

Habits of Franciscan Community

Brotherhood and Sisterhood: What Francis called fraternity: a model for the way we relate to and live with each other as brothers and sisters in God's love, which puts us in right relationship with each other.

Faith: The foundation of Franciscan community: faith in a personal and provident God who is "good, all good, supreme good."

Prayer: Prayer, worship and reflection, individually and as a community, as a way to open one's self to God and to celebrate God's goodness in our lives.

Hospitality: In a Franciscan community, the openness of welcome, meeting someone where they are, being attentive to one's needs to feel safe and cared for, and welcoming and supporting all as part of an inclusive community.

Inclusion of the other: Acceptance of the 'other' in our lives, celebrating the God-given uniqueness of each person and the cultural and religious differences that enrich us all.

Respect: A profound reverence for God's real presence in ourselves, in others, and in our world while affirming the dignity of each person.

Common Good: The notion of the common good (which is also the Catholic notion); seeking the greatest good for ALL to promote human flourishing while affirming and protecting the dignity and rights of the individual.

Peace: Engaging in just, fair and non-violent interactions, while avoiding stereotypes of others. "Peace and all good" is an expression Franciscans use to greet each other, as well as the larger community.