

“Come, follow me...”

We are a brotherhood of lay Catholic men, single, married and consecrated, who serve God within the Catholic Church, living the Gospel according to the Rule of the Brothers and Sisters of Penance, promulgated by St. Francis of Assisi in 1221.

Like the early Brothers of Penance, the fraternity links the regular and the secular life. Today's Franciscans of Life can be secular clergy, married and single men, and men consecrated to follow the Evangelical Counsels of obedience, poverty and celibate chastity in private vows.

Ours is a new adventure. We serve in the Archdiocese of Miami allowing our Lord to continue His work in us and through us and letting other men join our community.



“He called them...to be conformed to the image of the Son, that He may be the Firstborn among many brothers.”
Romans 8:29



FRANCISCANS OF LIFE

*Proclaiming the Gospel of Life
to the Voiceless*



We are a Catholic fraternity in the territory of the Archdiocese of Miami (Miami-Dade, Broward, and Monroe Counties).

Founded in 2009 by a professed Franciscan, we are consecrated to living the Gospel according to our Constitutions and the Rule of 1221 of the Brothers and Sisters of Penance.

The FFV is an autonomous outgrowth of the Franciscan family, composed of Regular and Extern brothers who form one family, as did the first generation Franciscans, in an intense life of prayer, penance, and poverty.

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To Reflect Christ like Francis

St. Francis has been called the Mirror of Perfection. We follow his footsteps, responding to the Father's call to be brothers to all men, just as Christ is "the First-Born of many brothers".

We strive to spread the Gospel of Life, in the simple manner of our spiritual father, through our life and service.

We are called to atone for the culture of death and preach the Gospel of Life by our support to everything that protects human life. We achieve this by serving the voiceless - the poor, the unborn, the elderly, the disabled, and the person dying in hospice.

We founded **PROJECT JOSEPH** in joint venture with **Respect Life Ministry** Archdiocese of Miami - a unique program where we assist fathers in crisis pregnancies through counseling, group sessions, and support.



A Life of Prayer, Penance, and Joy

Like the first Franciscans, we combine the monastic life with the itinerant preaching of penance and conversion, in one loving service to Jesus and to His people, through perfect obedience and submission to the Holy Father and the Magisterium.

We are consecrated to the Immaculate. Our patrons are St. Maximilian Kolbe and St. John Paul II. The Eucharist, Liturgy of the Hours, adoration, devotion of the Immaculate Heart, and silence, are the spiritual jewels of our daily lives.

Frequently Asked Questions

Describe your Franciscan family

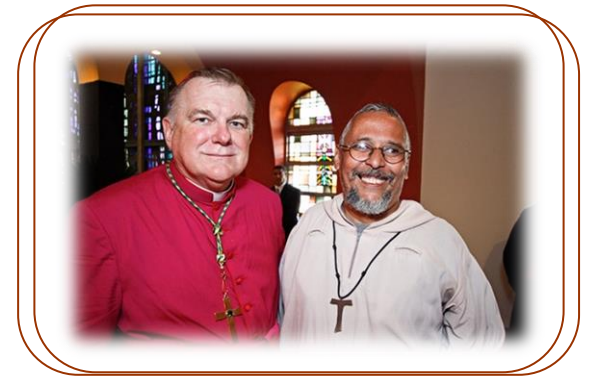
The Franciscans of Life is a lay Catholic community of brothers who live the Gospel according to the Rule of Penance of St. Francis and our Constitutions. Our family is rooted in the Capuchin traditions and is Marian at heart. Our Founder and Superior is Br. Jay, FFV.

Who can join?

Any Catholic male age 18 and older in full communion with the Catholic Church and with the local Ordinary. Read more at www.franciscansoflife.org and on Wikipedia's page "Franciscans of Life".

What commitment is involved?

Having completed postulancy and novitiate, the Franciscan of Life makes his profession. The Extern brother makes a solemn promise to observe the Rule and Constitutions for one year, renewing it annually for life. The Regular brother makes private vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience to the Rule and Constitutions, and a fourth vow to proclaim the Gospel of Life to the Voiceless.



Blessed by Holy Mother Church

While we are still a private association of Catholic men, we have the Archbishop's blessing, and his permission to live the Franciscan life, with a Superior General who makes sure that the Rule of Francis and our Constitutions are observed.

We also have his approval to freely exercise our ministry to the voiceless, to form our own men, open houses, and receive vows.

Pope Innocent III spoke similar words to St. Francis of Assisi and his new brotherhood: "Go with our blessing. When you have grown in numbers, come back and we will put you in charge of even greater affairs."

We are at the same place where Francis and those first brothers were in 1209.

Will you walk with us?