

Order of Secular Franciscans

St. Joseph Fraternity, Charlton MA



The Secular Franciscan Order is a community of Catholic men and women in the world who seek to pattern their lives after Christ in the spirit of Francis of Assisi.

Dedicated to the Cross of Christ, the Eucharist and the Gospels, Secular Franciscans commit themselves to living a life of community, prayer, simplicity, humility, poverty, peace and justice. In striving to live a life of compassionate service to God and others, Secular Franciscans seek to go from gospel to life and life to gospel.

Meetings

The third Wednesday of every month:

Formation:	5:30-6:30PM
Council:	6:30-7:00PM
Franciscan Crown:	6:30-7:00PM
Fraternity Meeting:	7:00-8:00PM
Fraternity Social:	8:00-8:30PM

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Franciscan Tau Cross

The tau is the sign used by St. Francis to wish peace to all he met. The tau cross is a common symbol of the Franciscan Order. It looks like a T. For Christians, the T represents the cross of Christ and lifelong fidelity to the Passion of the Christ and a reminder to be an example of compassion for God's people.

Today, followers of St. Francis - laity or religious - wear the tau cross as an exterior sign, a seal of their own commitment to exemplify God's love and continue the ministry of Christ. It is a concrete sign of Christian devotion, but above all it is a sign of the commitment of one's life to following the poor and crucified Christ.

