

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

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

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Why?

Because God won't stop calling
until you answer!

Come with a friend or family member.

Journey with us.

_____ *Fraternity in*
_____ *is one of _____ fraternities in*
the _____ Region in
the state/s of _____
and one of almost 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.

Selection from...

The Exposition of the Our Father

by St. Francis of Assisi

...Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven:

so that we may love Thee

with our whole heart (cf. Lk 10:27)

thinking of Thee always,

with our whole soul

desiring Thee always,

with our whole mind

directing unto Thee all our intentions,

seeking Thy honor in all things

and with all our strength

expending our every strength

and sense of soul and body

in submission to Thy love

and nothing else;

and may we love our neighbors as ourselves

drawing all to Thy love

to the extent of our abilities,

rejoicing over the good things of others

just as over our own

and compassionating them in evils

and giving offense to no one (cf. 2 Cor 6:3)...

...But deliver us from evil:

past, present, and future.

To speak with someone about the Secular
Franciscan Order and how you can meet the
family, call or e-mail us:

Fraternity: _____

Contact: _____

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____



Come & See

Who are the Secular Franciscans?



" 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-



Who are Secular Franciscans?

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

The OFS is a secular movement, established by St. Francis of Assisi almost 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 OFS becomes our place of refuge and renewal where our brothers and sisters offer Francis to support and inspire us. You, too, can become a life-time member of our family -- if God is calling you.

What do Secular Franciscans Do?

Secular Franciscans follow the OFS 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. Some work in Soup Kitchens or visit the elderly and sick; some have youth ministries.

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 OFS for you?

If you have a Franciscan vocation, you probably have a desire to do something more. Perhaps you feel a need for support in growing spiritually. Or, deep down, you sense 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 and you just don't know why. Perhaps, God is calling you!

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

You'll have plenty of time to get to know us before you make any commitment. The OFS requires three months of orientation and six months of inquiry. During that time, you'll come to our monthly gatherings and have a few informal classes. Then, if you feel the call to continue, you'll have another 18 to 36 months of formal discussion, education and involvement as a candidate.

If you feel that God is calling you to do something more, please call us.

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



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