

ASSOCIATES OF THE FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF THE POOR



Blessed Frances Schervier
Foundress of the Franciscan Sisters of the Poor

"What you have done to the least of my sisters and brothers, that you have done to me."
Matthew 25:40



Our Mission, Charism, Vision...

As Associates of the Franciscan Sisters of the Poor, we share in a community of love; living the life of the Gospel in the Franciscan spirit, and reaching out to the poor and marginalized as Blessed Frances Schervier did through active works of mercy.

Associates live the mission, charism, and vision of Mother Frances with the Franciscan Sisters of the Poor and other Associates.

Together, we are blessed with the mission to heal the wounds of Christ through love and service, especially to the poor and needy. This particular spirit and vision of Frances Schervier forms the heart of what it means to be in relationship with one another.



Associates celebrating at the Covenant Ceremony, Cincinnati, OH

Associates are:

Lay Christians, women and men, young and retired, married and single, who choose to share in the healing charism and mission of the Franciscan Sisters of the Poor. Through prayer, and assisting the Sisters and other Associates in ministry, they bring healing to a wounded world, each according to her/his gifts.

There are Associates in Brazil, Italy, the Philippines, Senegal, and the United States. Some serve directly with the Sisters in ministry, while others carry our healing charism into the world in a variety of ways, including:

- Social
- Pastoral
- Parish needs and services

In the United States our Associates volunteer and support our Associate ministries:

- The Franciscan Peddler Thrift Shop
- Prayer Shawl Ministry



Associates and staff at Our Lady of the Woods Assisted Living Facility, Cincinnati, OH

Bringing healing to self and others...

"While you are proclaiming peace with your lips, be careful to have it even more fully in your heart!"

The Rule of the Brothers and Sisters of the Third Order Regular of St. Francis: Chapter 9 – Art. 30

"I felt a glowing flame of holy love for my neighbor." *Blessed Frances Schervier*

"I recognized my Divine Savior as clearly as if I had seen Him with my bodily eyes."

Blessed Frances Schervier

St. Francis of Assisi has captured the hearts of many for the past 800 years. He is known as a man who embraced lepers, loved the poor and lived the goodness of God and saw God's hand in all of creation.

Blessed Frances was deeply moved by the suffering of many of the people she saw daily as she walked to school or the market. She was born in Aachen, Germany in 1819. Inspired by the life of Francis of Assisi, she not only dreamed of helping those in need, she did it.



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