

National Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order in the United States

Francican Code of Conduct

A Franciscan gathering is a peaceful and loving place.

These aspects help ensure that all experience a welcoming, respectful, and caring environment consistent with our Franciscan charism.

- Recognize that all individuals are sons and daughters of God the Father and brothers and sisters of Jesus.
- With a gentle and courteous spirit respect diversity and confidentiality.
- Be compassionate and treat others with dignity and grace.
- Listen attentively and be respectful of other points of view*.
- As bearers of peace seek out ways of unity and fraternal harmony through dialogue and collaboration.
- All forms of disparagement, bullying, discrimination, gossiping and harassment are incompatible with who we are as Franciscans.*

Peace and all good.

*Respect/Mutual Invitation – <u>www.usccb.org/committees/cultural-diversity-church/bicm-appendices</u>