



# Winter Commencement **Centennial Class of 2020**

Saturday, December 12, 2020  
10 a.m.

Virtual Ceremony



ALMA MATER  
BY  
ROBERT KASE

We remember our St. Francis, standing strong with dignity,  
full of glory, grace and honor in our hearts will always be.  
When we think of our St. Francis, and the stories long been told,  
We remember thee on bended knee the noble brown and gold.

6 We re - mem - ber our St. Fran - cis, stand ing strong with dig ni ty, full of glo - ry grace and

6 ho - nor in our hearts will al - ways be. When we think of our St. Fran - cis and the

11 stor ies long been told We re - mem - ber thee on bend - ed knee the no - ble brown and gold

# COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

## **Master of Ceremonies**

Beth K. Roth, Ph.D.  
Provost

## **Invocation**

Joseph T. Mallof  
Chair, Board of Trustees

## **National Anthem**

Yareley Gonzalez '19  
Undergraduate Admissions Counselor

## **Welcoming Remarks**

Beth K. Roth, Ph.D.

## **President's Address**

Arvid C. Johnson, Ph.D.  
President

## **Investiture of Professor Emeritus**

William Bromer, Ph.D.  
Professor of Natural Sciences

## **Address to the Graduates**

The Reverend Michael Perry, OFM  
Minister General of the Order of Friars Minor  
Rome, Italy

## **Conferral of Honorary Degree**

Degree of Doctor of Humane Letters, honoris causa  
Recipient: The Reverend Michael Perry, OFM

## **Presentation of Graduate Degree Candidates**

John Gambro, Ed.D.  
Dean, College of Education

Elizabeth Davies, Ph.D.  
Dean, College of Arts & Sciences

Orlando Griego, Ph.D.  
Dean, College of Business & Health Administration

John Gambro, Ed.D.

Ebere Ume, Ph.D.  
Dean, Leach College of Nursing

## **Conferral of Degrees**

Arvid C. Johnson, Ph.D.

## **Centennial Pin Presentation**

Beth K. Roth, Ph.D.

## **Presentation of Bachelor's Degree Candidates**

Elizabeth Davies, Ph.D.

Orlando Griego, Ph.D.

John Gambro, Ed.D.

Ebere Ume, Ph.D.

## **Conferral of Degrees**

Arvid C. Johnson, Ph.D.

## **Tassel Ceremony**

Beth K. Roth, Ph.D.

## **Alumni Welcome**

Caroline Portlock '02, '04  
Alumni Association President

## **Alma Mater Hymn**

Yareley Gonzalez '19

## **Benediction and Prayer of St. Francis**

Sr. Dolores Zemont, OSF  
President, Sisters of St. Francis of Mary Immaculate

## **Closing**

Beth K. Roth, Ph.D.

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**CONGRATULATIONS  
CLASS OF 2020**

# ADDRESS TO THE GRADUATES



**The Reverend  
Michael Perry, OFM**  
**Minister General**  
**Order of Friars Minor**  
**Rome, Italy**

The Most Reverend Michael Perry, OFM is a member of the Order of Friars Minor (Franciscans) and of Sacred Heart Province, St. Louis. Prior to entering the Franciscan Order, he worked in construction in his hometown of Indianapolis to support his university studies in pre-law. After a profound mission experience in Appalachia, where he joined a group of people across faith traditions building houses for people in poverty, Perry was hooked on a life of service.

He completed a joint B.A. in philosophy and history at Quincy University. After novitiate and initial studies at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, he went to live and work in the Democratic Republic of Congo where he was an educator. He professed his solemn vows in 1981, and was ordained a priest in 1984. He returned to Chicago to complete his theological studies and then returned to Congo for six additional years, serving as teacher and director of the formation program for young Congolese Franciscans. He also directed a research institute examining new religious and social movements in Congo. Subsequently, he completed a Ph.D. in religious anthropology at the University of Birmingham (UK).

Br. Michael worked for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in the Office of International Justice and Peace, with special focus on Africa. He then transitioned to Franciscans International, a NGO at the United Nations, and later worked as policy and programs analyst in peacebuilding at Catholic Relief Services.

He was elected to serve as minister provincial for his Franciscan province, and, 11 months later, was elected vicar-general of the worldwide Order. He currently serves as Minister General of the Order of Friars Minor and resides in Rome. In this role, Brother Michael is to listen to, and when necessary provide guidance for, his Franciscan brothers. So he travels the world over, interacting with friars.

"I think in threes," he starts, cuing up as he ponders about friars around the world. "I'm becoming more and more convinced of, if we're open to God, if we're open to surprise, God will surprise us! And life will bring many, many surprises. They'll be difficult; but they'll be wonderful."

As he admits with real joy, he has seen the Franciscan spirit afoot in 113 countries throughout the world.

# PROFESSOR EMERITUS



**William Bromer, Ph.D.**  
**Professor of Natural Sciences**  
**University of St. Francis**

William "Bill" Bromer came to College of St. Francis in August 1992 as an assistant professor to help implement the new Environmental Science major. His student-centered and active learning teaching approach was designed to help all students learn by "doing" science. Besides creating two new courses for non-science majors (Environment & Humanity and Plants & Civilization), and coordinating lab remodels and the construction of the greenhouse, he also worked with a group of concerned citizens to convert the old Joliet Arsenal to the Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie. Bromer realized the importance of all teachers and developed two science courses for education majors that provided hands-on teaching experiences with biology and physical science students at Farragut Grade School. He was also a co-principle investigator on the first NOYCE grant awarded to USF by the National Science Foundation.

Bromer honed his leadership skills by participating with Project Kaleidoscope, and used those skills in various leadership positions within USF faculty governance as a member of almost every committee, and while chairing Academic Affairs, University Curriculum, Faculty Compensation, General Education Revision, and Academic Assembly. He also served as department chair of Natural Sciences for three terms, and as interim dean for the College of Arts and Sciences. He started planning for a new science building in 1998 and his persistence paid off when Dr. Arvid Johnson found the resources to make it happen. Bromer served as the faculty shepherd for the planning, construction, and move-in for the Brown Science Hall which opened in January of 2018.

USF students can take advantage of opportunities usually found only at larger schools because of the university's participation with Associated Colleges of the Chicago Area (ACCA). Bromer served as the chair of the Biology Division of ACCA for two terms, organizing six different 10-week seminar series, and serving as the director of its student symposium four times. He served as the faculty advisor for the Council for Environmental Awareness and really enjoyed taking the students on trips to see the Sandhill Cranes at Japser-Pulaski Wildlife Area and American Eagles at Starved Rock State Park. You might find Bromer out in the prairie measuring plants or wading a stream collecting crayfish while helping some of the 38 undergraduate research students he mentored, and if not collecting data, he will be volunteering at Midewin National Tallgrass Prairie, Pilcher Park Nature Preserve, or with RiverWatch. Bill continues to serve on the Citizen's Advisory Committee for the Forest Preserve District of Will County and as a board member for the Midewin Prairie Alliance. Even though Bromer has retired from USF, he still serves on the Sustainability Committee and is currently the first director of USF's Charlotte Codo Prairie.



## CONGRATULATIONS CLASS OF 2020

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# DOCTORAL DEGREE CANDIDATES



COLLEGE OF  
EDUCATION

John Gambro, Ed.D., Dean

## DOCTOR OF EDUCATION EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP

Yadira Patricia Alfaro  
*The Effect of Elementary Teachers  
Trained in the SIOP Model on  
the Achievement of English  
Language Learners in the English  
Reading Domain*

Nigel Blake Anderson  
*Increased Rigor for All: A One-Year  
Study Examining the Impact of the  
Pre-AP Program on African  
American Student Achievement*

Dana Michelle Berghthold  
*The Impact of Public Act 099-0456  
on Illinois Public School Suspensions*

Jim Andrew Boswell  
*The Impact of a 1:1 iPad Initiative on  
Freshman Math and English  
Achievement*

Daniel Francis Callaghan  
*The Impact of Dynamic Stretching  
on Aerobic Capacity and Hamstring  
Flexibility of Sixth Grade Students in  
a South Suburban Chicago School  
District*

Michael Martin Crehan  
*The Impact of Curriculum Change  
on a First Year Seminar Course at a  
Large Midwest Suburban  
Community College*

Laura Colleen DuBois  
*The Impact of Online Summer  
Learning on the Student  
Achievement of 3rd and 4th Graders*

Mary Therese Dwyer  
*Impact of Participation in a Summer  
Math Tutoring Program on Math  
Achievement*

Lisa Giglio Byczek  
*The Impact of Co-Teaching on  
Academic Achievement of High  
School Juniors in a Medium-Sized  
Suburban Chicago School District*

Renee Logan Humphreys  
*The Impact of the Use of Data-  
based Strategies on 3rd to 7th Grade  
Reading Comprehension  
Achievement*

Jacqueline Elyse Johnson  
*Culturally-Responsive Teaching:  
Increasing the Achievement of Black  
Males in the English 1 Classroom  
Setting*

Elizabeth Marie Kaufman  
*Making Literacy Connections in  
Career and Technical Education: A  
Mixed Method Study of Career  
Center Practices Impact on College  
Readiness*

Danielle Dominique Mahan  
*A Comparative Study of Mission  
Statements for American Classical  
Schools*

Teresa Rosa Miller  
*Early Intervention: Effects on English  
Language Learners Literacy  
Achievement in Kindergarten*

Ashley Monique Mosley  
*A Study of the Impact of An  
Extended School Day on Male High  
School Student Achievement*

Robert James Nolting  
*Impact of Blended Instruction on  
Student Achievement and Motivation*

William Charles Pender  
*The Impact of Computer Based  
Versus Paper Pencil on PARCC Test  
Results for Illinois Public Elementary  
Schools*

Brian L. Roberts  
*A Descriptive, Correlational Study  
Measuring the Effect of Identifying  
the Traits of At-Risk Students That  
Completed a Computer-Based  
Credit Recovery Program at An  
Alternative Suburban High School*

Maricela Ruiz  
*Developing Teacher Leaders*

Marisa Bel Scanlon  
*Analyzing Factors in Student Support  
Programs Contributing to Academic  
Success of First-Generation College  
Students*

Wilsando K. Seegars  
*PARCC to PSAT Common Core  
Alignment, The Mirroring Effect*

Tiffany Maye Staab  
*Impact of Prekindergarten Services  
on Academic Skills*

# MASTER'S DEGREE CANDIDATES



COLLEGE OF ARTS  
AND SCIENCES

Elizabeth W. Davies, Ph.D., Dean

## MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK

Dalal Waleed Alhindi  
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Gabriela Rebollar  
Liceth Rebeca Robles  
Gwendolyn Michelle Scott



COLLEGE OF  
BUSINESS & HEALTH  
ADMINISTRATION

Orlando V. Griego, Ph.D., Dean

## MASTER OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

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Travis E. Blunier  
Heather A. Brucker  
Tiffany Nicole Cail  
Jessica Lauren Conte  
Eric O'Del Davis Jr.  
Tricia DeFay  
Maria Christina Dolce  
Angelique Gerlock  
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Andrew Lee Johnson Jr.  
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Shengtao Liu  
Therese Marie Meulemans  
Joseph Arkell Miggins  
Jeffrey Allan Miller  
Sara Jo Nysather  
Kimberly Renee Paddock-O'Reilly  
Anna Perry  
Timothy Perry  
Kevin Rada  
David Serrano  
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## MASTER OF SCIENCE

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Andraya Murie'L Goodwin-Bhuyan  
Kristina Marie Opyd  
Angelica Lee Sanchez

## Master's Degree Candidates



COLLEGE OF  
EDUCATION

John Gambro, Ed.D., Dean

### MASTER OF EDUCATION ELEMENTARY EDUCATION WITH PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR LICENSE

Gina Cristine Sandrzyk

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Nicholas Joseph Barello

Justin Daniel Berard

David Mark Campbell

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Rana Hreish Fino

Jacqueline Faith Fitzgerald

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Jennifer Terese Gerardi

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Adrienne Julia Handelman

Catherine Joanne Hanratty

Holly Beth Harlow

Mallory Gleason Hashiguchi

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Emily Frances Hoelter-Harris

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Allison Christine Holmes

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Laura Marie Kimberley  
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Michael Conrad Mettenburg  
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Barbara Gloria Monroy  
Kelly Elizabeth Moran  
Jose Antonio Mosqueda  
Kyle Robert Motz  
Tara Ashley Murphy  
Kaitlan Diane Nash  
Angela Marie Nawrocki  
Jacqueline Marie Neidhardt  
Julia Nevarez  
Tiffany Marie Oakes  
Hannah Lee Orr  
Michelle Anne Orth  
Elizabeth Ann Otten  
Lisa A. Padilla  
Anna Marie Paige  
Aneri Dipak Patel  
Victoria Ellen Patrick  
Melissa Ann Pearson  
Anthony Pennella  
Michael Benjamin Pila  
Jeremy Eric Pomeroy  
Celia Irene Pravda  
Ross Purchatzke  
Katelyn Marie Raddatz  
David Joseph Rebus  
Rachel Leigh Reff  
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Katelyn Honrade Reyes  
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Joanna Rivera  
Jennifer Rodriguez  
Edward Rosinski  
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Melanie Ruiz  
Dana Porreca Ruth  
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Paige Lynn Sandal  
Julie Marie Schmale  
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Allison Morgan Sikorski  
Alyssa Marie Simonelli  
Jon Simpson  
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LEACH COLLEGE  
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Ebere Ume, Ph.D., Dean

### MASTER OF SCIENCE IN NURSING NURSING

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# BACHELOR'S DEGREE CANDIDATES



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### HISTORY

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## Bachelor's Degree Candidates

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Stefanie Lynn Kozlar  
Angelica Morales  
Ashley Marie Naylor  
Melissa Niemczura  
John Ryan Schwarz  
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COLLEGE OF  
EDUCATION

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John Gambro, Ed.D., Dean

### BACHELOR OF ARTS ELEMENTARY EDUCATION

Jennifer Cabrera  
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## Bachelor's Degree Candidates



LEACH COLLEGE  
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Malaak S. Abdelkader  
Mahmoud Affaneh  
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Caroline Rodriguez Brosnan  
Margo Marie Burke  
Michael Paul Butler  
Janay Dion Carson  
Kimberly Anne Casali  
Susan Beth Cepela  
Jocelyn Contreras  
Alexa Kathleen Cunningham  
Ismania Pierre Deeter  
Guadalupe Diaz  
Maria Guadalupe Diaz  
Maritza Diaz  
Maranda Louise Dodd  
Rachel Erin Douglas  
Abby Jo Dowling  
Duane Alan Drenthe  
Samantha Ebeling  
Elizabeth Marie Estrada  
Emily Frances Fears  
Allison Katherine Gambla  
MacKenzie Ashley Glos  
Allyson Justine Goldrick  
Christina Marie Gomez  
Jessica Paige Gromnicki  
Lauren Marie Grycko  
Alexandra Iliana Guerra  
Samantha Renee Guerrero  
DeAsia M. Jackson  
Sarah Margaret Jawor  
Kala Noelle Johannes  
Brandon Kaminski  
Salma Lara

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Tayler Renee Layfield  
Brittini Yvette Madkins  
Margaret Malloy  
Stephanie Barbara Markley  
Giselle Denise Marquez  
Karina Martinez  
Karen Mendoza  
Elizabeth Margaret Minnich  
Claudia Mos  
Brenna Motola  
Brenda Estephany Ochoa  
Samuel Armando Perez  
Diana Chimbayo Phiri  
Miguel Cachola Rayos Del Sol  
Daniela Renteria  
Hannah Elizabeth Rieker  
Vanessa G. Rojas  
Hayley Anne Shannon  
Christina Ann Shworles  
Priscilla Solorzano  
Sandra Sue Stanek  
Israa Riyad Taha  
Alivia Marie Tessari  
Shantel Sharice Thomas  
Erica Jo Tozer  
Dayna Rae Vargocko  
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Daniella Marie Walling  
Rachel Danielle Ward  
Jessica Claire Warning  
Clarissa Marie Wignes  
Nicole Marie Wilson  
Hannah Catrese Wolfe  
Noor H. Yasin  
Margaret Ann Zega  
Kandis Jenelle Zerth

# HONORS & RECOGNITIONS

## HONOR SOCIETIES

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**Augustus Tolton Honor Society**, honors the spirit of scholarship, leadership and identity for high achieving African American students; members recognized by purple and gold cords.

**Alpha Phi Sigma**, national Criminal Justice honor society; promotes academic excellence, community service, educational leadership and unity; members recognized by blue and gold entwined cords with gold tassels or gold honor stole.

**Beta Beta Beta**, national honor society in Biological Sciences; members recognized by green and red cords.

**Delta Epsilon Sigma**, national scholastic honor society for colleges and universities with Catholic tradition; members recognized by red cords.

**Delta Mu Delta**, international honor society in Business Administration; members recognized by purple and gold cords.

**Duns Scotus Honors Program**, interdisciplinary curriculum that promotes Catholic, Franciscan ideals at University of St. Francis; Scholars (two-year program) recognized by double blue cords and Fellows (four-year program) recognized by blue and gold cords.

**Epsilon Delta Pi**, the Computer Science honor society, encourages excellence in computer science scholarship and promotes the high ideals of the computer science profession while recognizing those who manifest worthy qualities of character, scholarship and professional attainment.

**Kappa Delta Pi**, international honor society in Education; members recognized by purple and green cords.

**Kappa Mu Epsilon**, national Mathematics honor society; members recognized by rose-pink and silver cords.

**Kappa Rho**, National Council of Phi Alpha Honor Society in Social Work; members recognized by gold cords.

**Lambda Nu**, national honor society for the Radiologic and Imaging Sciences to recognize exemplary academic achievement among radiologic science majors; members recognized by cords of maroon (radiologic and imaging sciences), forest green (health professions) and gold (the ancient color of honor).

**Lambda Pi Eta**, national honor society representing the Communication discipline in recognition of speech and oratory skills; members recognized by crimson and silver cords.

**Phi Alpha Theta**, national History honor society; members recognized by red and blue cords.

**Pi Sigma Alpha**, Political Science honor society.

**Psi Chi**, national honor society in Psychology; members recognized by gold cords with blue and gold tassels.

**Rho Phi Lambda**, national honor society for the Parks, Recreation and Leisure profession; members recognized by sage green cords.

**San Alberto Hurtado Latino Honor Society**, honors Latino scholars for academic excellence.

**Sigma Tau Delta**, international honor society in English, recognizes and encourages excellence among undergraduate and graduate students, in all aspects of English language, literature, and the many closely related fields, including literacy initiatives; members recognized by black and red cords.

**Sigma Theta Tau**, Upsilon Delta chapter, international honor society in Nursing; members recognized by orchid and white cords.

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**BACHELOR'S  
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HONORS**

To be considered for honors, a student must have attended USF full time for at least two years or have earned at least 60 semester hours at USF.

**Summa cum laude:** GPA of 3.9 or higher; recognized by gold cords.

**Magna cum laude:** GPA of 3.7 to 3.89; recognized by silver cords.

**Cum laude:** GPA of 3.5 to 3.69; recognized by white cords.

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**CORDS AND  
PINS**

**The Americana Cord** is given to veterans of the United States military; members recognized by red, white and blue cords.

**The Nursing Pin** represents a rite of passage into the nursing profession itself. The tradition of the nursing pin began when Florence Nightingale chose to extend this honor to her graduate nurses. Each design is unique to the school from which they graduate.

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**ACADEMIC  
COSTUME**

The tassel on the mortarboard, or cap, is worn over the left front quarter of the cap after a degree has been conferred. Bachelor's and Master's caps have black tassels; the tassel for the Doctorate is gold.

The Doctor's and Master's hood, worn around the neck over the shoulders and down the back, indicates the degree and the college or university which awarded it. The official colors of the institution which conferred the degree are used in the lining of the hood. The colors of the University of St. Francis are brown, symbolizing Franciscanism, and gold, signifying excellence. The velvet edging of the hood indicates the degree: white is for Arts; camel is for Business Administration; light blue is for Education; green is for Medicine; pink is for Music; apricot is for Nursing; gold is for Science; and citron is for Social Work.

Compiled from "Academic Costume in America," Intercollegiate Bureau of Academic Costume, Cotrell and Leonard, Inc., Albany, N.Y.

# FRANCISCAN HERITAGE

**The San Damiano Cross** is known as the “Crucifix that spoke to St. Francis” in 1205 A.D. in Assisi, Italy. The Cross was hung in the little church of San Damiano that was outside the walls of Assisi.

When Francis stopped by the church to pray, he found the church to be collapsing from old age. No one went down the worn staircase into the church; but Francis did, and with that act, the Franciscan Order was born. As Francis knelt in prayer before the painted Byzantine Cross, “Suddenly it seemed to him that Jesus’ gaze was fixed upon him...They were speaking and expressing a burning passion...Francis distinctly heard his name being called...’Francis, go repair my house, which, as you see, is falling into ruin.’”

Francis stood up, frightened but moved. Believing that the message of the San Damiano Cross was to be taken literally, Francis began to repair the church by begging in Assisi for stones. Other young men came out to help with the renovation of the little church with the painted Cross. In time, Francis and his followers came to believe the message of the painted image on the wooden San Damiano Cross—that of Jesus Christ—meant that Francis should rebuild the gospel church in the world.

The making of the San Damiano Cross was inspired by the Gospel of St. John. It is believed to be a 12th century icon painted by a Syrian monk, created to reveal the essence of profound mystery. Mary, the mother of Jesus, is painted at the extreme right of Jesus, to the east, a place of honor. The several other painted figures on the crucifix are all found in St. John’s Gospel.

The Poor Ladies took the cross from San Damiano in 1257 when they left the little church that also served as their convent. It was preserved for 700 years in the Church of San Giorgio in Assisi. The Icon



of San Damiano was placed in public view for the first time during Holy Week 1957. In September 1958, the crucifix that spoke to St. Francis was permanently placed over a new altar in the San Giorgio chapel and is now always available for public viewing.

At the University of St. Francis, a likeness of the San Damiano Cross has been placed in Tower Hall, the first of the university’s buildings. It is prominently placed in the front entrance of each campus and in every classroom for all to see and “listen” to.

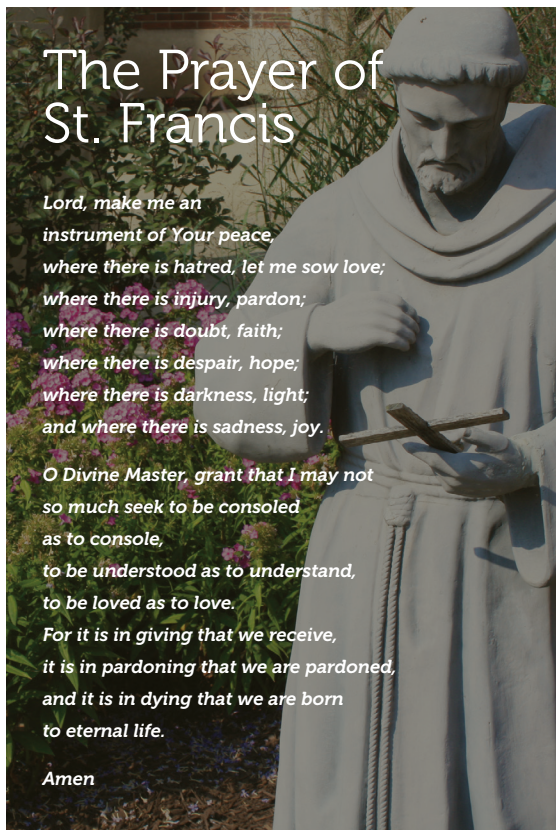
*SOURCE: “Francis of Assisi” by Arnaldo Fortini*

## The Prayer of St. Francis

*Lord, make me an  
instrument of Your peace;  
where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
where there is injury, pardon;  
where there is doubt, faith;  
where there is despair, hope;  
where there is darkness, light;  
and where there is sadness, joy.*

*O Divine Master, grant that I may not  
so much seek to be consoled  
as to console,  
to be understood as to understand,  
to be loved as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born  
to eternal life.*

*Amen*



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