



CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF SPOKANE

Office of the Bishop

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Dear Members of the Faithful,

I am grateful that you have taken the time to visit this page dedicated to the Franciscan Institute, offered through the Catholic Diocese of Spokane. Whether you serve in a Catholic school, teach in a parish religious education program, assist in other areas of ministry, or are simply seeking to deepen your understanding of the faith, your participation matters.

In a time when many voices seek to distort or dismiss the truth, it is essential that we remain firmly grounded in the teachings of Jesus Christ. The Franciscan Institute exists to assist you in this task, providing formation that is faithful to the Church, accessible, and rooted in her rich tradition.

The mission of our Diocese is clear: *Encountering, living, and proclaiming Jesus Christ and His Gospel in Eastern Washington*. Your participation in faith formation through the Franciscan Institute plays an important role in advancing this mission. This is an opportunity to deepen your encounter with Christ, to live His teachings with greater fidelity, and to proclaim His love with renewed conviction in your families, parishes, and schools.

Thank you for your commitment to the work of the Church. Please be assured of my prayers for you, that this experience will strengthen both your understanding and your witness to Christ in the world.

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Thomas A. Daly
Bishop of Spokane, Washington