

Is God calling you to walk in the footsteps of Saint Francis of Assisi?

Come and see how Secular Franciscans live joyfully In the world & celebrate God's creation.

The Secular Franciscan Order (OFS) is a branch of the world-wide Franciscan Family. We are single and married. Some of us are diocesan clergy. We work, worship and play in the community where we live.

Our Order was established by St. Francis of Assisi over 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.

Most High, Glorious God,
enlighten the darkness of my heart,
give me correct faith,
certain hope,
perfect charity,
sense and knowledge, Lord,
that I may carry out your holy and true
command.

– Francis of Assisi

Holy Dormition/ St Clare Fraternity Monthly Meetings

Join us for our monthly meeting:

Emmaus Hall
Holy Dormition Friary
712 State Hwy 93 / PO Box 270
Sybertsville, PA 18251

We normally meet the **first Sunday of the month at 2pm**. Occasionally we change the day or time to accommodate Holy Days and holidays. It is best to call ahead:

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GOD CALLS ALL OF US TO HOLINESS!

None of us has achieved it yet, but we strive together to get a little closer! The Franciscan Family and the Secular Franciscan Order (OFS) is one way God has given us to figure out what this call means, striving together to become closer in holiness!

We are not a club, sodality or a prayer group. We *are* a recognized “Secular Order” sanctioned by papal authority, canonically established, following a common rule of life (order). This rule helps us to follow Jesus by following Saint Francis while still living “in the world” (secular).

We have homes and jobs; many of us are married, some are even diocesan clergy. We don't live together like monks, friars, or nuns. We *do* gather regularly, and we have a common desire to know and serve God, each other and our communities. We strive together to live by the Secular Franciscan Rule, which helps us to live the Gospel more intensely.

Our fraternity is our monastery.

We pray together and encourage each other to continually to live more deeply in union with Christ, the Church, the

Franciscan Family, and the neighborhoods where we live.

We seek to rebuild the Church by allowing God first to rebuild our hearts to live out the Gospel in humility.

“... Secular Franciscans should devote themselves especially to careful reading of the Gospel, going from Gospel to Life and Life to Gospel.”

Secular Franciscan Rule, article 4

Are you interested in how we do this?

Following St Francis and St Clare in the footprints of Jesus Christ helps us to have a joyful, peaceful disposition with desire and making time to help and serve others. We gather regularly for prayer and to reflect on the Gospel and how to make the Gospel incarnate – enfleshed – in our lives.

We have different jobs: teachers, public servants, business people, counselors, factory workers and any other job. We help in various apostolates or service in our parishes and in our communities, helping the sick or homeless or poor.

Secular Franciscans are practicing Catholics in harmony with all the teachings of the Church, not belonging to any religious order or any other Third Order or Secular Order.

Our Spiritual Father, Saint Francis, said:



"Go and preach the Gospel to all creatures ... If necessary, use words!"

We preach the Gospel by growing together in the life and spirituality of Saint Francis and Saint Clare, allowing the Gospel to shape what we do and how we do it. We study, pray, work and play together as much as possible in order to be witnesses to Christ and His Church.

The Peace of Christ Be With You!

Holy Dormition/St Clare Fraternity, OFS

