

Join the Wheaton Franciscans for this unique program...

Exploring the Franciscan Way of Life - Cohort 8

A program to deepen our response to God's call in our life today.



Francis of Assisi desired to live the Gospels—he did not set out to create a movement. He chose a radical way of life by seeing God in all creation. The Wheaton Franciscans are committed to sharing the Franciscan story and spirit with all. We are excited to welcome our eighth cohort to this special program. As we journey through this program, we will explore how each of us is called to live a values-based life in our world today.

Exploring the Franciscan Way of Life is a 24-month program open to people of all or no faith tradition who want to learn more about Franciscan spirituality and how to integrate the Good News of God's love into daily life. It is designed for individuals with no experience in Franciscan spirituality, as well as those with more knowledge seeking to bond with others to deepen one another's experience. The program is formatted to take place in monthly sessions of approximately two hours each, plus one Saturday morning, providing an opportunity for deeper reflection.

Building community is an important component of the program. A commitment to consistent participation in the scheduled sessions contributes to building a safe and caring community. Each session provides readings to prepare for the session, which includes prayer, input, reflection, and conversation. Contemplative sharing time has been built into the schedule in acknowledgment of the potential limitations of online programming.

Registration is limited.

Online registration opens June 1, 2024

Visit: www.wheatonfranciscan.org

Registration is requested by August 19, 2024



A spirituality ministry of the
Wheaton Franciscans

Sessions are held the **second Tuesday** of the month from **7:00-9:00 p.m. Central Time**, except as noted. The Zoom link will be sent to registered participants prior to the session.

- 1/ Introduction to Program and The Universal Call to Holiness
- 2/ Introduction to Francis of Assisi, His Culture & the Times
- 3/ Introduction to Clare of Assisi & the Franciscan Family
- 4/ Incarnation
- 5/ Contemplative Sharing
- 6/ Community/Relationship
- 7/ Conversion/Penance
- 8/ Humility/Minority
- 9/ **Morning of Reflection – Contemplation**
Optional Book Study & Community Deepening
- 10/ Creation
- 11/ Peace and Non-violence
- 12/ Joy
- 13/ Wheaton Franciscan Congregational Foundress & Charism
Break
- 14/ The Servant Leadership of Francis and Clare
- 15/ Trinity
- 16/ Discernment, Living Gospel Values
- 17/ **Living the Franciscan Way of Life Today – Hybrid/**

- September 10, 2024
- October 8, 2024
- November 12, 2024
- December 10, 2024
- January 14, 2025
- February 11, 2025
- March 11, 2025
- April 8, 2025
- Saturday, May 3, 2025**
- June, July, and August*
- September 9, 2025
- October 14, 2025
- November 11, 2025
- December 9, 2025
- January - No session scheduled
- February 10, 2026
- March 10, 2026
- April 14, 2026
- May 12, 2026**