2027 FSA Formation / Spirituality Program Offerings .

Each program is co-created with the school community and UNIQUELY contextual.

Francis said :***"Go, announce peace to all people...***
be patient in trials, steadfast in weariness."



FSA invites member schools and colleges to have a distinctive focus on

PEACE BUILDING.

In our schools, we are peacemakers. We recognise the dignity in every person, raising our voices against injustice, uniting our hearts in prayer and action. We build peace and we are peace makers.

WHOLE STAFF Formation - Charism

Franciscans mix with the world and find God there.

FSA accompanies each community to formulate a spiritual formation experience for staff that is unique and genuinely reflects your school context.



Formation can be full day / twilight / workshop / or retreat offerings such as:

SF Charism 2027: **Encounter Peace** - A **full day** formation program for all staff to explore and be inspired by the Franciscan call to be builders of peace in the world. Keynote and workshops that explore peace and justice.

SF Charism 1: **Living Franciscan Spirituality.**

A **full day** formation program for all staff to explore and be inspired by the rich history and deep spirituality of the Franciscan way of life. An overview of where the tradition began with Francis and Clare of Assisi, an historical context, provocations in image & objects, Gospel values and breaking open the tradition.

SF Charism 2: **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 3: **Repair My House.**

A **twilight or full day** formation program that explores the call from the San Damiano crucifix " *Go rebuild my house...".* 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 4: **His Name was Francis.**

A **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.*

SF Charism 5: **Clare of Assisi – the lady, the Saint, the inspiration.**

"The Lady Clare, a native of the city of Assisi, a stone precious and strong above all the others of the pile, was the foundation." — Thomas of Celano, First Life of Francis

A **twilight or full day** formation program that explores Clare of Assisi from aristocracy to poverty and Clare's legacy – Sister to Saint to Stimulus for school communities and leadership teams today. Find

out about St Clare through painted literature. Discern Clare's charism and your own spiritual gifts.

SF Charism 6: **Deep Listening and Dialogue.**

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. First Nations deep listening can be added to this day by engaging Wakka Wakka woman, and Christian Leader, Brooke Prentis also.

SF Charism 7: **God the Artist.**

Francis used to praise God the Artist in every one of God's works. An experiential **workshop or twilight** at a gallery near the school, 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 can be co-created.

SF Charism 8: **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 9: **The Why To The Way.**

A **twilight**, **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 10: **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 11: **Brother Francis' *Little Flowers* - Brother Wolf of Gubbio & More.**

A **twilight or workshop** formation program for all staff. Explore one or more of the *Little Flowers,* enrich the story and draw out key messages for your community and our world today. *There are many collected stories about Francis and his early followers. Clare of Assisi also has a collection*.

SF Charism 12: **Kinship with Creation.**

Let us help nurture that sublime fraternity with all creation which Saint Francis of Assisi so radiantly embodied. (LS 221)

Workshop OR **twilight** options that explore the kinship model of creation that Franciscans live. (see link for more) (Kinship and Creation Probing Francis website)

Respond in creative ways to the beauty of all of creation through art and nature inspired making tasks, walks, prayer and contemplation.

SF Charism 13: **Retreat or Twilight with '*a focus of your choosing*.**

A **full day or twilight** retreat program for all staff. Work with FSA to cocreate a unique program.

PROFESSIONAL ENGAGEMENT FEES 2027

Members Full Day Engagement = $1,450.00** + travel costs *includes full program, resources, facilitation by one or two of the **FSA** facilitation team, pre & post program collaboration. ** Extra CRA approved stipend of $550.00 for a Franciscan religious to attend for the day.*

Half day engagement or twilight = $950.00 + travel + on ground costs

Keynote or workshop engagement = $750.00 + travel | on ground costs

Retreat Engagement – upon request E| astone@franciscans.org.au



2027 Short Formation Offerings for Staff

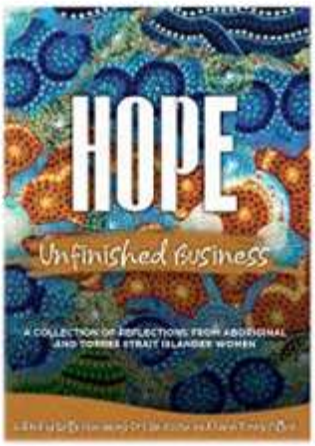
SF 1 Day Retreat SEQ: Term 1 Lent with Saint Francis

QLD: Santa Teresa Spirituality Centre, Ormiston, Brisbane.

Dates: Monday March 01, 2027. 9:30am – 2:30pm
Cost: Member Schools $155- non-members $175-

One of the main principles of Francis' spirituality is total absorption in God. Come as you are, follow in Francis' footprints to spend a gentle Lenten 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 all of creation. Prayer, contemplation, reverence creation, be in fraternity with other educators.

SF 2 SHORT COURSE: Term 2 Short Course – HOPE: Unfinished Business



Edited by Kelly Humphrey, Dr Lisa Buxton & Lana Turvey Collins.
Published by St Pauls Books.

Hope: Unfinished Business is a collection of stories and desires written by strong and faith-filled Catholic Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women who through storytelling, prayer, art and motherhood have found hope and healing in their lives. Offered as a gift the Church in Australia, it aims to nourish and support the ongoing works of formation and mission leadership.

Cost: Member Schools $100- non-members $130- Book supplied & posted. The study questions and spiritual reflection at the end of the book will form the basis for the online "Fratelli Connection Circles".

Details emailed to schools in Term 1. Register by Friday 26 February 2027.

PROGRAM:

- assigned **reading, study and reflection** (91 pgs.; approx. 15 hours total) from the supplied book. *HOPE: Unfinished Business – a collection of reflections from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander women*, St Pauls Publications NSW, Australia.
- THREE online MS Teams "**Fratelli Connection Circles**" with members of the FSA formation team and your registered **FSA** colleagues from around Australia.

Connect VIA MS Teams with Franciscan colleagues around Australia.

Dates: Term 2, 2027

- Connection Circle 1 = Thursday, 29 April 2027 3:30pm – 5:00pm (all States)
- Connection Circle 2 = Thursday, 13 May 2027 3:30pm – 5:00pm (all States)
- Connection Circle 3 = Thursday, 27 May 2027 3:30pm – 5:00pm (all States)



SF 3 SHORT COURSE: Term 3 - Short Course FSA LIVING STONES Series - Three lectures. One tradition. Contemporary questions.

Franciscan wisdom for the heart, the classroom and the world.

Join Alison Stone, **FSA** Animator of Mission and Identity and other educators around Australia for a **new series of ONLINE lectures** especially targeted to enrich the classroom practice of staff in Australian schools.

Living Stones is a series of 3 x 1-hour online formation and professional learning opportunities designed especially to enliven the Franciscan spiritual tradition in schools and Colleges today.

Drawing inspiration from the **FSA** Identity Framework and staff formation days that **FSA** has facilitated across Australia over the past 5 years, Alison and members of the Formation Team will share parts of the Franciscan intellectual tradition that are relevant and engaging for all staff in schools today.

The format is a 35-minute lecture followed by 20-minute collaborative sharing of wisdom. Each *Living Stone Lecture topic* will be deeply rooted in the Gospel yet speak directly to contemporary Australian schools, communities and global challenges. Topics explored will be deeply connected to the time when God speaks to Francis through the San Damiano crucifix *Francis, go now and repair my church which, as you see, is falling down.* This is still the call today. **How can we rebuild the church today, here and now?**



Offered by **FSA**, it aims to nourish and support the ongoing works of formation in school communities and in the broader Australian Church.

Cost: Member Schools $90- non-members $120-

Details emailed to schools in Term 2. Register by Friday 28 May 2027.

PROGRAM:

- assigned **reading and reflection** from the documents supplied by **FSA** about the Franciscan Living Stone Lecture topic.
- THREE online MS Teams "**Living & Learning Circles**" with members of the **FSA** formation team and your registered **FSA** colleagues and educators from around Australia.

Connect VIA MS Teams with Franciscan colleagues and educators around Australia.

Dates: Term 3, 2027 (*day light savings is in effect)*

- Living & Learning Circle 1 = The San Damiano Crucifix Explained - Wednesday, 28 July 2027 3:30pm – 4:30pm (AEST QLD) | + 1 hour (NSW, VIC, TAS)
- Living & Learning Circle 2 = Wisdom from the Lady Clare of Assisi - Wednesday, 11 August 2027 3:30pm – 4:30pm (AEST QLD) | + 1 hour (NSW, VIC, TAS)
- Living & Learning Circle 3 = Simplicity & Presence - 8 key Franciscan Tenets for ministry today Wednesday, 25 August 2027 3:30pm – 4:30pm (AEST QLD) | + 1 hour (NSW, VIC, TAS)

Retreat Offerings & Pilgrimage

SF 4 A FRANCISCAN RETREAT: Peace One Heart and One Soul / Many Gifts : One Spirit / "The Lord gave me some brothers" *(Testament 14, FF 116)*

"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)



A Franciscan Retreat can be 1 - 2 day overnight OR full day formation opportunity for leaders and specific teams in school communities.

Requires six people.

The task of preserving and nurturing 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.

There will be participant wisdom and sharing experience with that special Franciscan hospitality and welcome through people, places, practices, prayer and Eucharist.

The Franciscan Retreat program **could** include such topics as:

- ***In 2027* PEACE** – Examine how your community holds true to the centrality of Gospel living, reverences creation and builds authentic communities of care as you build peace together.
- BEING IN CHRIST - Examine the concept of retreat in the Franciscan tradition
- BEING BROTHERS & SISTERS – A global perspective. Peace building; interreligious dialogue.
- REIMAGINING – Explore elements which are foundational to the charism and provide signposts for the journey of Leadership.
- BEING SYNODAL – Delve into Saint Francis & the church's call to rebuild the church.
- BEING HEALTHY – Ensuring a Healthy Mind, spirit and body for leaders who are busy people.
- ALL THINGS IN COMMON – connect ways of working in leadership and identified teams TO the Franciscan Rule – *living the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.*

Dates: The Franciscan Retreat program is negotiated with each community.
This retreat requires 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 / venue is negotiated with the school community.
Eucharist included if Friar priest is available as a facilitator or companion.

Cost: negotiated *includes full program facilitation, travel if required and accommodation.*

Register interest via email to astone@franciscans.org.au



SF 5 FSA PILGRIMAGE PROGRAM: September 20 – 02 October 2027.

Cost: approx. $6,100.oo pp **
on ground program ONLY(based on 25 pilgrims)**

Register via the FSA homepage: https://franschools.au/

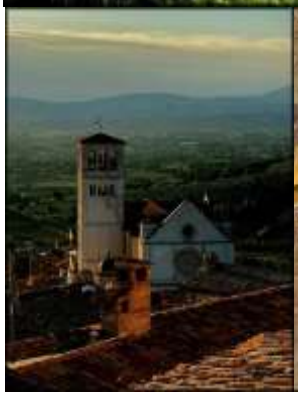
Rome, Greccio and Assisi – 12 nights (on ground / airfare not included)













The Franciscan friars and FSA Team who lead this pilgrimage will ensure an authentically Australian and Franciscan pilgrimage experience with Jesus, the Church with Francis and Clare of Assisi who lived the Gospels, all within the context of anAustralian education framework

"HEARTBEAT and FOOTSTEPS"

This transformative experience of spiritual and personal growth invites pilgrims to immerse themselves in the story of Jesus, the Church and the Franciscan tradition. Rich encounters of the early, universal and Franciscan Church unfold in Rome, while in Assisi pilgrims are drawn deeper into the heartbeat of the Franciscan charism. Experience joy, fraternity and goodness on this ***FSA Heartbeat and Footsteps*** *pilgrimage.*

Alignment with educational requirements

- First, prayer or Eucharist led by friars and modelled by pilgrims . *Focus on liturgical formation.*
- Second, input sessions led by Franciscan friars with material for reflection. Readings from Franciscan sources and from scripture *Directly related to Catholic Identity in contemporary education settings.*
- Third, sacred site visits followed by a prayer experience, either celebration of the Eucharist or ritual. *Professional focus on Franciscan spirituality and its relevance to education through art, architecture, and spiritual heritage.*
- Fourth, reflection time: personal contemplation, solitude or guided fraternal conversations in the spirit. It is precisely in reflection that the spirituality of the sacred place and input unfolds and is experienced. *Sharing insights, documenting learnings.*

TOTAL PACKAGE INCLUSIONS

Pre tour formation online experiences | FSA Pilgrim Companion booklet | FSA dedicated shared digital calendar | 3 qualified, Australian Franciscan pilgrimage leaders– Fr Stephen Bliss OFM, Fr Paul Rout OFM + FSA Animator Alison Stone| Italian speaking tour director entire pilgrimage | meals included **most** days; always breakfast | all entry fees, gratuities, gifts and tips | accommodation in 3-star religious houses *Casas* / 5-star coach transfer to sanctuaries & sites | deep reflection, daily Eucharist, shared learning | time to enjoy the Italian culture and environs | continued fraternal connections in Australia

