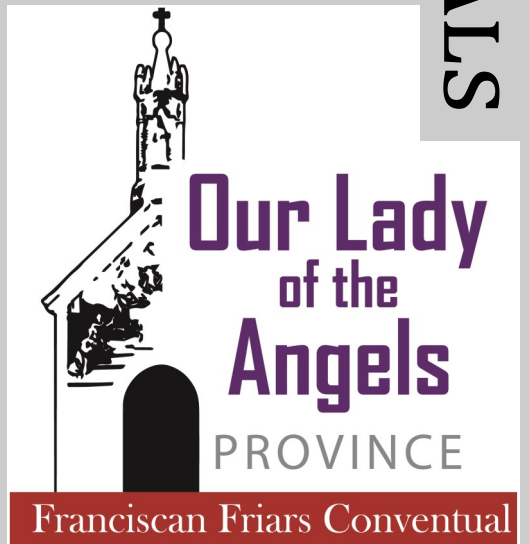


# CONVENTUALS



## WORLDWIDE APPEAL

It was St. Francis' wish to bring the Gospel of Jesus to all the world. The friars have continued Francis' zeal by reaching out to their brothers and sisters everywhere. In this way the life giving message of Jesus' love for all can be shared.



## ARE THE FRANCISCAN FRIARS CONVENTUAL FOR YOU?

Franciscan life with the Conventuals is a faith-journey lived in community. The Conventuals are men of prayer, community and ministry. If you are interested in walking with us as a Conventual Franciscan please contact our Vocation Office:

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## OFM CONV.



These letters identify us as the Order of Friars Minor Conventual. The name is derived from the word “conventus” which means, “to have gathered together.” In the Middle Ages, the friars lived in large houses or “convents” next to the major churches in these Medieval cities of Europe.

Today the Franciscan Friars Conventual are a world-wide community of vowed men who follow the Gospel of Jesus in the spirit of Saint Francis of Assisi. As a religious order within the Catholic Church vows of poverty, chastity and obedience are embraced by all of the friars. Some Friars are priests (ordained) while others are brothers -- all are friars.

## THE FOCUS

Francis of Assisi centered his life on the person of Jesus Christ. Experiencing the presence of God through Jesus is what motivated Francis throughout his life. Friars today strive to grow in their relationship with Jesus by a life of prayer, ministry and by inviting Jesus to be with us through life’s journey.



## THE LIFESTYLE

Community is what makes the Conventuals unique. Francis and his early followers stayed together in shelters for the sake of support and prayer. Conventuals today embrace Francis’ two values -- community and prayer. Today, it is still Christ and fraternity that bind the friars together.

Present day Conventuals live in larger communities of friars. This allows the friars to gather to pray and to share the joys, sorrows and excitement of their different ministries. Here they find support and encouragement from one

another. It is from this community bond that ministry flows as in the days of Francis.

Our primary ministry is to witness our own life together as brothers. Living in fraternity impels us into service where the charism of St. Francis is expressed concretely.

## THE MINISTRY

Ministry flows from a friar’s personal love of God, a desire to bring the *Good News* of Christ to others. Boundless are the types of activities that friars are asked to do. Friars serve God in the Church as teachers, missionaries, chaplains, professors, campus ministers, laborers, counselors, health care providers preachers, pastors, etc. Just as Christians who bring themselves before the Lord in prayer, the friars place their skills and talents at the service of God and their sisters and brothers of the world.

