



IS GOD CALLING YOU TO JOIN 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 13th Century for men and women living in the world to follow the Gospel Life in the footsteps of St. Francis.

We are lay men and women, Diocesan priests and deacons who after a period of discernment make a promise, to follow a Rule of Life approved by Pope Paul VI in 1978.

We are Catholics, single or married – mothers, fathers, sisters, brothers, sons and daughters. We pray, study, and strive to experience ongoing daily conversion by being faithful to the Gospel.

We strive to achieve “perfect charity” using our talents and resources to help the poor, the oppressed, the outcast and the helpless.

We hope to achieve “Justice, Peace, and the Integrity of all Creation.”



How can I learn more about the Secular Franciscan Order?

Discerning a vocation and developing a sense of belonging are essential to becoming a Secular Franciscan. Making the decision to join the Order requires prayer and study.

Attending a meeting with other Secular Franciscans is a good first step. We meet every third Sunday of the month in the Conference Room, Most Holy Name of Jesus Parish, 5800 15th Avenue, Gulfport, FL 33707. Why not come and see who we are!

For more information about the Secular Franciscan Order check us out on facebook

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