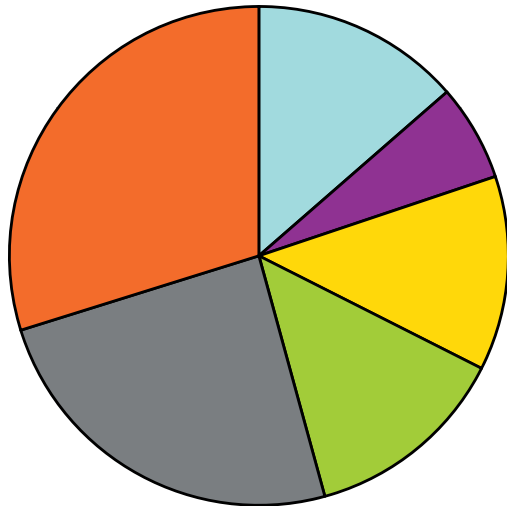


THE FRANCISCANS

Annual Financial Year-End Report

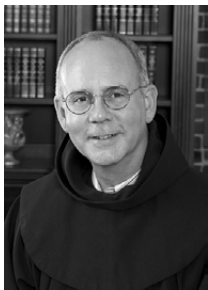
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The ministries of the Franciscans: \$53,160

Donations to this fund, allow us to provide support to our ministries when and where most needed.

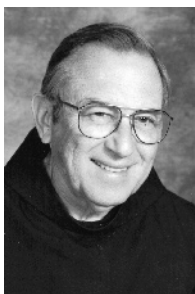


Especially in hard economic times, some communities find it challenging to support existing ministries, and new and urgent needs arise. Your generosity helps the Franciscans to serve the needs of the church and the world, and it's an important witness to the goodness of God, making a difference in many lives. Thank you!

-Brother John Summers, OFM

Care of elderly friars: \$45069

This fund supports our elderly friars with medical care, inpatient care, prescriptions, etc.



As young friars in the 50s we believed that the Province would naturally take care of us in our senior years. But unforeseen circumstances have brought our fraternity of Franciscans to a critical state of uncertainty. Your concern and generosity are a great encouragement to us "old-timers" who determinedly want to fulfill the psalmist's words: "They are like trees planted in the house of the Lord...that still bear fruit in old age and are always fresh and green, to proclaim that the Lord is upright" (92:14). As long as we have you and your support, we are certain that all will be well

-Father Warren Rouse, OFM

100% of your donation reaches its intended purpose

Franciscan education and vocations: \$35,646

This fund supports our vocation efforts and the education of student friars.



On behalf of those friars involved in the formation and education of our men in formation I would like to thank you for your generous support. Your donations allow us to provide the opportunities and programs so that these men can discern and grow in their Franciscan vocation as well as provide education for them so that they can be trained in order to serve God's people in ministry. Again many thanks and know that you are remembered in our prayers.

Brother Robert Rodrigues, OFM

Franciscan Missionary Union: \$98,437

Through enrollments and "5th Sunday" collections at Franciscan parishes during the year, the Franciscan Missionary Union operates a grant program for the mission work of the Franciscans. This year, grants supported missionary works in Peru, Mexico, Russia, Kazakhstan, and the Native American missions in the Southwest.



Thank you for supporting the Franciscan Missionary Union. I wish I could whisk you away for a few moments to witness the many ways that your support is spreading the good news of God's love in cities, towns and villages around the world. You are partners with friars living and ministering among people in remote and under-served places. Some of our most talented friars are sent out on mission. Sending our best is an expression of God's extravagant love, the poor and marginalized deserve no less. Your support is well used and greatly appreciated by people with few resources and many needs.

- Brother Peter Boegel, OFM

Franciscan missions: \$46,913

This fund provides our Native American and foreign missions with direct support when and where most needed.



I am a missionary in Russia, and I know I can speak for all our missionaries in thanking you for generously supporting our various projects and ministries. You are helping build a church in Kazakhstan, educate youth and catechists in Peru and feed hungry kids in Mexico, as well as supporting our ecumenical witness in the Holy Land and our presence among the Native Americans in the Southwest. In my case you help support our Russian seminarians, the future of the Church and our Franciscan presence here. Together we are the hands and hearts of Christ embracing the people whom we serve around the world. Please pray for us, and be assured of our grateful prayers for you.

Father John Gibbons OFM

Specified for a particular ministry: \$150,674

These funds were designated by donors for particular ministries—a specific mission or social service ministry, the Franciscan School of Theology, etc.