

**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.*

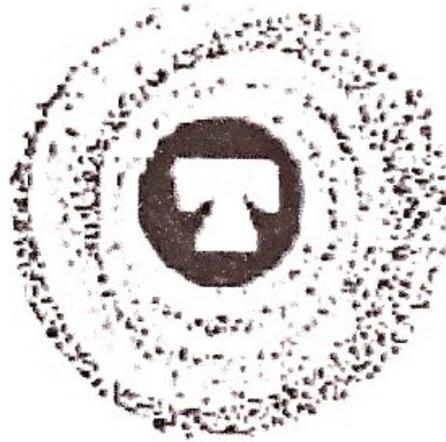
*Where there is rest and meditation,
there is neither anxiety nor
restlessness.*

*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.1 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 living and promoting active
nonviolence and peacemaking.*



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An invitation to the

**Clinton
Franciscan
Associate
Partnership
Program**



 **Sisters of
St. Francis™**
CLINTON, IOWA

Who is a Clinton Franciscan Associate?

Associates respond to a desire to embrace the Clinton Franciscan mission of living and promoting active nonviolence and peacemaking. They aspire to understand and embody the mission by living it more deeply in their daily life. They are nourished by mutual support, fellowship, and relationships shared with the Sisters of St. Francis, Sojourners, and each other. Regular gatherings, common prayer, and Franciscan study enrich their commitment to the mission.



How does one become a Clinton Franciscan Associate?

One enters into partnership with the Sisters of St. Francis by:

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

Upon successful completion of these steps, candidates are invited to complete 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 Clinton Franciscan Family.

What are the benefits of becoming a Clinton Franciscan Associate?

The Sisters:

- Receive Associates as sisters and brothers 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 they, themselves, are challenged to embody the mission of living and promoting 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 meetings and gatherings.
- Have the benefit of working with a larger community as they live a life of active nonviolence and peacemaking.