

WHO?

Secular Franciscans are a fraternity of Catholic men and women who seek to pattern their lives on Jesus 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 fulfil it alone. In our common response to the Gospel, we work together in fraternity towards a deep evangelical life and towards communion with all people.

This is our way of life.

We are *not* a club or society. We are united in an international *secular Order* founded by Saint Francis nearly eight hundred years ago. There are approximately seventy fraternities of Secular Franciscans scattered throughout Oceania, which includes Australia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Singapore and East Malaysia.

WHAT DO WE DO?

We *pray*, by ourselves and together.

We *learn* about Jesus Christ, also about St Francis, St Clare, and ourselves.

We *share* our journeys.

We *live* with the Gospel as our guide, reaching out to others.

HOW?

We meet on a regular basis to share our lives and our efforts to live the Gospel.

We make a retreat together, to gather our thoughts and re-direct our lives.

We work together to change our lives and our world.

Article 14 of our 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 may be brought about more effectively.

WHY?

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

Almost eight hundred 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 Jesus Christ as his life's guide. People began to follow him. They embraced his values of poverty, joy, simplicity, gratitude and love of all God's creatures.

This family grew to include religious - friars, nuns and Sisters - and secular men and women. At present there are about a million members of our worldwide Franciscan Family.

**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.*

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