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enriching Franciscan spirituality within schools

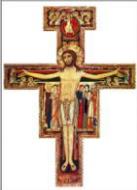


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2020 - Year for Conversion



“Francis, go now and repair my church which, as you see, is falling down.” Francis was jubilant. M. Bodo ofm *Francis the journey and the dream*, St Anthony Messenger Press, Cincinnati, Ohio. 1988

For Francis his desire was to live the Gospel. His eyes, and those of Saint Clare, were always on God. For our contemporary church and for a school community in the Franciscan tradition today, the essential insight is that God can still speak directly to us and the words *Go rebuilt my church means we desire to be today's disciplines.*

2020 invites us to be jubilant as we work towards conversion of heart.

REFLECTION: Does your school community keep their eyes always on God?
How will your school build the desire to be 'church' today?
Does your community hear the cry of Sister Mother Earth and the cry of the poor ?

Laudato si' Pope Francis Encyclical 5 years on... How is your school community doing?



Pope Francis' inspirational letter continues to call us to examine our hearts, transform our social values and take action for global solidarity. Fr. Joshtrom Kureethadam, one of the church's top experts on Laudato si' has published a

commentary where he insists that solution will be found in a wide, thoughtful embrace by all of us of our common responsibility. Below are his 10 Green Commandments.

1. Take Care of Our Common Home in Peril
2. Listen to the Cry of the Poor
3. Rediscover a Theological Vision of the Natural World
4. Recognise that the Abuse of Creation is Ecological Sin
5. Acknowledge the Human Roots of the Crisis of Our Common Home
6. Develop an Integral Ecology
7. Learn a New Way of Dwelling in Our Common Home
8. Educate toward Ecological Citizenship
9. Embrace an Ecological Spirituality
10. Cultivate Ecological Virtues

Kureethadam, JI. (2019). *The Ten Green Commandments of Laudato Si'*.
Collegeville, Minnesota: Liturgical Press.



On the path up La Verna
Image by A Stone

NEWS



RAVELLING SCHOLAR



You wanted him back so we have engaged Fr Daniel Horan OFM as our inaugural FSA travelling scholar in 2022.

Fr Dan will travel to 3 states from **20 April - 10 May 2022** to deliver an exciting program for FSA Member schools and communities.

If your school would like to host him for up to a week and facilitate the program please contact the FSA Executive. fsa@fsa.asn.au

September 2021 PILGRIMAGE as formation

The concept of pilgrimage informs the entire Franciscan story.

We know that in Francis' understanding of the Gospel, *“Jesus was a traveller, a pilgrim on the way ...”*

This humbling, awe-inspiring formation experience will be one of the ways FSA will support member schools with staff formation in 2021.

Details will be published early April 2020.

Led by FSA Executive Members this pilgrimage will be worth waiting for.



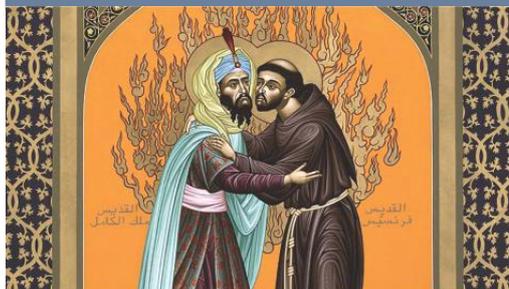
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Catherine White MFIC;
Michael O'Brien and Alison Stone





CHARISM SUPPORT & FORMATION: one of our key objectives is to support our member schools to form their community into a deep understanding of our Franciscan spirituality. We will place a particular focus on this objective in 2020. *If your school would like to speak about formation opportunities particularly for staff please contact Fr Stephen or Executive Officer Alison Stone alisonstone@optusnet.com.au*



ENCOUNTER

CHARISM
Saint Francis

COMMUNITY
one another & others

CHRIST
Eucharist



FSA can offer formation experiences that explore the spirituality of Saint Francis, Saint Clare, Laudato si', contemplation, prayer, or specialised themes with particular emphasis of living Franciscan spirituality in educational settings. Formation experiences are tailored to support staff induction and on-boarding, programs, experienced staff and can be organised as full day, workshops or short retreats.

In January FSA facilitated a formation day for Our Lady of the Angels' School staff on the beautiful grounds of Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston, Brisbane. The intention for the staff was to begin to deepen their understanding of Franciscan spirituality. Together we encountered charism, community and Christ. FSA executive members Fr Stephen Bliss and Alison Stone facilitated the day with a program especially designed to help staff on the journey and who dare to dream about living as a follower and lover of Jesus. Staff commented that:

It was wonderful to experience a variety of prayer experiences, in different settings, as a whole staff group. Lots of the activities gave great examples of how to embed Franciscan Spirituality within the classrooms and Religious life of the School.

One of the main principles of Francis' spirituality was the call to a life of total absorption in God.

BE ABSORBED WITH GOD ON A

LENTEN RETREAT DAY

designed especially for people who educate and work in schools

It was most likely in the year 1211 that Francis spent his Lenten retreat on Isola Maggiore - an island in Lake Trasimeno, Italy.

Follow in Francis' footprints to spend a gentle Lenten day being absorbed in God at

Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre

267 Wellington Street, Ormiston, Brisbane

Sunday 22 March 2020

9:00am - 4:30pm

\$150.00 pp

fully inclusive of facilitation, materials & catering

a generous 15% discount will apply for 2 or more staff from FSA Member Schools

BOOKINGS [CLICK HERE](#)

Bookings open until 13 March 2020

Further information contact **Alison**

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