

**Peace Prayer in the
27th Admonitions**

Where there is charity and wisdom,
there is neither fear nor ignorance.

Where there is patience and humility,
there is neither anger nor disturbance.

Where there is poverty with joy,
there is neither greed nor avarice.

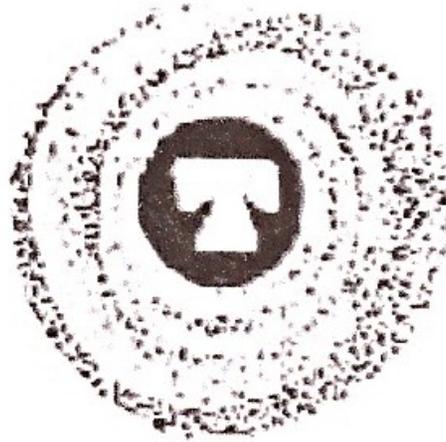
Where there is rest and meditation,
there is neither anxiety nor restlessness.

Where there is fear of the Lord to guard an
entrance,
there the enemy cannot have a place
to enter.

Where there is a heart full of mercy and
discernment,
there is neither excess nor hardness
of heart.

Francis of Assisi: The Saint: Early Documents, Vol. I Adm. 27
p136-137. Editors: William J. Short OFM, Regis J. Armstrong OFM
Cap, J.A. Wayne Hellman OFM Conv. New City Press, 1999.

*The heart of our Franciscan charism,
our corporate mission,
is active nonviolence
and peacemaking.*



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**An Invitation
to the
Clinton
Franciscan
Lay
Associate
Program**



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Clinton, Iowa**

Who is a Clinton Franciscan Associate?

An Associate is a person of faith who forms a partnership with the Sisters of St. Francis, Clinton, Iowa.

Associates come from all walks of life. An Associate desires to live the Gospel in the Franciscan spirit for the purpose of spiritual growth in prayer, ministry and community.



How does one become a Clinton Franciscan Associate?

One enters into partnership with the Clinton Franciscans by:

1. Participating in community-building opportunities such as associate meetings, regional meetings, and gatherings at The Canticle - the home of the Clinton Franciscans.
2. Gaining an understanding of Franciscan spirituality.
3. Getting to know individual members of the community.
4. Going through a process of discernment of readiness with a regional coordinator.

Upon successful completion of these steps, candidates are invited to fill out and return an application form before making a formal commitment for a period of three years.

Associates continue to meet regularly and are invited to participate in various activities with the Sisters.

What are the benefits of becoming a Clinton Franciscan Associate?

The Sisters:

- Receive Associates as brothers and sisters increasing their family.
- Pray with and for the Associates.
- Provide opportunities for Associates to deepen their spirituality and to grow in their love of St. Francis and St. Clare.
- Challenge the Associates as the Sisters are challenged to live the Franciscan charism of active nonviolence and peacemaking.
- Invite the associates to join them in prayer, yearly retreat, celebrations and activities.

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The Associates:

- Pray with and for the Community.
- Continue their commitments to ministry and gospel living within their lifestyle.
- Respond to the numerous opportunities for growth in Franciscan spirituality.
- Receive Associate and community communications.
- Are invited to attend community regional meetings.
- Have the benefit of working with a larger community as they live a life of active nonviolence and peacemaking.

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