Incarnational Faith

Sharing a common calling, St. Francis and St. Clare had a faith firmly grounded in the Word became flesh and born into our world. Our communal mission is based upon baptism. In the spirit of Saints Francis and Clare, we desire to witness the Gospel in our society today. We have a most urgent task. Both Francis and Clare had their own unique and energizing ways to live their incarnational faith in a Franciscan spirit. Those of us inspired to journey the Franciscan way, united in our common baptism, witness effectively the Gospel’s calling. We join those from every walk of life who follow the Gospel in the footsteps of these two pivotal saints. 

Scripture
Matthew 28:19-20

“Go, therefore, make disciples of all nations; baptize them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you…”

Prayer
By God’s gift, through water and the Holy Spirit, we are reborn to everlasting life. In God’s goodness may God continue to pour out blessings upon us. May God make us always, wherever we may be, faithful members of God’s holy people.

Reflection Questions

- How do St. Francis and St. Clare inspire you to live out your baptism commitment with enthusiasm?
- How do your actions confirm your incarnational faith?

Early Writings

The Versified Life of St. Francis speaks of Francis and baptism:

“His living flesh adorning the soul with gifts, He is fully at one and the same time in divers churches, And how Christ assembles all his holy people into his Church; How Baptism is a spiritual cleansing power that purifies souls of the stain of the first parent.”