who is interested is invited to attend the meeting of a fraternity. You will have a period of formation that is divided into three stages to allow you to discern your call prior to formal profession as a Secular Franciscan. First, orientation lasts about 3 months; next, inquiry takes about six months and last, the candidacy period can take 2 or more years, depending on how you progress in your formations.



Saints Clare and Francis of Assisi