

Common Friars

The Common Friars are developing a new Order within the Church. We want to rethink the 'religious life' in a way that honors tradition and also looks to emerging forms of discipleship. Our goal is not to be an insular community, but to form, support, and embed servants of Christ into an often broken world. Our novitiate will free us from debt, gird us in patterns of sustainability, and entwine our lives to sacrament and liturgy. Taking the familial and missional sense of friar, we as brothers and sisters will be sent out to humbly 'be with' the brokenness and slowly build up our communities. Our missiology is rooted in reconnection, reconnection to one another in the shared work of food, fiber, and shelter. Reading the signs of our times, we will be the servants with their hands dirty seeking justice, equity, and communion with God by praxis close to the Earth. The heart of our identity is a shared table set with the fruit of shared work, please share in the conversation.

Who We Are:

Currently there are five us. We are social workers, farmers, teachers, and artists. We are looking to combine a life of prayer, mission, beauty, and commitment. We are blessed to have the support of our local priest, diocesan Canon, and Bishop.

What We Do:

- **Worship:** We meet 8 times a week for corporate prayer (morning/evening prayer, Communion)
- **Shared Work:** We operate the Good Earth Farm which grows food to support local food pantries. Plus we raise our own dairy and meat.
- **Hospitality:** Whether it is formal or informal hospitality, our house and kitchen is always open.
- **Common Study:** From St. Francis to St. Benedict we continue to shape our identity through learning from tradition.
- **Education:** We welcome groups to stay with us, join our prayer life, and learn about sustainable agriculture and discipleship.
- **Shared resources:** We share a common account and budget for everything from food to mission.

What is Next:

We are in the process of writing a more formal Rule of Life. If you are interested in learning more or sharing your experiences with us, contact us at pclever2@yahoo.com

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