



## Who are Secular Franciscans?

The Secular Franciscan Order (SFO) is a branch of the worldwide Franciscan Family. We are single and married. We work, worship and play in community where we live.

The SFO is a secular movement, established by St. Francis of Assisi more than 800 years ago. Our purpose is to bring the gospel to life where we live and where we work. We look for practical ways to embrace the gospel in our lives and try to help others to do likewise.

In today's world we are plagued by time schedules, projects and activities that leave us tense and stressed. The SFO becomes our place of refuge and renewal where our brothers and sister in Francis support and inspire us. You too, can become a life-time member of our family —if God is calling you.

*Enhance your spiritual life, serve through apostolic ministries, continue your education in your faith and the Franciscan Movement.*

## What do Secular Franciscans Do?

Secular Franciscans follow the SFO Rule that requires us to spend time in community with our Franciscan brothers and sisters.

We gather at least monthly. We support each other through the ups and downs of daily life. We pray together. We take opportunities to learn about our Church, our community and our world.

Our rule mandates us to be involved in apostolic ministries and with youth. When we are called to action, we embrace the call joyfully. Some of us are religious education teachers, some have a special ministry to animals, some have made a commitment to Perpetual Adoration. Some work with the poor and homeless.

As a fraternity, we take action on issues that affect the lives of others. We do letter-writing campaigns in response to social justice issues; we support the efforts of our brothers and sisters who are serving the poor and lepers half-way around the world.



## Is the SFO for You?

If you have a Secular Franciscan vocation, you have probably decided to do something more. Perhaps you feel a need for support in growing spiritually. Or deep down, you feel a need to serve God in a special way. Or, for years you have felt an affinity with St. Francis. He seems to pop up all around you and you don't know why. Perhaps it is God calling you.

Getting to know the SFO better may be a way to determine if you have a vocation.

You will have plenty of time to get to know us before you make any commitment. The SFO requires three months of orientation and six months of inquiry. During this time, you will come to our monthly gatherings and have a few informal classes.

## Is God calling you to walk in the footsteps of St. Francis of Assisi?

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# Don't Say "No" Before You Say "Yes"

*Visit the Secular Franciscans,  
Get to Know Us and Ask Your-  
self "Is God calling me?"*

## **Where?**

Church of the Santa Fe  
231 S. Sibley St. Buckner, MO 64016

## **When?**

3rd Saturday of the month @ 11:00 am

## **Why?**

Because God won't stop calling you until  
you answer!

*Feel free to come to a meeting  
and introduce yourself*

**Come with a friend or family member!**

*Queen of the Angels Fraternity  
is one of the 19 fraternities in the  
Juan de Padilla Region,  
and one of over 1200 in the United States.  
When you become a Secular Franciscan,  
you can visit any of our fraternities as a  
brother or sister in Christ and in Francis.*

To learn more about Secular Franciscans call:  
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**Lord,**

Make me an instrument of your  
**Peace.**

Where there is hatred, let me sow

**Love.**

Where there is injury,

**Pardon.**

Where there is doubt,

**Faith.**

Where there is despair,

**Hope.**

Where there is darkness,

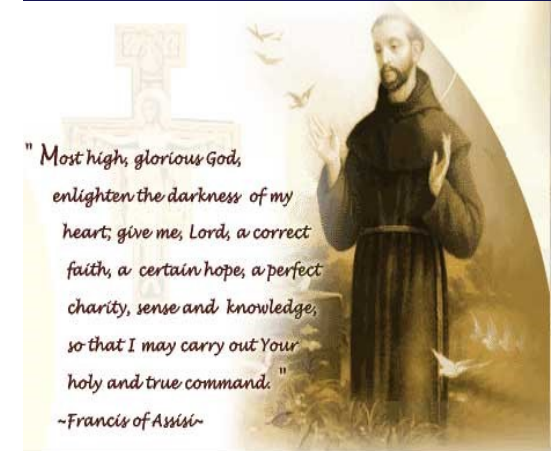
**Light**

And where there is sadness,

**Joy**

# ***Come & See***

How the  
*Secular Franciscans*  
Live Joyfully  
In the World  
&  
Celebrate  
God's Creation



**Secular Franciscan Order**