

APPLICATION FORM LAY MONASTICS



(An Interfaith Celtic Franciscan Lay Monastic Community)

Thank you for expressing an interest in joining our lay monastic Franciscan Community. Before sending your completed application form, may we invite your heart to just reflect on the following words which may empower your heart to take the next step.

Franciscan Celtic Spirituality carries no monopoly on the heights and depths of Christian experience. But it is a spirituality of experience rather than scholastic dogmatism. The typical Franciscan is a man or woman in love, and people in love feel and do extraordinary things. They are intoxicated with the love of God, sometimes shouting their exuberance from the highest hill, and at other times sharing the sorrow of Calvary, weeping with the despised and rejected Jesus in all of God's children regardless of their beliefs.

Franciscan Celtic Spirituality is especially relevant to our own day. Not only does it ground us in Biblical/Sacred truths from which the Franciscan experience begins, but it roots us in the very stuff of creation, with its immediate awareness of earth, sea and sky- the Cathedral of Light without walls. (*Br. Sean*)

If Franciscan Celtic Spirituality is to be made real and valid in our contemporary world, it has to be believed and lived with such immediacy and relevance.

If I follow in the Celtic Franciscan path, it is a following of Jesus, the Cosmic Christ, in a distinctive way, in which the heights and depths of human experience are lived out and shared. It is living joyfully, sharing compassionately, and dying well.

And that is only the beginning!

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PERSONAL DATA

CONFIDENTIAL

NAME: _____

HOME PHONE: () _____ WORK PHONE: () _____

HOME ADDRESS: _____

TOWN: _____ CITY: _____

POSTAL CODE / ZIP: _____ HOME TEL: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

PLEASE NOTE: Membership fees should only be paid once the new monastic member's application has been approved by the Spiritual Guardians.

Membership Fee: (£5.00- 12 months) or (£50.00- Life Membership)

We would value the opportunity of asking for a character reference. Are you able to give the name and contact details of someone who knows you well?

Tell us why you feel drawn to becoming a lay monastic of the Tau Community of Saint Francis?

With the help and guidance from Your Holy Spirit O God, I know in my heart that I will follow you, wherever you may lead me. I ask that you accept me as an Oblate of the Tau Community. **St. Francis of Assisi.**

Pax et Bonum

**(Rev). Brother Sean TCOSF
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