



FSPA MISSION STATEMENT

We are a community of vowed Franciscan women centered in Eucharist, committed to be loving presence through prayer, witness and service.

AFFILIATION MISSION STATEMENT

We, affiliates of the Franciscan Sisters of Perpetual Adoration, are spiritual collaborators joined in sacred relationship, supporting one another to live the Gospel and transform our world.

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CHARISM

Our inspiration and early leaders

FSPA foundresses desired to live the spirit of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi and in deep union with God. Two of our early leaders, Mother Aemiliana Dirr and Mother Antonia Herb, worked tirelessly to solidifying the dream of a community devoted to perpetual adoration and serving the needs of all they encountered.

Together, we live the teachings of Jesus Christ.

DISCERNING WITH FSPA

SISTER

As women in a **Vatican II Catholic Church**, we are rooted in sacred traditions. **Devoted to the Gospel** of Jesus Christ, we **profess vows** of poverty, consecrated celibacy and obedience. We wear **contemporary clothes** and live in small groups, usually near our **ministry sites**.

We center our lives in prayer; **adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** is our most sacred tradition. Communal prayer is balanced with **private and public prayer**.

We **share community life** so to be a sign of the unity of a life in Christ. We **live simply**. We hold all things in common, freed to devote our community resources to **service and justice**.

We **respond to the needs** of this time, sharing our **gifts for the sake of the mission** in a variety of ministries – as educators, spiritual directors, health care workers, advocates for **ecological and social justice**, and much more.

The journey to professing final vows as a Franciscan Sister of Perpetual Adoration is a **process of formation**, learning, and personal growth – a journey with many steps that can take nine or more years.

Seeking to live the values of Jesus Christ?

YES

Seeking to contribute to a shared Franciscan vision of promoting God's love, peace and justice in the world?

YES

Active female member in the Catholic Church and between 21-50 years old, free from marriage vows and responsibility for minor children?

YES

Wishing to live in community and minister according to the FSPA mission?

YES

Connect with the FSPA Discernment Office to begin a conversation.

YES

Looking to collaborate spiritually with people of all ages, genders and religious traditions?

YES

Wishing to embrace a Franciscan lifestyle, no matter where you live, and make a commitment to grow spiritually?

YES

Connect with the FSPA Affiliation Office to begin a conversation.

AFFILIATE

Any person who is **drawn to the FSPA charism** and chooses to live out the Franciscan tradition and values in their own lives through commitments in the areas of **prayer, community and ministry**.

We seek opportunities to **deepen our faith and spirituality**, gather together in community, and support one another through building relationships, being **rooted in prayer**, and living out the Gospel in our own lives and in response to the **needs of the world today**.

We are people who **seek to follow** in the footsteps of **St. Francis and St. Clare** - seeking how their story can become a part of our own story, while being shaped through the charism of FSPA.

The journey to becoming an affiliate **begins through a conversation** with the FSPA Affiliation Office. You will then be invited to meet with a companion, who journeys with you during the discernment process.

After completing their discernment, affiliates are invited to be part of a **companion community** to continue to support their **growth, relationships, and connections** to the wider FSPA community.