

Outlined Below Are The **FSA** Formation Program Offerings. Each Program is co-created with the school community and **UNIQUELY** contextual.



Celebrating the Centenary as a Franciscan Family

In 2023 all **FSA** formation offerings will have a distinctive Centenario focus.

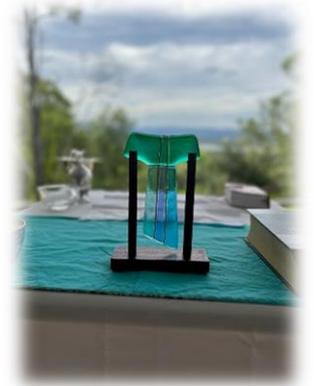
The Poverello recognized that everything in his life was a free gift of God's love. The centenaries invite us to live according to the concept of receiving love and transforming it into self-giving and giving back to others.

## LEADERS Formation

### SF 1 THE LEADERSHIP RETREAT: **One Heart and One Soul**

*"32 All the believers were of one heart and one soul, and no one said that what they possessed was their own. But to them all things were in common.." (Acts 4:32)*

The Leadership Retreat is a 1 ½ - 2 day overnight formation opportunity for leaders in school communities – school leadership teams and middle leaders. Retreat has long been a part of the Franciscan spiritual experience and this retreat offers participants a valuable opportunity to invigorate the richness of the Franciscan charism with a prophetic vision toward the future. The task of preserving and nurturing a charism must go hand in hand with ongoing renewal and reimagining where the Spirit is leading Franciscan leaders in schools today. Consider the following observations regarding reimagining charism for the contemporary context: We must live our faith and exercise leadership in a way that is based on authentic discernment of the tradition and is attuned to the contemporary context ... leaders must continue to discern the direction of the Spirit through openness to Scripture, the signs of the times, and the belief in the action of God in the world today.



Come as you are for spiritual and professional discernment as we come together as one heart and are renewed in the Holy Spirit through fraternity.

The Leadership Retreat PROGRAM can include topics such as;

- **OUR BEING IN CHRIST** - Examine the concept of retreat in the Franciscan tradition
- **OUR BEING BROTHERS & SISTERS** - Explore the main tenets of fraternity
- **OUR BEING SYNODAL** - Delve into Saint Francis and Pope Francis' call to rebuild the church
- **In 2023 THE VISION OF THE LATER RULE** - Examine the Broad themes of Saint Francis' Later Rule and Francis' centrality of Gospel
- **In 2023 CELEBRATING CHRISTMAS AT GRECCIO** - pause before the mystery of the Incarnation in order to contemplate the depth of God's love for hu-manity.
- **OUR BEING HEALTHY** - the Healthy Mind Platter for Busy Leaders
- **ALL THINGS IN COMMON** - connect ways of working in leadership TO the Later Rule - *unique and contextual*
- Invite the sharing of participant wisdom and experience
- Experience that special Franciscan hospitality and welcome through people, places, practices, prayer and Eucharist

**Dates:** *the Leadership Retreat is negotiated with each community. Each offering is a 1 ½ day - 2 day Formation experience to allow time for the heart to be opened and insights to*

go to greater depth. Franciscan religious and experienced mission educators facilitate this retreat. Retreat space is negotiated with the school community.

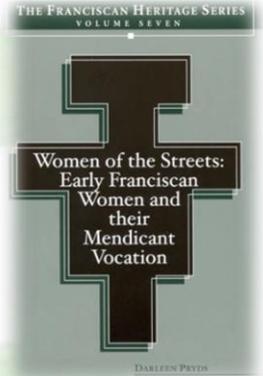
**Cost:** negotiated includes full program facilitation, accommodation and event package

Register interest via email to [astone@franciscans.org.au](mailto:astone@franciscans.org.au)

## 2023 Short Course Offering for Staff

### SF 2 WOMEN OF THE STREETS: **Early Franciscan Women and their Mendicant Vocation** – *Dr. Darleen Pryds,*

Break new ground this year in the presentation of the Franciscan Intellectual Tradition. Be engaged as Dr. Darleen Pryds presents the lives and teaching of four significant medieval women who followed in the footsteps of Francis of Assisi. *Book supplied to all participants.*



Join to connect VIA MSTeams with your Franciscan colleagues around Australia.

#### The PROGRAM SCHEDULE:

- assigned **reading, study and reflection** (approx. 2-3hours every month) from the supplied book *The Franciscan Heritage Series – Volume Seven, Women of the Streets*, Franciscan Institute Publications, St. Bonaventure University, NY. by Darleen Pryds, 2010.
- **FOUR** online MStTeams “**Fratelli Connection Circles**” with members of the National Executive, key State members and your registered **FSA** colleagues from around Australia.

#### **Dates:** Term 2 and 3, 2023

- Connection Circle 1 = Thursday, 04 May 2023 3:45pm – 5:00pm (all States)
- Connection Circle 2 = Thursday, 08 June 2023 3:45pm – 5:00pm (all States)
- Connection Circle 3 = Thursday, 27 July 2023 3:45pm – 5:00pm (all States)
- Connection Circle 4 = Thursday, 24 August 2022 3:45pm – 5:00pm (all States)

**Cost:** \$50- The book *Women of the Streets* by Darleen Pryds, is supplied as part of the registration cost. The study questions and spiritual reflection at the end of each chapter will form the basis for the online “Fratelli Connection Circles”. *Registration details will be emailed to schools in Term 1.*

## WHOLE STAFF Formation - **Charism**

### Identified FSA ‘LIVING STONE’ = LIFE-GIVING EDUCATION

The Franciscan Intellectual tradition provides life-giving insights into our learning and teaching, so that through relevancy, excellence and engagement there is an ongoing conversation of heart and mind. Together, let us incarnate the Franciscan spiritual tradition.

Staff Formation programs are co-created with each school community with the ultimate goal being to accompany each community to formulate a sequential spiritual formation program for their unique school context.



**Formation may include day / twilight / workshop / retreat offerings such as:**

**SF Charism 1: Enter Assisi.**

A **half day or full day** formation program about the Franciscan spirit for new staff and staff who need to be renewed in the spirit of Francis and Clare of Assisi.

**SF Charism 2: Repair My House.**

A **twilight or full day** formation program that explores the call from the San Damiano crucifix. Catholic education in the Franciscan tradition speaks to us more than ever at this time – our young people need models of people simply living the Gospel life. What does living the Gospel mean for us today?

**SF Charism 3: His Name was Francis.**

A **workshop, twilight or full day** formation program that explores ten key teachings of Francis of Assisi. e.g. The First Teaching = the wonder of the incarnation; etc – *Adapted from Surrounded by Love: Seven Teachings from Saint Francis by Murray Bodo, OFM | from Franciscan Media website*

**SF Charism 4: Encounter Charism Community Christ.**

A **full day** formation program for all staff to explore 'Francis and the Sultan' narrative as a powerful message for encounter, dialogue and service in Catholic school communities.

**SF Charism 5: God the Artist**

Francis used to praise God the Artist in every one of God's works. An experiential workshop at a gallery where we explore spirituality, art and the artist within.

Alternatively, a **workshop, twilight or full day** formation program that incorporates keynotes and experiential creative activity taking inspiration from all of creation.

**SF Charism 6: Brothers and Sisters All**

A **twilight, half day or full day** formation program for all staff to encounter Franciscan spirituality and to explore the concept of fraternity as together we journey towards the embrace of God. Using key messages from Pope Francis' 2020 Encyclical Fratelli Tutti and the FSA Living Stone 'Embrace'.

**SF Charism 7: The Why To The Way**

A **half day or full day** formation program for all staff to explore why Franciscan spirituality and the Franciscan spirit has endured for 8 centuries. Furthermore staff can examine unique ways the vision of Francis and Clare of Assisi can be lived in their community today.

**SF Charism 8: Fraternity – that indescribable Franciscan thing!**

A **twilight or workshop** formation program for all staff to explore five key tenets of a Franciscan ministry. Presented as a pilgrimage this is a creative experience for all.

**SF Charism 9: Brother Francis and Brother Wolf of Gubbio**

A **twilight or workshop** formation program for all staff. Enrich the story and draw out key messages for your community and our world today.

**SF Charism 10: Retreat 'Total Absorption'**

A **full day** retreat program for all staff. Lago Trasimeno reminds us of one of the main principals of Francis' spirituality: the call to a life of PENANCE. Penance for Francis meant total absorption in God, a fascination with God. His experience on the island makes this focus concrete for us.

Come as you are, follow in Francis' footprints to spend a gentle retreat day being absorbed in God. Feed your soul, find space to connect your inner and outer, be transformed and renewed in the Holy Spirit through a fascination with all of creation.

## SF Charism 11: **Kinship with Creation**

**Workshop OR twilight** options that explore the kinship model of creation as posed by Fr Dan Horan OFM (see [link](#) for more) ( [Kinship and Creation](#) Probing Francis website)

Be inspired by Pope Francis' 2005 encyclical *Laudato si'*

LET US HELP NURTURE THAT SUBLIME FRATERNITY WITH ALL CREATION WHICH SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI SO RADIANTLY EMBODIED. (LS 221)

Respond in creative ways to the beauty of all of creation.

**Cost:** Full day engagement = \$1250- + travel costs *includes full program and facilitation by two of the FSA facilitation team, pre & post program collaboration, day facilitation normally 8am - 3pm / input & workshops negotiated*

Half day engagement or keynote = \$950- + travel costs| on ground costs

Twilight or workshop engagement = \$650- + travel costs| on ground costs

Retreat Engagement - upon request

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