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**YOU  
ARE INVITED  
TO**

*“come and see”*

**We would love to  
meet you!**

Contact:

**FROM OUR RULE**

*Article 4*

*The rule and life of the  
Secular Franciscans is this:  
To observe the Gospel of our  
Lord Jesus Christ by  
following the example of  
St. Francis of Assisi,  
who made Christ the  
inspiration and the centre  
of his life with  
God and people.*

*Christ, the gift of the  
Father’s love, is the way to him,  
the Truth into which the  
Holy Spirit leads us, and the  
life which he has come to  
give abundantly.*

*Secular Franciscans should  
devote themselves especially  
to careful reading of the  
Gospel, going from Gospel to  
life and life to the Gospel.*

**Who are**



**SECULAR  
FRANCISCANS**

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## Who?

Secular Franciscans are a community of Catholic men and women in the world who seek to pattern their lives after Christ in the spirit of St. Francis of Assisi. We believe that as human beings and Christians, we have such a sublime vocation that we cannot fulfill it alone. In our common response to the Gospel, we work together in community toward a deep evangelical life and toward communion with all people. This is our way of life.

We are not a club or society. We are united in an international order founded by Saint Francis of Assisi; over 750 years ago. This Franciscan Family grew to include religious and Secular men and women. At present there are over 4 million members of our family worldwide.



## What do we do?

We **Pray** alone and together.  
We **Learn** about Christ (Gospels), St. Francis, St. Clare and ourselves.  
We **Share** our journeys.  
We **Live** with the Gospels as our guide - reaching out to others

## How?

**Meeting** on a regular basis to share our lives and our efforts to live the Gospel.  
**Retreat** together and gather our thoughts, re-direct our lives through time away.  
**Working together** to change our lives and our world.

### *Article 14 (Rule)*

*Secular Franciscans, together with all people of good will are called to build a more fraternal and evangelical world so that the Kingdom of God might be brought about more effectively.*



## Why?

We feel called by the Holy Spirit to follow Christ in the spirit of Franciscanism, with the support and encouragement of others who are committed to a Gospel life style.

Allmost 800 years ago in Assisi, a man named Francis was called by God to “Rebuild My Church”. The times were difficult, war and greed were rampant. He chose the Life of Christ (Gospels) as his guide. People began to follow him embracing his values of poverty, joy, simplicity, gratitude and love of all God’s creatures.

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