



Giving Today and Tomorrow

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Being a Secular Franciscan changed my life and I would hazard a guess that living the Rule and embracing the Franciscan spirit has probably changed your life as well. Through the Holy Spirit and this divinely inspired charism, I am able to integrate my core values with the life of a Secular Franciscan through daily conversion. I truly value the support of my local fraternity, along with the guidance from the regional, national, and even international level.

You can help secure the future of the National Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order USA by making a tax-deductible gift **NOW** by sending a check for whatever amount you can.

On the other hand, you can make a gift that costs you nothing during your lifetime by making a planned gift. Planned gifts allow individuals to provide for themselves and their families, leave a permanent legacy for the future, while helping the National Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order USA. By making a planned gift, you may be able to increase your cash flow, reduce your estate and income taxes, and reduce or eliminate capital gains taxes

Unlike cash gifts or gifts of real estate or tangible property, planned gifts are donations that are meant to be paid at a future date. There are numerous benefits for individuals and for National Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order USA. If you have sold a company or exercised stock options recently, making a planned gift may help you reduce your income taxes, eliminate capital gains taxes and estate taxes, provide for your family members, and ensure your support of National Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order USA.

Life income gifts allow individuals to receive an income tax deduction, and a stream of payments during their lifetime while benefiting the National Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order USA in the future.

There are numerous ways to make a planned gift:

- Bequest through a Will or trust
- A life income gift such as a charitable remainder trust
- Providing for the National Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order USA through a lead trust, private foundation, donor-advised fund, or supporting organization
- Naming National Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order USA as a beneficiary of an IRA or other retirement plan
- Assignment of a life insurance policy

To learn more about gifts that can benefit you, your family, and the National Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order USA contact:

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*The fruit of silence is prayer.
The fruit of prayer is faith.
The fruit of faith is love.
The fruit of love is service.
The fruit of service is peace.*

Mother Teresa