



Living Gospel, Living Piazza
A Fran Fed Strategic Plan






Our Time Together

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Our Vision



The World Needs...

-  **Caretakers of creation**
-  **Prophets of simplicity**
-  **Bridge builders**
-  **Companions of the poor**
-  **Teachers of joy**

Our Vision

The Federation is not a starting point, but rather a sacred community where every member: our TOR founders, longtime companions, new co-creators, and future generations, contribute to a living, breathing tradition.

We are strengthened by the diversity of stories, vocations, and experiences that converge and interact here.

Value Proposition



The Franciscan Federation connects those living the Franciscan way of life. As a member, you join a vibrant community committed to enkindling and expanding Franciscan spirituality through prayer, reflection, and shared mission.



Membership provides essential resources, leadership support, and meaningful relationships that enable you to grow personally and collectively.



Together, we amplify the Franciscan witness through collaboration, relationship, and action for justice and care of creation.

Transformational Priorities



Build the "Piazza" of Franciscan Connection



Ensure Trust and Financial Sustainability



Grow Network of Belonging



Strengthen Internal Structures

Our Lenses



Building Visibility



Honoring Third Order Regular Roots



Clarifying What Is Ours to Do

Our Guiding Spirit

We are a dynamic web of relationships, a wellspring of belonging rooted deeply in the enduring legacy of the Third Order Franciscans, the founders of the Federation. Paths converge and diverge here, as in the Piazza del Comune, where structure meets the freedom of openness, and comfort invites new encounters. We offer a multitude of experiences where each member steps into a living community alive with companionship and prayer, deepening vocation and mission, stirring joy, and embracing the abundance of the Franciscan family.

Upcoming Events



SAVE THE DATE

**JUNE 3-6,
2027**



NATIONAL GATHERING

Chicago Marriott
Naperville 1801 North Naper Boulevard, Naperville, Illinois

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12

26

Fran Fed @ LCWR
6 PM-8 PM

Join the Franciscan Community for an evening
Reception at the Annual LCWR Meeting.
Registration will open for this Event in May.
Contact julianne@franfed.org for more information.

Upcoming Events



Francis — Richard Danielpour
An oratorio in nine scenes for soprano, baritone, narrator, chorus, and orchestra

WORLD PREMIERE
Sat Oct 10, 2026, 7:30pm
Sun Oct 11, 2026, 2:30pm
Kleinhans Music Hall, Buffalo NY

Created for the 800th Jubilee Year of St. Francis Death (1226-2026)

A monumental new musical work honoring the life, spirit and enduring legacy of St. Francis—his call to peace, care for creation, solidarity with the poor, and reverence for all life.

A GRAMMY®-Winning Creative Team
The same core collaborators behind *The Passion of Yeshua*—recipient of the GRAMMY® Award for Best Choral Performance and three additional GRAMMY® nominations—now unite to create *FRANCIS*.



Composer: Richard Danielpour
Librettist: Sister Margaret Carney, OSF, STD
Conductor: JoAnn Falletta
Narrator: Claudia Christian
Soprano: Anna Schubert
Baritone: Edward Nelson
Staging: James Darrah
UCLA Chorus Director: James Bass

A Work for Our Time
Created for the 800th Jubilee Year of St. Francis Death (1226–2026), *FRANCIS* is a monumental new dramatic oratorio honoring the life, spirit, and enduring legacy of one of history's most transformative moral voices. Through music, voice, and light, the work reflects Francis' call to peace, care for creation, solidarity with the poor, reverence across faiths and cultures, and the recognition of women as vital spiritual leaders. Conceived in Latin and English, *FRANCIS* speaks powerfully to our own time—inviting believers and non-believers alike into a shared experience of reflection, hope, and renewal.

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Save the Date

Buffalo Franciscan Day

October 10, 2026

Academy of the Sacred Heart

*Join Franciscans and Franciscan Hearted
People from the WNY area for a day of
reflection and celebration*

More Details Coming!

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