The Franciscan Journey
Chapter 6
The Writings of Francis & Clare

Queen of the Angels Secular Franciscans
Formation
### The Saint
**Volume I**
- His own words
- Life of Francis – Celano
- Liturgical Texts (Celano & Speyer)
- Life of Francis (Speyer – adapted to reading during meals, gatherings)
- Versified Life of Francis (Henri d’Avranches – poetic interpretation of Celano)
- Sacred Exchange – Francis & Lady Poverty – text of early Franciscan movement

### The Founder
**Volume II**
- Beginning of the Order
- Legend of the 3 Companions (youth, struggles with father, emerging consciousness, call to Gospel Life)
- Assisi Compilation – anecdotes
- Remembrance of the Desire of a Soul
- Treatise on Miracles of Francis
- Umbria Choir Legend – info about Order around 1260
- Letter on Passing of Francis
- Legend & Sermons – St. Bonaventure – mystical & spiritual biography of Francis

### The Prophet
**Volume III**
- Collection of sayings of the Companions
- Little Flowers – Stories of Francis & companions – Fioretti (written more than a century after Francis’ death)
- Related documents
Volume I – Writings of Clare of Assisi
Letters (4) to Agnes
Testament of Clare (auto biographical)
Clare’s blessing for her Poor Clare Sisters

Volume II – Together with my Sisters
Potpourri of letters, from Popes, Cardinals & others, also Clare’s “privilege of poverty”
The Rule for the Poor Clares

Volume III – Writings that concern Clare, Poor Ladies, Francis & his Brothers
Testimonies
Papal documents
Acts of Canonization & Legend of St. Clare
Qualities of Francis Illustrated in Stories

**Wolf of Gubbio**
Peace
Change of Life
Trust in God
Dialogue
Dealing with Needs
Following through on Promises

**Incarnation of Christ – Crèche** – visible image of crib

**Legend of the Three Companions** –
Church of San Damiano – Rebuild the Church, Return to Gospel Living – response to God’s call – pray with simplicity:

– “We adore You, Lord, Jesus Christ, in all Your Churches throughout the whole world and we bless You, because by Your holy cross You have redeemed the world.”
Clare of Assisi, the Lady
*Inner Spirit & Response to Spirit*

- Acts of the Canonization of Clare
- Heart of Clare ~ Heart of Jesus

Second Letter to Agnes of Prague

- Practical Advice

The Testament – Clare of Assisi
*Holy Simplicity*
*Humility*
*Poverty*
*Integrity of our holy way of living*
*Good Reputation*
*Loving care*
*Charity – Love of God and others*