



***This is how God inspired me,
Brother Francis, to embark upon
a life of penance:***

*When I was in sin, the sight of the lepers
nauseated me beyond measure; but then
God himself led me into their company and
I had pity on them. When I had once
become acquainted with them what
previously nauseated me became a source of
spiritual and physical consolation for me.
After that I did not wait long before leaving
the world. [Testament of Francis]*

Founded to aid Indian Secular Franciscans living in destitution, the Franciscan Family Apostolate needs your help to care for God's poor regardless of religion. Since 1971 the Franciscan Family Apostolate has been linking truly desperate families—many of them Franciscans themselves—with Secular Franciscans worldwide, who are seeking out the poor in the spirit of St. Francis. There are many thousands of hungry families and we need your help.

As Franciscans, the Church calls to us a commitment. She pleads with us to be in the forefront in promoting justice...especially with the lowly...to create conditions of life worthy of people redeemed by Christ. She recommends us to simplify our lives and be mindful that according to the gospel we are stewards of the goods received for the benefit of God's children and to live in the spirit of the Beatitudes. (Rules of Secular Franciscan Order, Chap. 2)

(Please mail application to the following address)

Franciscan Family Apostolate
93 Country Way
Madison, CT 06443

- I want to sponsor a family. Please send me my assignment.
(Minimum monthly donation is \$15.00)
- I cannot sponsor a family, but would like to send funds periodically.

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For each of you
to the extent
that GOD gives
you the grace
should love and
nourish one
another
as a mother
loves and nourishes
her child

from the Rule of 1221, Chapter IX