

called to be Franciscan?

In 1205, Francis of Assisi was called by God to rebuild the Church. Early in his ministry, Francis recognized the need to include people from all walks of life within his movement of reform and renewal. The work of following Christ in humility, love and joy, which is the vocation of all Christians, could not be restricted to the traditional religious life of the Friars and Sisters. This was true in the thirteenth century and it remains so today.

Today there are estimated to be over a half-million Franciscans worldwide in the various denominations of the Christian family. Anglican Franciscans are divided among five provinces. The Province of the Americas stretches from Canada to Brazil to the Caribbean. It currently includes the First Order Brothers and Sisters - who live a celibate life in their respective communities - and The Third Order. This latter religious community consists of men and women, married or single, ordained or lay, who, although following ordinary professions, are called to a dedicated life of service to our Lord through prayer, study and work.

Like the First Order, Tertiaries make a lifetime commitment to live a Rule of Life in company with the Sisters and Brothers in their Order.

Are you...

striving to be a peacemaker?

passionate about

social justice?

Yearning for a deeper

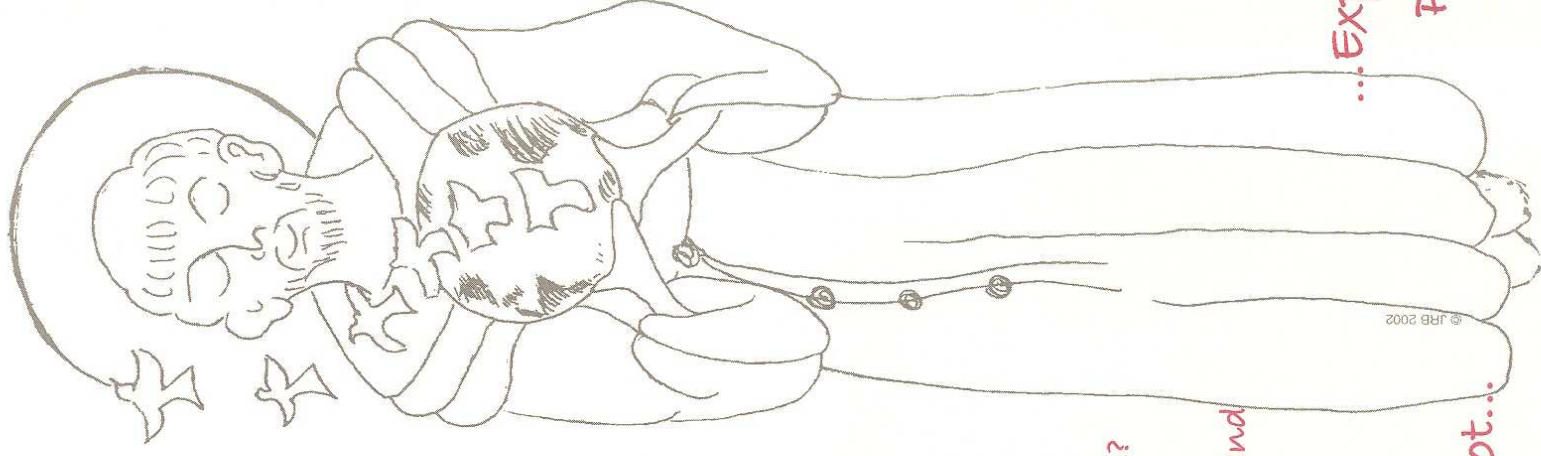
relationship

with God?

Concerned with ecology, the poor, the marginalized?

Called to action and contemplation?

Then why not...



The Three Aims

To Make Our Lord Known and Loved Everywhere

By word and example, Tertiaries witness to Christ in their daily lives. By prayer and sacrifice, they help forward God's work wherever called.

To Spread the Spirit of Love and Unity Within the Family of God

By working joyfully with people of differing race, creed, education and opportunity, Tertiaries seek to break down the divisions of the world, learning from Francis, an instrument of God's peace who honored the Christ in all people.

To Live Simply

Acknowledging that everything belongs to God, Tertiaries seek to use God's gifts wisely and to be good stewards of this fragile Earth, neither destroying nor wasting what God has made. They provide necessities for themselves and their families without demanding luxuries, never forgetting the needs of others.

...Explore The Third Order

Province of the Americas

Society of St. Francis