

## THE FORMATION OF A FRANCISCAN FRIAR

### POSTULANCY

An immersive experience for 1 year learning more about Franciscan life, ministry and living the lifestyle of a friar

### NOVITIATE

Novitiate is a unique, retreat-like experience lasting twelve months in order to deepen an understanding of the Franciscan vocation

### POST-NOVITIATE

This stage of formation prepares the friar for ministry training through studies as a priest or brother candidate and can take anywhere from 3 to 7 years



## WHAT'S NEXT?

If you have been thinking about becoming a Franciscan friar (whether as a priest or religious brother), we want to encourage you wholeheartedly to continue to pray about it and attend Mass as often as you can. It is also very helpful to talk to a Spiritual Director and have regular conversations about how God is working in your life.



If you need any help finding a Spiritual Director or want to pursue further information about our order, please feel free to contact our Vocation Director with the information provided below:

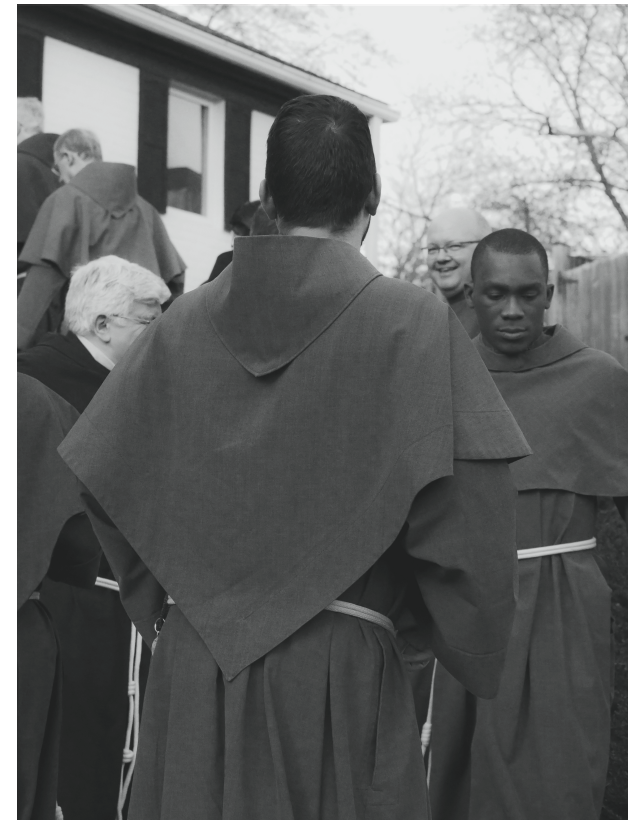
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Franciscan Friars  
Conventual



Live the Gospel life

WITH SO MANY DIRECTIONS  
YOUR LIFE CAN TAKE...



...IT'S NOT EASY TO FIGURE OUT  
WHERE GOD IS CALLING YOU.

LET US HELP YOU START THE  
JOURNEY



WE HOPE THIS WILL PROVIDE  
MORE INSIGHT INTO OUR  
CONVENTUAL FRATERNITY

## OUR FOUNDER

The Franciscan  
Conventuals were  
founded by St. Francis of  
Assisi who was born and  
lived in the town of Assisi,  
Italy from 1182 until 1226.



Although his middle-class family  
offered the possibility of a bright  
prosperous future, Francis  
embraced a simple Gospel way of life that  
attracted many followers and eventually grew into  
the worldwide Franciscan Order we know today.  
His outreach and ministry extended to all,  
especially the poor, the dispossessed and  
marginalized as well as peoples of other nations,  
cultures and religions.

## WHAT DEFINES US

**FRATERNAL LIFE**

**MINORITY**

**MARIAN DEVOTION**

**SOLIDARITY WITH  
THE POOR**

**PEACE-BUILDING**



## CONVENTUALS IN CANADA

The Order of Friars Minor Conventual, numbering approximately 4000 friars worldwide, is divided into provinces and even smaller regions called custodies or delegations. The delegation of St Francis in Canada was established in 2018. With the aim of growing our Order in Canada, the friars are presently serving in three Ontario cities: Ottawa, Toronto and Kingston. Our friars work as parish priests, chaplains, administrators, university professors and, since the headquarters of the delegation is in the nation's capital, the possibilities for future ministry are many and varied.