

“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 conventual 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.

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

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*Proclaiming the Gospel of Life
to the Voiceless*



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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.

Some of the brothers staff the **PROJECT JOSEPH** for the Archdiocesan **Respect Life Ministry** - 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 are lay men embracing the secular and regular life, governed by a Superior General. Our Founder and current Superior is Br. Jay Rivera, FFV.

Who can join?

Any Catholic male age 18 and older in full communion with the Catholic Church and with the local Ordinary. If married, the marriage must be sacramental or with dispensation. Candidates with dependent children can become secular. When their children become independent, they can become regular.

What commitment is involved?

Having completed postulancy and novitiate, the Franciscan of Life makes his profession. The secular 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, renewing them annually for life.



Blessed by Holy Mother Church

While we are still a private association of the faithful, 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?