

The call to **Live the Mission**
is given by God to each individual.

St. Francis, a man of humility and
simplicity, walked with the poor, giving
witness to his passionate love of the
Crucified Jesus.

Mother Veronica, a woman
of deep faith and courage served
God's people especially immigrant
children, with unwavering trust in
Divine Providence

You are invited to respond to God's
call to live the Gospel as a
Bernardine Franciscan
Associate in the spirit of
St. Francis and Mother Veronica.

Associate Faith Groups
meet together in:

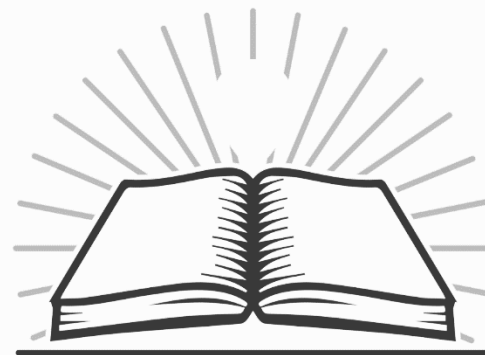
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To Live the Gospel
In the Name of Jesus*

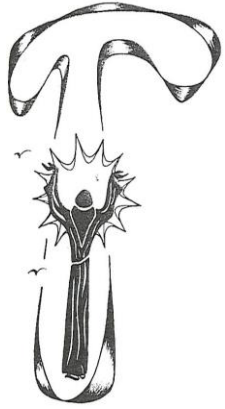


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*Bernardine Franciscan
Associate*

LIVE THE MISSION OF JESUS

In the Name of Jesus, we reach out in compassionate love, recognizing the dignity and giftedness of each person. We welcome all as brother and sister.



Since Vatican II, numerous church documents have focused on the laity's participation in the saving mission of the church. In recognition of the common mission, our Bernardine Franciscan General Chapter of 1988 approved the initiation of the Bernardine Franciscan Associates.

Women and men, married or single, who desire to embrace Franciscan values, and to touch the world as followers of St. Francis, while remaining in their present lifestyle, may choose to become an Associate.



Rooted in Gospel living, Associates and Sisters form a unique bond by sharing in the charism and mission of the Bernardine Franciscan Sisters.

As Sisters and Brothers in Jesus Christ, the Sisters and Associates choose to live the Gospel in a mutual relationship which expresses the Good News of God's love.

In the spirit of Saint Francis, Saint Clare and our foundress, Mother Veronica, women and men are invited to **PRAY**, and/or to **SHARE FAITH** with the Sisters.



An Associate in **PRAYER** makes a commitment to live the Gospel and to support in prayer the Bernardine Franciscan Mission.

An Associate in **FAITH** makes a commitment to ongoing spiritual growth by participating in faith groups with Associates and Sisters.