

What is the Secular Franciscan Order?

The “Secular Franciscan Order” once known as the Third Order of St Francis of Assisi, is an official order within the Catholic Church.

It was established by St Francis of Assisi in the thirteenth century in order for men and women living in the world to follow the Gospel Life in the footsteps of St Francis.

Who are we?

We are lay men and women and Diocesan priests and deacons who have permanently chosen to follow the Gospel Life in the footsteps of St Francis.

We are Catholics, and may be single or married. We are mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, sons, and daughters.

What do we do?

As Secular Franciscans we make a “profession”, or a promise, after a period of discernment, to follow a Rule of Life approved by Pope Paul VI in 1978.

We pray, study and strive to experience “ongoing daily conversion”, to turn away from sin by being faithful to the Gospel through the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

We try to achieve “Perfect charity” with God’s grace, in the footsteps of St. Francis and St. Clare.

We pray the Prayer of Christians, and use our talents and resources to help the poor, the oppressed, the outcast, and the helpless.

We strive to achieve “Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation”.

Can anyone become a Secular Franciscan?

The Order consists of actively practicing Catholics, diocesan priests and deacons, who feel they are “called” to follow the footsteps of St Francis.

How do you become a Secular Franciscan?

Discerning a vocation and developing a sense of belonging are essential to “becoming” a Secular Franciscan. Making a “profession” or a promise to join the Order requires prayer and study.

Going to a fraternity gathering and meeting the Secular Franciscans is a good first step.

Come and see who we are by attending a fraternity gathering and meeting some Secular Franciscans!



**Is God Calling You to
Join the Secular
Franciscan Order?**

**How can I learn more
about the Secular
Franciscan Order?**

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