

Clinton Franciscans
1996 General Chapter
Commitment Statement

**Having struggled to understand active nonviolence,
we now commit ourselves to its practice as a way of life. . .**

**We witness to our Franciscan spirituality of compassion, courage and
connectedness with all creation by making all decisions, both personal and
corporate, in light of the following:**

**What will this choice do *to* and *for* poor and marginalized persons,
the earth, and the feminine?**

WE CHOOSE TO -

**strengthen relationships of mutuality with the earth
and with poor and marginalized persons**

- by acting as advocates for families, women
and children
- by tithing our time and resources, both
personal and corporate
- by working for systemic change through
greater involvement in the political process

WE CHOOSE TO -

**nurture the feminine in ourselves, in all women and
men, and in all creation**

- by expanding our images of God
- by acknowledging sexism in the Church and
society and by working toward its elimination

WE CHOOSE TO -

**expand our circles and share the fire of the vision of
Francis and Clare with all people**

- by continuing conversation to deepen our
vowed life
- by trusting and supporting one another as we
invite others to share our life