

Tau Interfaith Franciscans Community of Saint Francis

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'If you would learn the secret of right relations look only for the Divine in people and things and leave the rest to God.'

The Miracles of the Tree of Life Practical Course

Information for Students



With

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The Foundation of the Tau Community of Saint Francis

The Community's central foundation is based in Storth, south of Cumbria, England, where it is the home for a small international, inter-faith community of like minded therapists who have committed their lives to being in service to Love and Light –the 'I AM PRESENCE, founded there in 2003 by ex nursing monk, Sean Bradley. Our members currently live out their calling in their own homes but reunite four times each year for support and training. The community have representatives in America, Madeira and Ireland. Our sole mission is to have a presence in every country where there is anarchy and where love is denied all.

This new family are committed to embracing spirituality 'Christ Consciousness, 'underpinned by the teachings of the Nazarene Essenes and St Francis for a period of time, or for their whole life to spiritual sharing and to a great simplicity of life. Today, the community is made up of several therapists and lay members, representing members of the interfaith community in our society and whose ethos is to lead not by lofty words but by example and simplicity.

At the heart of daily life in the Tau family are two periods of prayer, either individually or together, when we are able to unite as one family. It is our common vision that as co-creators of God, we have an important duty to care for our souls and for each other as we are all brothers and sisters of Christ. When a brother or sister is wounded or experiencing difficulties, we are all affected. Our way of life is greatly influenced by the teachings of Jesus and the Canticle of the Creatures by St Francis. We have a duty to share and inspire others to respect the landscape, our free gift from God, by re-educating society not to exploit or destroy God's love gift. We know that the elements, seasons and Nature Spirits who have safeguarded the universe and our landscape since the very beginning of time are now in revolt with man for abusing that free gift. The climatic changes that are affecting our world are as a direct result of man's greed, abuse of power and total alienation from God. Man has stepped out of the divine plan and has jeopardised our very survival as a result of his disobedience to God's laws.

Mother Earth invites each one of us who work with the Divine to embrace her motherly love and be guided by the Elementals, Tree Devas and Nature Spirits. We as light workers are now inspired to redress this imbalance by challenging our civil leaders to adopt eco friendly measures that will safeguard our survival and protect the universe from been destroyed. It is now in our best interest to take responsibility for our own actions and act in accordance with God's will for us, our family, our local community, our country, our world.

Each member who came to one of Brother Sean's many workshops and immediately connected with his inimitable style. We knew that here was no ordinary man who sought the adulation of the ego but who lived and spoke truth from his heart. Curiosity got the better of most who came and wanted to know more about resolving long standing hurts that were as a direct result of living within a Christian family. We all felt a sense of disillusionment and betrayal by the Priests and Ministers who instead of representing God, represented their egos and generated a fear based religion that portrayed God as some tyrant. Through working with Sean we have found the contrary and that what we were actually experiencing was religion that had lost its vision and what we were searching for was a simple spirituality that was not fear based but replaced by selfless, unconditional love and light. We have found that love in the Tau family we have rediscovered a caring and loving family of like minded brothers and

sisters who accept us for who we are as a child of God. Unlike many other such organisations that provide training in holistic therapies for carers and therapists, the framework of support is based on Sean's years of working as a nurse in a profession that lost sight of the humanity of the carer and when that nurse became ill, they were a statistic and discarded as irrelevant.

As a group of student therapists we all joined Brother Sean's Academy with 'excessive baggage' that was separating us from connecting with the Divine. Our personal relationships with family and spouses were causing most of us great emotional pain and we recognised that the vast majority of us were 'rescuers' demanding radical surgery to set us free. We soon recognised that we had some serious work to do before we could be let loose on our clients. Then our hearts were guided to seek out Sean and our journey to spiritual freedom began in earnest. We were each offered sanctuary at Chapel Gap in Storth, our spiritual home, and empowered to release all negative mind-sets that had infiltrated our mind, body and spirit separating us from our divinity.

Sean's teachings were all based on a more simplified life style that was greatly influenced by St Francis and the orthodox teachings of Christ. We were empowered to acknowledge our inner core issues and release them to the Divine Mother in the presence of Christ who touched our hearts and set us free. Most, if not all of us have had to choose to leave our beloved Christian families and live in a wilderness of isolation that denied us personal growth and spiritual development. Our walk is now a spiritual pathway that is more open and receptive to clarity, simplicity and truth. The teachings that each one of us have experienced over the past several years have shown us the real importance that 'Prayer and Meditation' should play in our daily lives as light workers in service to the Christ Healing Energies. These were to become the sacred tools that would enrich our daily spiritual lives and instead of engaging with the dramas of the world, we were encouraged at every level of our training to send only love and light from our hearts.

In 1999, Sean was given a special gift from the Angelic Realms called the divine blueprint, the Angel Bagua that was to underpin the core values and teachings of all the therapists who came to work with the Christ, Magdalene and angelic energies.

At some point in our lives we have all been governed by our head that has denied us from living in the here and now as free thinkers. Our lives were fear driven that resulted in low self esteem; low self worth; lack of confidence in our ability to make a change; living in relationships that were destroying our very peace. Through the teachings of the Essenes, their daily affirmations have had a positive mind-set and reprogrammed our spiritual DNA. Now as one family we share one common bond and that bond is our commitment to spread love and light empowering many to reconnect with the Christ /Magdalene /Angelic healing energies and be set free to choose their spiritual pathway that will enrich their personal relationships with Source, the Divine Feminine and the Christ Consciousness. By demonstrating the ancient therapy of anointing the hands and feet of each other and of our clients, as demonstrated by our teacher Mary Magdalene, we are connecting souls to the Divine through a simple act of Love thy Neighbour as Thyself. Through truth, we are demonstrating the core values of Christ's love for all who 'come and rest awhile in service to the Father /Mother God. The commandment or terms of engagement with God is to love God in everything that lives, moves and has its very existence as emanating from Source.

When Sean, heard the words of Jesus to 'come follow me' it challenged him to search for his dream by entering a monastic community where he served God for 8 years of his life and

another thirty eight years as a qualified nurse caring for the dying in different parts of the world.

Throughout his life, many came seeking support from Sean. Often they were casualties of having lived in a religious family whereby they felt isolated by a teaching that was more head than heart, leaving them disenfranchised from God who was 'all love.' Church history played an all important part in trying to discern the voice of God and how one could make a positive change that would challenge religious leaders representing all of the Creeds known to God to rethink their practices and practical teachings and come together as one family and praise the same true loving God. Over a period of time, many Christians and representatives from various other religions would come together say once or twice a year for a united service but nothing ever materialised in the form of one base for shared prayer. Sean had a vision that instead of each religion building more churches or temples to worship God that we re-unite and have many of one and the same place for shared prayer and divine activities.

Sean's dream was to prove to be the biggest and most difficult challenge of all by asking God to grant one simple request that God's family of believers would come together and worship the divine under the same roof thus eliminating the diverse choice of religious places of worship. Sean tried to emulate the teachings of Jesus in his personal and professional life by adhering to the Christ's call, 'that all will be on and that we should praise the Father/ Mother God with one mind, heart and soul'

Sean was aware of the many divisions within the family of God and the reluctance of religious leaders to leave their comfort zone and vacate a comfortable life. This left him painfully aware of the injustice that so called religion and their groups inflicted upon other believers who refused to adhere to their teachings. Each group looked suspiciously at the other and instead of resolving their differences through love and light, they generated a culture that was very much fear based and loaded with religious bigotry and hate that was to create a world where man's ego pushed God into the background.

Over the centuries, the early Fathers of Christianity together with the various leaders in other religious denominations have watered down and tampered with the original teachings of Christ to his followers. Man lost sight of the simple message of 'love thy neighbour as thyself' and instead of encouraging a simple belief in an all loving, forgiving Father/Mother God, we have become disenfranchised from God through a negativism that has shackled the children of God resulting in a fear based belief system that has eroded and corroded divine love and replaced it with a more head centred response. I believe that head = ego =anti love = antichrist =anti God.

Today, modern man is left with a legacy of spiritual impoverishment and confusion, resulting in chaos and daily struggles with tyrants who profess with their minds to love their God but in their hearts, they are far from Love and Light. Man's ego has played a crucial role in preventing the words of Jesus from taking root in their hearts. The world desperately needs leaders of integrity who are willing to face, head on, the evils of ego based actions and attitudes that separate man from God. Those who have stood up to tyrants have always paid the price for daring to speak out for the marginalized in society. The Essenes were hunted men because of their knowledge as was Martin Luther King and Ghandi, two of the great Men of God who feared no evil.

Brother Sean's therapists and students were equally challenged to reconnect with their hearts and embrace the Barefoot Galilean. Through a process of reprogramming one's spiritual DNA, based on the teaching of the Essenes, the light worker rediscovers their 'first love' the love of Source. They are challenged to walk a different spiritual path that sets them free of ego and negative mind-sets allowing them to be not just exceptional therapists but more importantly, a people of prayer.

The work of the Brother Sean's Academy has at its roots the principle of empowering clients, therapists and carers to embrace their inner core issues and release them to the Love and Light of Christ in God. When we are asked what it is we do, we sometimes encounter rejection and fear which can be detected in the eyes of the enquirer. When the name Jesus enters conversation, society automatically perceives that we are about religion and using brainwashing tactics. Nothing could be further from the truth. We represent spirituality (God's love for us in action) not religion (perceived as been man made and infused with EGO).

We take the words of Christ that challenged Saint Frances to embrace Love and Light that was to change his destiny forever! St. Frances used simplicity and love to spread a simple message that we are all children of the same God and that whatever we do in the name of that love, we will be protected and blessed by God. But if we step out of living and loving God we are not always guaranteed that same protection. We are invited each day to re-visit our spiritual core values and choose the master we wish to serve. Is it our ego or is it our heart?

Our family of Friends, Oblates and fellow monastics live a simple life based on the teachings of Jesus and St Frances. These teachings have remained unaltered for centuries and many who have embraced them have found Nirvana –the God/dess within their higher self. Jesus said, 'whatever we do in His name, we do unto God'. We are asked to come and see, be still in the beauty and silence of the moment and Just Be!

So how do we achieve this divine connection? We do it through our daily prayer, our daily activities of living and remaining in the world but not of it! We make time to feed our mind, our body and our spirit through living a life that empowers us to self heal before healing others. Prayer plays an important aspect of our service to love and light. We connect daily with each other either in a group or privately in our own work places or homes alone or with family. We set our own rule of life to serve our highest good, the good of the community and society as a whole.

We know that prayer does move mountains and many obstacles are overcome for the light worker who places prayer on their 'daily' to do 'list'. To detract from prayer is like having a limb severed. Prayer is the fuel that lubricates our higher self to reconnect with the Divine within and around us each day.

Our success is only as good as the members who remain active, alive and well in our groups. Each one of the members are invited to take back their personal power and encouraged to use it effectively to rebalance the imbalances in our society through sharing and releasing love and light not judgement. Many are invited by Jesus and Mary Magdalene to come and join us as therapists but when they have realized what is involved in acknowledging their inner core issues and personal involvement, they decide to abandon self healing and leave. It takes guts to stand and face one's 'shadows' each day, every day but through embracing a family of like minded light workers and supporting each other from a heart infused with divine love, the

members are enriched to share their love with each other and provide a mechanism that is practical as well as deeply spiritual.

CORE VALUES OF THE TAU INTERFAITH FRANCISCANS COMMUNITY

“One Divine Truth empowering many Beliefs to Unite as One Spiritual Family”

The Tau Community of Saint Francis is an Interfaith Spiritual Monastic Community that is all inclusive, embracing the universal truth at the heart of all spiritual traditions. The Tau Community of Saint Francis, (TCOSF) celebrates the values of respect, reconciliation, forgiveness and fellowship. We honour and support peace-making and the awareness of our unity in Spirit. We believe that difference, when approached as a potential source of enrichment, need not be experienced as a threat. Old dichotomies of 'us' versus 'them' do not serve the healing of our world. Thus our focus is on removing, within ourselves, the obstacles to unity. ***The TCOSF believes there is One God, One Truth, and that many paths lead to the Source of All.***

The TCOSF whole-heartedly support all the many interfaith initiatives that encourage dialogue and understanding between religions. We look for even deeper dimensions of unity, where we can recognise every human being as a facet of the One Spirit, a reflection of something in ourselves. We see the interfaith concept as a powerful invitation not just to tolerance, but acceptance; not only to dialogue, but brother/sisterhood.

TCOSF are not creating a new religion, but filling a growing spiritual gap in modern society whereby individuals can live a spiritual life within their own faith community. The aims of the TCOSF is not about coercing individuals to convert away from their faith, but to support people who wish to enquire more deeply in to their own spiritual tradition and their own soul. The TCOSF has a simple vision based on the teachings of Saint Francis inviting individuals to live in the world but not be a part of its dramas or negativism. We have established a 'virtual monastic community' inviting enlightened souls to dedicate their lives to God by living the spirit of the monastic life from their own home- their monastery without walls. Each member is invited to link up with the TCOSF either by Skype conferencing calls or in person, by attending our monthly support group retreat days here at the Monastery of Saint Francis in the South Lakes. Individuals have the choice to either choose to enter a more conservative monastic community or join the TCOSF interfaith spiritual community. Thomas Merton argues that traditional monasticism is 500 years out of date as it has not come into the 21st century. Many of these monasteries focuses more on the ancient rituals and rubrics rather than embrace interfaith spirituality.

There is a 'spiritual hunger' within the heart and soul of every individual who seeks clarity, respect, freedom from religious oppression as well as personal intimacy with their God. The TCOSF supports individuals from all faiths and none who are interested in developing their spiritual life living outside monastery walls. Individuals can choose to join the TCOSF as a 'Friend,' or take their interest to a more spiritually advanced level and live the monastic life

from their own home. Within the very heart of the TCOSF, we accept each individual as being a valued member of God's family. There are no rules that prevent anyone becoming a member on grounds of their religious beliefs, sexuality, ethnicity or disability.

The concept of monastic life may appear idealistic for some but in truth, it remains conservative at heart where individual monks and nuns live a rigid religious life based on an era that no longer resonates with modern man. Today's concept for an interfaith monastic community is based on mutual respect that will facilitate healing at every level so that bridges can be built within the religious faith communities by sharing wisdom, truth and love.

'Having lived the monastic religious life as a nursing monk for many years, I became spiritually challenged by the lack of respect from within my faith community towards members of the other faith communities. I became disillusioned by 'man's inhumanity towards one's fellow man in the name of God- a God of real compassion and effortless love. My journey from Catholicism into the interfaith area really began when I knelt at the tomb of Saint Francis in April 2008 where I became aware that interfaith was very much God's agenda for my heart. Here I found my niche in ministry as a contemplative (Interfaith) Independent Christian Franciscan monk in service to all faiths and none. In prayer, my heart was guided to leave my comfort zone and walk in total abandonment and surrender to God's will. One of many gifts that God has shared with my heart is the joy of being part of the vision for the Tau Interfaith Monastic Spiritual Community of Saint Francis. The vision became a reality in 2006 when several therapists who were trained by me to work with Essenic Energy Medicine incorporating the energies of Sananda Jesus and the Divine Feminine. Today, we have over twelve members from different faiths living the monastic life in their own home-there monastery without walls. From within our forty or so membership, several have gone forward to train as interfaith ministers with the Interfaith Foundation (UK) and several more members from Ireland, Gibraltar and the United Kingdom have expressed an interest in putting themselves forward for consideration as ordained ministers.

As members of the TCOSF, we believe that in the ocean of God's perfect love, there are many boats all travelling in the same direction. To be called is to be chosen and souls searching for personal intimacy with their God as brothers and sisters of our interfaith community is another positive example of the need for the integration of brothers and sisters representatives of other faith groups, sharing in the Mystery of that love. As the spiritual founder and director of the TCOSF, our heart's desire is so that people of any spiritual tradition and none could have a supportive holding environment in which to remove all that keeps us bound in separation, division and suffering; a place where we could join together and participate in liberating our souls from our own egoic tendencies, so the universal spiritual directives of love, compassion, understanding and wisdom could land in our actual human experience."

Brother Sean is founder of the Sean Bradley Academy dedicated to empowering therapists and Light Workers embrace a soul therapy known as 'Therapeutic Channelling,' embracing the healing energies of Sananda Jesus and the Divine Feminine, (Mary Magdalene). The therapy is underpinned by the ancient principles of the Johannine and Therapeutia Essenes. His thirty eight years as an experienced nurse guided his heart to reach out to the already overburdened members of the caring professions and to members with the established Christian Ministries by

providing respite and counselling support since 1980. He is perceived as a soul intuitive, comforting souls who are seeking clarity and spiritual direction in their faith journey. He is a respected international spiritual retreat director and author of several books in spirituality. In December 2008, his heart finally relented to God's invitation having struggled for many years to dedicate his remaining years as a contemplative interfaith Franciscan monk. Today, Brother Sean now lives a simple life in service to God in the South Lakes where he has dedicated his life for unity, peace, reconciliation and forgiveness of all faiths -that they may become one as God is one with Jesus. His values are based on two of his greatest teachers namely, that of Sananda Jesus and St. Francis of Assisi. He believes that they are this century's perfect examples of what being an interfaith spiritual eco warrior is expected to do as a spiritual Olympian for Source.

Vision and Mission Statements

The Interfaith Tau Community of Saint Francis's: Serving Divine Love, Unity and Eternal Wisdom through equal partnership as prayer partners in service to Source.

The Interfaith Tau Community of Saint Francis's mission: Recognising, honouring and celebrating the essence of the Divine at the heart of the many pathways to Truth by sharing the following integrated spiritual ecologies:

- **SHARING SPIRITUALITY** – through our ongoing retreat and support group days one can embrace religious diversity without compromising one's spiritual values as they search for lasting peace and reconciliation of all Faiths to unite as 'One Spiritual Family' sharing God's love for all and to all.
- **POSITIVE ACTION** - unique concept of sharing God's Love through a common sensed approach of putting practical religious/spirituality into positive action for all who are seeking peace where mutual respect is essential for the integration of all faiths/beliefs.
- **VIRITUAL SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY** - (a monastery without walls) based on the core values of Franciscan Spirituality, where the Creator God is Love and by inviting all to come and share that love as brothers and sisters by embracing a 'spiritual way life,' from the comforts of their own home.
- **TRAINING AND EDUCATION-** We understand that our spiritual unfolding is an ongoing process, and dedicate ourselves to continually deepening our personal spiritual practice, that our service may be grounded in an authentic and evolving spiritual life.
- **HONOURING OUR SACRED CONTRACTS** – As committed men and women who have embraced the monastic life within the TCOSF, we are encouraged to remember our unity, honouring our uniqueness as a child of God. We achieve this by aiming to keep our hearts and minds open to everyone, celebrating difference but not separation. We refuse to marginalise people on the basis of age, disability, state of health, race, gender, nationality, religion, sexuality, economic status or any other distinction. We understand the importance of practising what we preach, and agree to

uphold the ethical and practical principles of the spiritual path we follow. We recognise that all paths emphasise the importance of honesty, respecting self and others, non-stealing and non-harming. Knowing that truthfulness brings freedom, we aim to cultivate conscious and clean communication. We aim to speak and listen as truly as we can, being mindful that our words are kind, true and useful. Since we value purity of awareness, we support each other in exercising maturity over the ingestion of intoxicants or mind-altering substances.

- Serving the spiritual needs of the community and society
- Co-creating partnerships with organisations committed to spiritual awareness and application.

Our Ministry

As members of the Tau Community of Saint Francis, we aim to be of service to people of all faiths or none. Our help is sought most often by:

- Those who are seeking spiritual connection and expression, yet feel uncomfortable with conventional religion (shown by surveys to be a majority of the UK population)
- People from different religious backgrounds who wish to honour more than one faith tradition.
- Individuals who have expressed a desire to embrace a spiritual pathway that incorporates living the life of a committed monk but who are reluctant to enter a conventional monastery where they know that to achieve this, they will have to leave their home, family and friends behind. The Tau Spiritual community will provide practical support that will enable them to live in their home- their monastery without walls.
- Those who seek closer intimacy with their God and are willing to enter our proposed mixed sex monastery where all faith traditions are honoured and respected will be invited to join pending the acquisition of a small holding in due course.
- Those struggling with issues they find difficult to raise within their faith (for example, questioning of sexuality).

We are not creating a new religion, but filling a growing spiritual gap in modern society. It's not our aim to convert anyone away from their faith, but to support people who wish to enquire more deeply into their own spiritual tradition and their own soul.

Membership within the Tau Community offers each person the opportunity to become a Friend, or non monastic as well as following their heart and dedicating their life to God as contemplative monastics. Within our membership there are ordained ministers from the Interfaith Foundation (UK) along with several members training to become ordained ministers. They are involved in spreading the word about the benefits of the conducting weddings, funerals and blessing ceremonies. Some have started their own centres, worship communities and spiritual education programmes. Others tend more towards offering spiritual counselling - privately, or in hospitals, hospices, colleges and schools. Some have taken their calling - whether expressed in explicit 'spiritual' terms or not - into business training, into peace-making projects, and into the whole passage of family and community life, including parenting. Many have brought increased inspiration to their work as artists, writers and musicians. And for

some, the result of the training has simply been a more authentic expression of who they are, and a deeper sharing of their spirituality with others in their everyday lives. In the Interfaith Foundation, we hold that the qualities we bring to our service are more important than its form of expression.

There is a core group within the Tau Community who have expressed a desire to share their spirituality, creativity and religious beliefs within a more permanent residential monastic setting. To that end, we are now relying totally upon God to direct this vision by providing a suitable small holding in a semi rural setting where our committed members can live out their calling as contemplative monastics in a same sex spiritual community.

The Tau Community is an Integrated Spiritual Ecology - Francis of Assisi, in his living the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the full, gives us an example of 'Four Ecologies:

- An environmental ecology, living in harmony with creation and Mother Nature and the Elements.
- A social ecology, embracing all people as brothers and sisters regardless of colour, race or status.
- A spiritual ecology, in praise of the Father Mother God as Creator of all things.
- An interfaith ecology, inviting all soul seekers of truth enters a new concept of living practical spirituality in the modern world regardless of one's religious persuasions.

The vision entails that the monastic house be an eco friendly and sustainable venture where the community will become involved in the following:

- Horticulture: create a market garden growing a wide range of home grown produce to support the resident community and also sell to the local community. Training courses in permaculture, horticulture to basic levels.
- Animal Welfare: provide a small range of animals as pets: hens, goats, sheep, cattle, donkeys, Shetland ponies and pigs.
- Specialist Interests: Ecology and raising awareness about climate change, sustainability, bee keeping, hen husbandry, religious calligraphy, iconic art and crafts (pottery): in house printing and book publishing.
- Special Courses in Holistic Energy Medicine.
- Spiritual counselling, counselling supervision, pastoral support with soul or life coaching.
- Residential guided retreats, short term respite, self catering holidays and guided retreats.
- Provide several self contained hermitages for guests seeking privacy.
- Nurture positive working relations within the Interfaith Forum providing support to all.

The above list may well change subject to available skills within the residential monastic community.

If you wish to contact Brother Sean for further information about joining as a Friend or as a Monastic member of the Tau Community of Saint Francis, then please email us at: TCOSF@aol.com or you can visit the website/s at:

www.monasteryofsaintfrancis.com www.interfaithfranciscans.com www.sean-bradley.com

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The Tau Franciscan Cross for Peace and Unity for all

The Tau Interfaith Spiritual Community of Saint Francis

Uniting all Faith Groups as ONE SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY through
Love, Prayer and Service



History of the Interfaith Franciscans vision

In June 2009, whilst researching the internet to see if there were any other Interfaith Franciscan monastic groups on the world wide web, we came across several interesting articles about the Vatican, more to the point, Pope Benedict removing the Papal Seal granted by the late Pope John Paul II to the Franciscan Order for Assisi's recognition as an interfaith centre. The Vatican prohibited the Franciscans using Assisi for interfaith ministry. We were equally surprised to discover the date this reprimand arrived, April 2006!

It would seem that despite man's interference with God's vision of interfaith reconciliation to all faiths and none, Saint Francis had other plans when he spoke to mere mortals possibly seen as less theologically versed in their role as student therapists from the Sean Bradley Academy of Essenic Energy Medicine than the intelligencia of the Roam Curia. It proves the point that when clerical ego gets in the way of God's vision for mankind, the Spirit of God prepares ordinary souls to take on the task without ego getting in the way.

Something amazing happened during their weekend of training in Manchester. On day 2 of their course, whilst in meditation. Lord Kutumi, otherwise known as St. Francis, came through with a simple message saying: "Establish an interfaith forum for all beliefs; meet

regularly empowering many embrace God's love for them and call the venture, the Tau Community of Saint Francis."

In August 2007, at a Trustee's meeting, we soon became aware that within the group and from one of our advisers, there was an element of deep unease with the venture being called after St. Francis. The reason given was that many would perceive the name St Francis as representing Catholic and engender a poverty mind set. We were later told that if the name of St. Francis wasn't removed then a group in Manchester would have difficulty supporting us. A vote was taken and though the outcome was devastating for both poor Sr. Theresa and Brother Sean, our Founder, they accepted in faith the majority vote to call themselves, 'Tau Tree of Life Healing Community.'

A sense of despair prevailed from August 2007 until April 2008 when Brother Sean was guided in his heart to go to the tomb of St. Francis at Assisi as he would be given clarity what must be done to resolve the situation. As soon as he arrived at the tomb of his beloved Francis,

Brother Sean received a simple request from Jesus and St. Francis; 'To establish an Interfaith monastic community for men and women of all beliefs to live a covenanted monastic life of prayer and penance in service to the God of all Faiths. The name of the Community will be known as the Tau Community of Saint Francis- an Interfaith Franciscan venture empowering mankind embrace the Natural World- The Franciscan Soul.'

Upon his return from Assisi, Brother Sean called for a meeting of the entire membership within the Tau Community and shared the message he was given from Jesus and St. Francis. A sense of Joy and Celebration returned albeit with several hardened hearts looking defeated and unhappy with the decision to resume the name of St. Francis.

GOD'S PROPOSED 7 YEAR VISION FOR THE NEW VENTURE:

The New Monastic 'eco sustainable' Buildings will be known as: The Abbey of Saint Francis of Peace and Compassion. Please click below to read about the vision of faith:

God's vision will be our opportunity to 'Walk God's Talk' and embrace His vision with absolute faith. As covenanted Interfaith Franciscans living the monastic sevenfold vows, of which one is the vow of Providence to our Father Mother God, who are Millionaires in their own right, will provide whatever we need for the sake of their vision...many will see this leap of faith as pure madness! Despite not having any tangible written guarantees of funding, we know that this journey is one of faith and we trust that God will underwrite all we need at the appropriate time and place by honouring our vow of Providence to God.

The Tau Interfaith Franciscans Monastic Community of Saint Francis Fraternity:

"Inspired by God, St. Francis initiated a gospel form of life that he called a brotherhood according to the example of the life of Christ and His disciples."

"For this reason, united by faith in God and nourished at the table both of the Divine Word and interfaith celebration, we love one another that the world may know we are God's disciples, service to the whole Family of God."

- We gather together for prayer 3 times each day.
- All meals are taken in common.
- All goods are held in common.
- Each Monastic's unique talents are recognised and used for the common good.
- Important events in brothers' and sister's lives are celebrated by all.

Our Ministry

As Interfaith Franciscans living the monastic life, our first chosen vocation is to become a 'Prayer Consultant for God.' We achieve this spiritual way of life by the daily support from God's Spirit by the following means:

1. Prayer:

"Desiring above all things the Spirit of the Lord and Its holy activity, praying always God with a pure heart, let us offer people a witness of authentic prayer in such a way that they may see and sense in our

faces and in the life of our fraternities the goodness and kindness of God present in the world'

As members of an Interfaith Monastic Community, we endorse the teachings of our Founder, St. Francis by upholding a simple belief that as we are all brothers and sisters of the same Loving God of all, when we come together to celebrate each other's religious beliefs through sacred dance, rituals and shared prayer for the world at large, we do so with humility, reverence and respect.

We recite the Liturgy of the Divine Office in common each day

- We spend two half hour periods of meditation daily Opportunities for Interfaith devotions including Eucharistic Adoration is offered frequently. Private prayers and devotions encouraged in accordance with one's religious beliefs.

Monthly day of recollection in silence.

- Yearly mandatory 5 day's retreat in silence.
2. Monastic Social Enterprise in Communal Service through collaborative action.

As covenanted monastic members of the Tau interfaith Community, we enter a spiritual relationship with God by adhering to several important vows or promises made when we commit our lives in service to God and each other. Another we can achieve this is by living to the same simple rule of St. Francis, namely, that of absolute confidence in our Loving Heavenly Father Mother God who sees our hearts and who will provide for all our daily needs accordingly. This is what we call living to a vision of complete faith and trust in God where there are no guarantees but unconditional love.

Each member of the professed community live to the 'Tau Rule of Life' which prohibits one from applying to any statutory body, the Lottery, or any Grant Making Trust for direct funding. Instead, each member makes a practical contribution by sharing their skills and expertise which will contribute towards the running costs of the monastic community. We can raise our daily bread by the following means:

- Making a range of Creative Arts and Crafts, namely, the Tau Prayer Chaplets
- Making homemade preserves, honey and chutneys.
- Making iconography, religious cards, etc.
- Writing and publishing our works.
- Recording our range of healing meditations and chants
- Running guided and or group spiritual retreats.
- Delivering a range of seminars on: Spirituality; Holistic Therapies; Ecology; caring for our animals (hens; bees; etc.).
- Providing a woodland cemetery for the ashes of individuals and their pets.
- Providing an animal sanctuary for sick and abandoned animals.
- Naming ceremonies; weddings; blessings, etc.

As a covenanted monastic community, it is not our intention to remain kneeling in prayer each day whilst the community dies of starvation. The vow of providence implies that we not only place our abiding trust in a beneficent God who will provide, but we have to be responsible and meet God half way by utilising the skills and gifts that He has given to each one and earn a simple living from the sale of our homemade produce or the sale of our arts and crafts, etc. This, we believe, is Franciscan Spirituality in its simplest form.

Dear Brother Sean

Re: The Tau Vision

What seems to be forming, (by Grace) is a soul-gathering to pray/serve the planet and all beings ,through the times of challenge/change/confusion/ wonder/renewal etc that lie ahead; The Abbey, exists NOW and is a gift to us from the One Source of All, constructed by the Angels; Those who respond to the call can enter and live therein , from the moment of their response; The manifestation of its earthly "incarnation" will follow when the time is right; the immediate and on-going task for us already "gathered" is to be the living "seeds " of its manifestation .

Each home is a "cell" in this embryonic temenos -to - come; our journeys about the world are our cloisters; Nature our great Abbey Church. All manner of things can thus be sanctified, and the emergent Form will be the response of Matter to the Love of God; As you have said, the vision, strength and imagination to "midwife" this vision will flow into the united hearts of those who resonate to the Divine plan, and from thence , flow out to creation; What I think I am trying to say is that if we seek the Kingdom for its own sake, everything else will follow; the Plan of the Great Architect is perfect.

Regards,

Reverend Sister Olivea (*Mother Abbess Elect*)

Tau Interfaith Franciscans Community of St. Francis

Personal Message from Christ to You

“Be Still and know that I am God. ‘Just Be’ and know that I am with you. No pressure, no hurry, no hassle. Take things one day at a time. Walk with me in the serenity of my path, have courage and faith but most of all ‘Just Trust’. I am with you always walking beside you or carrying you through tough times. Things have been difficult but things will get better, good things are ahead. She has gone before – her role here was finished but your role has only just begun. This is the right path for you and you should work with your fellow lightworkers, ‘the therapists of the Sean Bradley Academy’ to radiate love and light nationally and internationally. You all share a common goal spreading the truth of my word and distributing love, light and healing. This is not new for you. It is inherent. Therapeutic touch/channelling has been around for centuries if only you will just ‘trust’. Everything will fall into place and you will all know exactly what to do. Nurture those crystal and indigo children – you know who they are. They need you and they need your support. You are there to guide and teach them. Be passionate and enthusiastic. Warmth and positivity glows from each one of you like a beacon to touch people’s lives, often in many unexpected ways.

Unconditional love is the key. Walk beside me and I will carry you through. Know that I am God, I will raise you up and Christ Consciousness will be awakened at a global level through the ripple effect. Have confidence in yourself, forgive yourself for your mistakes, love yourself as much as you love others – without self-love you have nothing. Open your heart and divine love will be channelled through you. You will shine and you will be guided by Jesus and Mary. Every one of you has an important role to play in this giant jigsaw. Each small step along the path is another part completed. If in doubt ask the beautiful Angels of the Bagua and they will give you the strength and courage to succeed.

Archangel Michael will protect you. Let him ‘cut the chords’ of negativity and release them. Uriel’s yellow/gold light will raise your consciousness even further. Raphael heals the healer. Remember to make time for yourself. Set aside some quiet time for prayer. It is during this that Gabriel will bring you messages. Metatron, at the helm, will nurture you, enveloping you in all his wings. Oh what powerful energy he beholds –

Love and Light from every angle!

Jesus

THE WOUNDED HEALER

BOUNDARIES IN THE CLIENT / THERAPIST RELATIONSHIP

Who is the 'Wounded Healer'? Many people have become therapists do so, because they genuinely want to help others; many come to train as therapists of the Academy because they have worked through healing themselves and feel they are in a position to help others. However, when we begin to help others, the healing of others naturally brings up unfinished business within ourselves. Unless we are fully aware of this, we can end up projecting our problems onto the already traumatized client /patient, sometimes in a very subtle way.

An example that comes to mind is when I had a bout of renal colic in the mid seventies and the nurse in charge of the A&E department was domineering and seemingly angry with life. When she gave me the pethidine injection to alleviate my pain I sensed that she was projecting her negativity via the injection and my situation became intolerable. I discovered that she was having severe marital and sexual problems as she had many agendas which were projected to patients who had reason to meet up with her for emergency treatment.

As a senior nurse in charge of an A&E department, I later came to work with staff from various A&E departments, helping them address painful issues within themselves, which hindered a good patient / nurse relationship.

What has this to do with healers? Well, I believe that any agendas lying unanswered within a person may surface when treating a patient/client. I would say that all healers first and foremost duty is to their clients /patients, and to act with the utmost humility, compassion and ethics, understanding that their skills do not come from themselves, but from God. Then they have a duty to themselves to keep body and mind as pure as possible through right nutrition, right thoughts and right actions.

Maybe it seems a tall order, but when many lives are at stake, it is a necessary order. The world needs powerful healers who are in control of themselves and know who they are.

I pray that our therapists and all healers and therapists everywhere may find that power and be the best they can be for those who souls who need their help.

Yours in Divine Love and Light

Sean Bradley

Principal & Founder of the Academy of Essenic Energy Medicine 2001

Channelled message for Sean's TCCP group 28/5/06:

Beloved Family of Light,

Know that your spirit is strong, wise & all knowing, when you connect with us in the spiritual realm, your Brothers & Sisters of Light. We have always loved you & will always love you, for YOU are one of us. It is only when you forget this fact that you become separated & disconnected. It only takes a minute of silent prayer to re-connect. And this minute of prayer is your responsibility – do it at any time of the day, when the outside world overcomes the peace within.

Remember we stand forever by your sides, our beloved Sisters & Brothers of the Light.

Forever yours, Christ, Your Brother, speaking for those who stand in the Light.

13th April. 2006

I have a message for you, Sean, and in this you must trust that I am Gabriel. You are about to receive the word of God, you will feel the presence, the energy, the love and you will not doubt. This will cause you some turmoil initially, for you will find that aspects of yourself are challenged, you may even feel physically unwell but you will see the truth, the joy, if you accept the divine healing from within yourself and those around you, for they have gathered to offer their love and support. You will be given directions for building a temple, not with bricks and mortar, but a spiritual temple. This will be difficult for it will attract those that need it most and they will bring many traumas with them. Your work will take you in a different direction from that already started, which has mainly been preparatory so far. There are enough people now, to continue what you have begun.

I offer you love, gratitude and ask that you believe in yourself and those that have come to support you.



About Brother Sean – Course Facilitator /Teacher



Brother Sean's unique message comes not only from the *university of life*, but from living a simple life as a nursing monk and dedicating almost all of his life in the '**People Business**' as a qualified nurse for over 38 years and as a Pastoral Spiritual Counsellor for 20 years.

He now believes that after many years of supporting patients, professional colleagues and clients that so many are merely 'existing' without 'Spiritual Passion' and not living a life infused by Divine Love. Many are afraid to make a connection with God for personal reasons possibly associated with their former religious family, their upbringing or a negative experience. So many still perceive that engaging with Angelic healing energy represents religion!

Brother Sean's ministry has changed dramatically in the past year. *Guided by the Realms and Jesus, he now prefers to see clients at home, (Tau Healing Center), at Chapel Gap in the South Lakes.* Those who come to see Brother Sean do so for many reasons namely, Pastoral /Spiritual Counselling; Inner wounded child issues; coping with negativism; mental health issues including severe depression; support in how to use silence and prayer effectively; awakening the Divine within their lives; acquiring new skills in all aspects of nurturing a spiritual life; empowering clients to work with healing energy and listen to God in silence; manifesting spiritual abundance; looking at different methods on how to self heal and a basic understanding of the dynamics of forgiveness.

A mental breakdown in 1996 following the death of a dear friend and brother monk was to become another major breakthrough for Brother Sean. Here he was guided to train as a sacred garden designer working more with Mother Nature and the Animal Kingdom. He was given the '**Angel (Feng Shui) Healing Bagua, a 'Divine Blueprint to self heal'** from the Archangels, Mother Earth and Saint Francis using colour, plant fragrances and all that nature would provide to engender 'Balance, Harmony and Divine Connectedness.' This work is ongoing where many clients seek support in the basic design of an Angel Peace Garden to self heal.

Brother Sean's Ministry empowers his clients embrace their individual spirituality through many years of supporting others in the caring profession as a qualified nurse for 38 years and as a Pastoral Spiritual Counselor for almost 20 years. As an intuitive spiritual life coach, healer, teacher, author and therapist, Brother Sean offers clients individual spiritual guidance and support. He also runs specialist courses in Holistic Energy Medicine up to Masters Level and courses in Practical Spirituality by Open Learning. www.sean-bradley.com

Guided by Sananda Jesus and Saint Francis, Brother Sean was instructed to establish the **Tau Community of Saint Francis; an online Monastic Interfaith Community without walls**. Inspired by God, Brother Sean has taken up the gauntlet where "Religion and Churches" have inadvertently failed to unite the whole Family of God to come together and celebrate their uniqueness as children of the same loving Father Mother God. The vision of the Tau Community is dedicated to Prayer engendering a spirit of Unity, Peace, Forgiveness, Reconciliation, and Spiritual Renewal, Healing Self/others and empowering society to protect and safeguard the earth's resources. Members of the Tau Community can achieve this and more with God's help from their own home. www.taucommunity.com

Creating An Oasis for Prayer & Self Healing: Clients/students who are interested in applying the healing energies of the Angel (Feng Shui) Healing Bagua to self heal working with Mother Earth, Nature Spirits and Angelic Energy, Brother Sean continues to provide '1 to 1' training courses to Diploma Level in sacred garden design from a healing perspective. www.angelgardens4u.co.uk

Qualifications:

RGN, RMN, OHNC, Dip. Counselling ' Pastoral'; Master Practitioner in Therapeutic Channelling,

What Clients have to say about Brother Sean

Once in a life time a truly amazing helper comes along, like the healer Sean Bradley. Without his help I would still be stuck up the thicket of a tributary, some way off the River, and very far from Sea, a shipwrecked man holding onto a spar. I would still be living in Misery. But Life had other plans. There is no doubt over Brother Sean's healing powers, his encouragement, his prophetic and intuitive insight, the sheer sagacity of the man; his healing power, prayer, Franciscan serenity and those special healing oils he makes. He is truly a channel of impressive and significant quality. I strongly believe he is as good as it gets in a time when there are no real masters left here on the earth plane, save through our appeal to the Ascended Masters that have gone before and the angelic and Divine healing energies of which we are only servants.

His connection with the Master Jesus, Mother Mary, the Archangels and Saint Francis, has worked a miracle in keeping me well against the odds. I have long suffered from depression and mental illness, imbalance and self-absorption. Conventional medicines, remedies, talking therapies (CBT/CAT), Jungian psychotherapy and NLP, have not helped me near enough as Brother Sean's humble and definitive Essene approach, working with the Holy Spirit, and allowing Divine Guidance--along with time, since there is never a magic wand to recover--to heal where reason and often a fallible one size fits all NHS approach could not, but merely suppress or contain difficulties until they had straightened, but never resolved, quietened but functioning with all the trash dug deep.

All truly great healers and sages are incredibly humble people, and those with the greatest insight into the mysteries and realities of the world, have inevitably suffered the most. This equips them to change their world and in so doing improve our own, and it is from them that truly great things can be carried forth in those that they help and the ideas that they help to spread, as lives begin to change. I have benefited from his expertise in healing, his work with Jesus-Mirian [bio-energy healing] oils and his great compassion that radiates from his aura, his hands and his loving eyes. When it seemed life would not improve, when I was fast losing hope, when I was not really living but existing as a man abandoned, isolated and near the borderlands of out and out psychosis-Sean's healing and daily affirmations and prayer prescription has helped me to restore my Spirit and give me back my spark which had dimmed through many life traumas and negative experiences. Sean has given me the power to reclaim hope and trust that all will be well if I embrace Jesus and the Brotherhood of the elect...

He also actively proves through his inter-faith work with the Tau Community of St. Francis, and his visionary--though frankly sensible and realistic plans for simplicity and ecological sustainability at a community and local level [and the use of the fabled Essene Angel Bagua], that beautiful days full of creativity and promise are available to us all. He is truly a living embodiment of the True Religion, that is the Imagination, tempered with patience and love.

He has given me hope that there are good human beings out there. And while no one is perfect, there are those who devote their lives to serving others in need and selflessly asking nothing back. I'm sincerely grateful for his love, patience and compassion in the matter concerning Harry Matthews. What I have learned from Sean has helped me to rehabilitate and I see it as a turning point in my life. I sincerely do, as you so prophetically knew when we last met in person.



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July 22nd 'Feast of the Divine Feminine-Mary Magdalene.'

Dear Friend

Re: Important Message from Magdalene to our hearts this day

On Sunday 19th July, Brothers and Sisters from the Tau Lay Monastic Community of St. Francis were joined by their Friends, including our Friends from the Interfaith Seminary and I.F.F. for an informal pre- celebration of Magdalene's special feast here at the Monastery of St. Francis in beautiful Storth. The day was blessed with glorious weather despite reports of torrential rains in the surrounding areas. Magdalene ensured that the live performances of sacred dance by Sister Catherine in her honour would not have to be cancelled. Sister Olivea gave a soul searching talk about Magdalene that was truly inspirational as well as thought provoking. **Please click on the following weblinks to see pictures of that celebration where we honoured our special Patroness of the Tau Interfaith Franciscans Community.**

<http://monasteryofsaintfrancis.com/InterfaithFranciscans.html>

<http://interfaithfranciscans.com/TauNews.html>

<http://monasteryofsaintfrancis.com/OurCommunity.html>

We write to you today to share with you some interesting facts (***see enclosed attachment***) about this much maligned spiritual woman whose integrity, knowledge, wisdom and the love for her Master Jesus, were to cost her reputation most dearly. As with all of God's chosen ones, there is the inevitable price to pay for such devotion to Love. I believe that Magdalene has an important role to play in the lead up to 2012. I also believe and treasure in my heart her sacred words to my soul back in 2006 when she guided me to go to the Red Sea, my spiritual birth place, to wait patiently for her to come and speak to my heart! Within a few days, I became aware of her presence as she channelled chapter and verse for my next book, '**Let Your Light Shine for 2012.**' Coinciding with that book came a special request from Magdalene to prepare the 'Miriam Bio Healing Oils.' The name Miriam was her real name in the Essene's Community. The oils contain the purest of the Spikenard oils During that same year, Brother Sean was guided by Magdalene to infused with other additional essences of; 'the oils of Rosemary;' the oils of Lavender;' the oils of Eucalyptus' and grains of pure Frankincense.' Please click on following weblink for more information about the oils **<http://www.sean-bradley.com/blessedoils.htm>** For information about the book, '**Let Your Light Shine for 2012,**' please click on: **<http://www.sean-bradley.com/shopping.htm>**

There is a consensus of esteemed opinion about why Mary Magdalene is making her presence known today in a tangible way to those who are searching for personal intimacy

with God. On a purely personal level, I sense in my heart that Magdalene's return is about empowering one to embrace the 'Divine Feminine Healing Energies' within our hearts and set it free from a predominant male ego that saturates the soul with fear, control and manipulation of God's word. Her essence is that of pure gentleness and selfless love that was born through rejection culminating in her name been defamed as a prostitute for centuries by male dominated egos within the Church of God. Magdalene having paid the price willingly and lovingly for her discipleship to her Master Jesus, her message today remains the same: **'By following your heart there you will find the true meaning of Love; a love that will call you by your name to embrace God's Spirit who will encapsulate your soul.'** If you wish to engage with Magdalene on this fortuitous day, then do so by asking her to speak to your heart in silence. If you live alone, why not set your dinner table for two persons and there invite her Spirit to join you for the Agape meal of spiritual union.

In our beautiful world such as we have been given by God, very few, if any, really see beyond their own nose! How often have we heard the expression, one cannot see the, **'wood for the trees,'** Why is it that only the **'Few' are able to 'Behold-Enfold-Hold-Listen to God's Spirit of Love when the gift is for everyone?** And why is it that only the **'Few' are able to sense God's perfect peace or Spiritual Abundance in their lives today?** And why is it **that so many have chosen not to 'Hear' Magdalene speaks to their hearts?** Could it be that they don't know how to close their lips and ears and engage with silence? Could one reason be that many still perceive that?' If you are being touched by Magdalene's essence as you read these words and would like to know more about how you too can become an **'anointed one,'** infused with Magdalene's love, please read Brother Sean's article on, **'Lay Monasticism.'** It will most definitely inspire your heart as it challenges others to take back their power and reawaken the Divine Feminine within one's heart!

As one who may be interested in knowing more about Magdalene and her role today, it is worth remembering that when we open our hearts to Divine Love, we automatically become sitting ducks for attack from a negative kind. Here, we should not become disheartened but more heartened because it would imply that a) we are on track and b) that we have the tools to face our attackers without fear. So many light workers are now being targeted by negativism. Individuals who come to see me here have had 'entities of a vitriolic kind,' sent to them by individuals who seek to stop them in their ministry, or career.

In addition to all of the global crisis, we now have the world's media playing their part to create more fear and cause more havoc for the vulnerable. Just take the recent press re: **'Swine Flu.'** There is real panic across the nation! People are now living in fear of it killing them! On a more positive note, what is Magdalene saying to our hearts today? I sense that

she would be saying something like this, ***'If we are working in the Light for the Light, then there should be no fear whatsoever! When it is our time to return home to be with God, then so be it'*** **Fear is an illusion and it only creates anxiety for the soul when we give it our power.**

As with all of life's experiences, Brother Sean has learned more from the '**University of Life,**' than any courses or books. Why is it that many prefer to focus their attention on doing yoga, keeping fit and dieting than face their own beautiful soul? Could the real reason be that whilst these activities are good for the mind, body and soul, there is an inner fear of facing our true self for fear of what and who we might find? The person we usually find there is that other person in our life we call 'ego.' What's wrong with surrendering our ego to God and allowing more daylight back into souls? Or, could the real reason be that our ego refuses to obey our heart, thus keeping us enslaved to it for eternity?

Brother Sean believes that when he hit an all time low 12 years ago when he faced the loss of a dear brother, the ensuing depression led to severe mental illness that was to become his breakthrough four years later. During that painful period of mental disquiet, rejection from colleagues and the loss of well meaning friends, he knew that had it not been for the support he received from Magdalene and her Beloved Master Jesus he accepts that possibly his life would have ended prematurely due to the suicidal ideation and disinhibitive behaviour associated with his Prozac induced mania. Brother Sean firmly believes that when we reach that '**rock bottom place in our life,**' where our backs are to the wall and there is no real escape from our shadows, one should forsake the ego and call upon our loving Father Mother God. He did and in that still voice of God speaking to his heart, he knew that the voice was not his own but that of Magdalene and Jesus saying '**welcome home our brother.**'

Today, it is not fashionable to profess a personal belief in God for fear of being rejected by one's friends and colleagues. The Church is desperately seeking new ways to engage with others in the hope that individuals will return to their fold. I believe that until the male dominated ego that has crippled the hearts of God's people by shackling them not to God's love but more to serving an ego inspired belief that desperately seeks control.

Brother Sean believes adamantly that '**what goes around comes around.**' As a soul intuitive working in service with the Christ Magdalene energies, Brother Sean knows that on the 22nd of July 2009, God will reopen another sacred vortex for the safe return of Magdalene final victory over male ego that has infiltrated the very heart of God family. Her safe return at 12 midnight tonight will be another testimony of an Old Testament Prophecy being fulfilled! "God will Rescue His people from bondage when they cry out to Him." Those cries over the centuries since His Son was crucified for our freedom, have indeed been heard. Magdalene's essence and love is already among us. From 12 midnight,

I sense in my heart that she will return in Power to activate the Divine Feminine proper whose power will resurrect God's children from enslavement through religious fear. Her presence will empower many to return to living that simple life based not on ego or false information but is more about holding the light we have been given and speaking our truth by living in accordance with that same truth. Jesus said, 'My truth will set you free.' We are free when we let go of 'religious ideologies' that are not based on that 'simple Divine Truth.' As we approach 2012, we are now re-entering a new dawn of Spiritual Enlightenment that will prepare us to remain in our hearts. Instead of asking 'What's that saying to my heart,' we will not entertain such negative language because it is ego crying out for attention. From the 22nd July, instead of having to wait patiently for 21st December 2012, Magdalene will speak to the hearts of all God's children inviting them to '**KISS.**' (**Keep It Simple Server.**) By keeping everything simple, she will empower us to embrace yet again, the Natural World – The Franciscan Soul of God, to embrace Mother Earth, the Nature Spirits and Angelic energies within the animal kingdom and creation itself. Magdalene's love will inspire our hearts to nurture a more reverential respect for God's perfect creation. Magdalene will equip God's children to become Beacons of Hope in a world that has lost all sense of hope. She will inspire many to become the long awaited '**Spiritual Eco Warriors**' for God. Her essence of simplicity and devotion to her beloved Master Jesus, will touch many hearts to embrace Christ Consciousness (The Cosmic Christ), and experience the **Hierus Gamus**, or **Mystical Marriage** –that **Sacred Union of hearts with theirs**. The immediate impact will be a humbling spiritual encounter with God's Saints who will facilitate that safe return to spiritual values that will set mankind free to '**BEHOLD-ENFOLD-HOLD AND LISTEN**' to God speak to our hearts.

As co creators of GOD, Magdalene will inspire our hearts today to speak our truth through love. Her 'Divine Feminine Energies,' will counteract centuries of religious abuse by the reawakening of our heart to embrace God's Divine Plan to rescue His Chosen Ones from clerics who have persistently shown their disloyalty to a loving God. Those who have enslaved God's innocent ones to misery and fear will now have to face Magdalene.

A '**New Moses**' has finally returned to save God's people from their own destruction! This person was chosen by God to lead us all to safety across the perilous waters of religious hate and division not caused by God but by man's inhumanity towards one's fellow man. This new Moses chosen by the Council of Spiritual Elders to save mankind from total annihilation is Mary Magdalene. Today, she will infuse many hearts to honour their religious traditions by saying no to negativism and yes to the celebration of Interfaith /Interreligious dialogue. This is the only way forward for our survival as co creators of Source. Her presence will inspire many to leave their outdated religious traditions yet hold firm to God's word to their hearts! She will invite many who are searching for personal intimacy to seek solace in communities where there is a celebration of God's Love-not Hate. Magdalene the High Priestess of Isis is now among us and now I sense her presence hovering over me to share her love for you with you. The efficacy and priestly role of

Magdalene's presence will most certainly challenge a society that is being led like lambs to the slaughter by wolves dressed in sheep's clothing. Like her beloved Master Jesus who is known as the '**Hound of Heaven**,' she now takes up His gauntlet and will motivate, inspire even nurture the most hardened of hearts to abandon selfishness and materialism in preference of the Kingdom of God's love. All we can say is, thank God for Magdalene's safe return into a generation that has lost sight of their divinity as co creators of Source. Prior to our festivities here last Sunday when Magdalene brought those she wanted to work with here as her 'key players' in re-opening the vortex of her love here in our Oratory dedicated to her memory and the memory of her beloved Jesus. I sense too her words to my heart saying loud and clear, '**That there is no need to travel to all the sacred sites dedicated to her memory because if we reconnect with her love in our hearts today, then we shall activate the Holy Grail of their love within us.**' Her personal invitation to my heart following the recent celebrations in her honour, was to sit quietly and reflect on her love thus allowing her words speak to my heart for everyone, I have asked God that no personal ego be present as I write Magdalene's message to our hearts and that in God's name, their divine truth will set our hearts free to embrace all that IS!

Guided by Magdalene's love and inspiration to Brother Sean, she has inspired him to work closely with her love and that of her beloved Master Teacher, Jesus to support those they have sent to Brother Sean. Under their divine guidance and support, many therapists have benefited from experiencing their 'soul therapy' underpinned by their spiritual traditions whilst they were members of the Essenes of Egypt and Mount Carmel. Brother Sean's lineage and that of the Tau Interfaith Franciscan Community's lineage to Magdalene, St. John and the Master Jesus goes right back 2000 years to the 'Johannine Essenes of Mount Carmel.' <http://www.sean-bradley.com/nazarene.htm>

For over 8 years, both Magdalene and Jesus guided Brother Sean to travel the world introducing ordinary souls to their love through the anointing of their hands and feet with their healing oils of Spikenard. During the years from 1999 – 2008, he was known affectionately as the, 'Barefoot Angel Man,' because he worked in his bare feet owing to the love he has for his Master Teacher, Jesus. Since May 2008, following delivering a guided retreat by the Red Sean, a virus struck that left him temporarily paralysed and unable to travel. God had a plan and the only way He could connect with a busy heart was to slay them with love. During that same period, Jesus invited Sean to return to his former life as a monk but not in a conventional Catholic monastery but more from his own home-a monastery without walls! He now lives a simple life as a covenanted enclosed 'Christian Interfaith Franciscan monk, where he continues to support the members within the Tau Interfaith Monastic Community as well as individuals. His work is more about caring for the carers in and professionals at the 'coal face' where many are affected by society's ills. Today, many have nicknamed him, 'Father Ted' from the TV series about some pretty crazy Irish priests because of his inimitable style of humour. His work is greatly inspired by

the many of the great world teachers especially Magdalene and her Beloved Jesus. **About Brother Sean's Healing Ministry and what clients have to say about him:**
<http://www.sean-bradley.com/aboutsean.htm>

Prayer to St. Magdalene

**Hail, Mary Magdalene, loving follower of Jesus,
Faithful watcher at the cross
First witness to the risen Christ.**

**The Lord is with you and will come to us in the
Sacrament**

**You are blessed among men and women
And blessed above all is our loving Friend Jesus.
Holy Mary Magdalene, true image of the Church, the
bride of Christ**

**Pray for us and for all who long to embrace Him
Now and at the hour of our death.
Amen.**

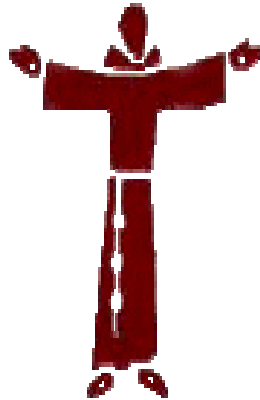
Rather than 'Goggle' or search the internet for information about how Magdalene inspired Brother Sean's ministry, he was guided by her to add the following information for anyone interested in knowing more. Magdalene asks only one thing of our hearts today,

**To act justly;
To Love tenderly,
and to walk humbly before you Lord."**

Prophet Micah 6:8

In celebrating the Feast day of Magdalene, whose love for her beloved Master Jesus was tested beyond words can describe, yet she will challenge your hearts to 'Walk God's Talk.' Her personal invitation to become friends in service to God and her beloved Jesus, will empower you surrender your hearts to love. In letting go of self-the ego, she will give to your heart the very same sacred keys that Jesus gave to Brother Sean on 8th December 2008 when he was invited to 'walk humbly before God' in service as a member of the Tau Interfaith Franciscans Community.'

Today is the first Day of the rest of Your Life!



THE ESSENES USED THE FOLLOWING SACRED RE-PROGRAMMING TOOL TO ACTIVITATE THE SOUL'S DNA TO SELF HEAL.

YOUR DAILY AFFIRMATIONS

Say early morning –noon and last thing at night.

(3 times daily for 30 days)

- I am getting better and better every day in every way.
- I am a whole and perfect Child of God.
- I am perfect just the way I am and I choose to continue to grow and evolve into my full potential.
- Spirit goes before me making my way easy, harmonious and successful.
- I, (insert your name) am now willing to love, honour and respect myself at least as much as I am willing to love, honour and respect others.

FORGIVENESS AFFIRMATIONS

I, (insert your name) now forgive myself for all the pain and suffering I have caused myself on all levels in all ways since the beginning of time.

I, (insert your name) am now willing to release the need for (list problem, worry, etc) in my life. I, (insert your name) release it /them now, accepting and trusting God, Holy Spirit and the entire Angelic Realms and the process of life to assist me to heal and to meet all my needs and desires in a healthy way.

Quietly reflect in silence and stillness and allow the healing energies release you and empower you to self heal.

Remember, that you are never alone when you believe in the presence of the Divine and the Angelic Realms.

PS: The affirmations were introduced by the Essenes many centuries ago and their belief is that it only takes 21 days to re-programme a negative mind-set into a positive mind-set. As well as this, by using the Affirmations as described above, you will unconsciously re-programme your DNA.

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WHAT IS A PRAYER?

A Prayer Can Be The Song Of A Bird
The Soar of An Eagle, With Wings Unfurled
Fragrance From A Perfect Bloom
Or Even A Rock Song Played In Tune

The Hum Of A Busy Bumble Bee
Or Wind, As It Whispers In The Top Of A Tree
Clothes Sewn With Love, As Well As Thread
The Smell Of Home-made Baking Bread.

What Is A Prayer?

People Ask Me

Many Things

A Prayer Can Be!

Laughter Of Children In The Park
The Flame Of A Candle In The Dark
Tinkling Sounds Of A Flowing Stream
Even A Well-Practised Sporting Team.

What Is A Prayer? The Children Ask Me
So Many Things - A Prayer Can Be.

Just Close Your Eyes
With A Heart So True,
And I Know In Mine
That God Will Hear You!

The Rise And Fall Of A Symphony
These Things And More, A Prayer Can Be
What Is A Prayer?
Please Dont Ask Me
It's **LOVE** That Makes A Prayer, You See!

Jeanne B. Drinkel TCCP
(Jeanne is an accredited Therapist and Teacher of the Academy)

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will affliction, or distress, or persecution, or hunger, or nakedness, or peril, or the sword? Yet, in all this we are conquerors, through him who has granted us his love.

Romans 8:35-37

Monastery of Saint Francis

(Tau Community of Saint Francis)

Prayer from my Heart to: My loving God.

Please bestow your Grace upon me, that I may accept my defences and that I may hand them over to you. I am willing to let go of the following:

- My denial-what defences?
- Boundaries that I set to protect myself.
- My pride-which prevents me from accepting that I am wrong.
- My judgement-how I am quick to judge others.
- My blame. "I'm OK, you're not OK".
- The cynicism within me, which always hides old wounds.
- My quickness to attack, to make others feel guilty.
- My sarcastic streak.
- My ability to withhold forgiveness.
- My trivialising with humour.
- My shyness.
- My withdrawal.

Please help me to acknowledge that I am willing to let each of the above go.

I hand them over to you and step forward with greater defencelessness and trust.

Brother Rob TCOSF
26th April 2009.

Are YOU interested in working with St. Francis and the Divine

Feminine Energies of Magdalene, Quan Yin and Mother Mary to set hearts free from religious oppression, control and entrapment?

As Brothers, Sisters of the Tau Interfaith Franciscan Community we are committed to honouring God's vision for a society that has become spiritually impoverished through self reliance, loss of vision and disrespect for self, others and God. Our commitment is to work with God's Spirit to make God's Blueprint work by:

'Walking God's Talk' for a more cohesive interreligious family where gender inequality, racial and religious prejudice are abolished!

Empowering mankind embrace the Natural World-the Franciscan soul; a soul that honours the Divine within all creation....

Leading by example based on our Franciscan values of love, peace and tolerance.

The Tau Community of Saint Francis is a self-governing interfaith Lay Monastic Spiritual Community of men and women which has no denominational ties except as they pertain to each individual member.

Individuals choose whether they wish to become a Friend, an Oblate or a member of our Monastic Community; one who is covenanted to serve God as a member of our interreligious monastic family. The choice is left to their own heart!

Lay Monasticism and Religious life are changing and many new forms are emerging from the foundation of the past. We are convinced that the '**New Faith Communities**' will be inclusive as never before and will focus themselves on prayer, community, spirituality and ministry/mission.

Our Membership includes single, celibate, divorced, separated and married couples who are Oblates, living the monastic life from their own homes, their monasteries without walls.

The Tau Interfaith Franciscans Community of St. Francis offers a system of community, spirituality and the recognition of individuality. We believe that the flexibility of the Order enables a person to find the right mixture of supports to live the religious life successfully. We are convinced that we are a viable model of religious life for the future. We believe that God has called the Members of the Tau Interfaith Franciscan Community of St. Francis to unite as one spiritual family whose love will empower mankind embrace the **Natural World- the Franciscan Soul** and lead by example of what interfaith unity and compassion represents in a spiritually impoverished century.

As Interfaith Franciscans- members of the Tau Community of Saint Francis, we aim to be of service to people of all faiths or none. Our help is sought most often by:

*Those who are seeking spiritual connection and expression, yet feel uncomfortable with conventional religion (shown by surveys to be a majority of the UK population)

People from different religious backgrounds who wish to honour more than one faith tradition.

*Individuals who have expressed a desire to embrace a spiritual pathway that incorporates living the life of a committed monk but who are reluctant to enter a conventional monastery where they know that to achieve this, they will have to leave their home, family and friends behind. The Tau Spiritual community will provide practical support that will enable them to live in their home- their monastery without walls.

*Those who seek closer intimacy with their God and are willing to enter our proposed mixed sex monastery where all faith traditions are honoured and respected will be invited to join pending the acquisition of a small holding in due course.

*Those struggling with issues they find difficult to raise within their faith (for example, questioning of sexuality).

We are not creating a new religion, but filling a growing spiritual gap in modern society. It's not our aim to convert anyone away from their faith, but to support people who wish to enquire more deeply into their own spiritual tradition and their own soul.

Membership within the Tau Community offers each person the opportunity to become a Friend, or non monastic as well as following their heart and dedicating their life to God as contemplative monastics. Within our membership there are ordained ministers from the Interfaith Foundation (UK) along with several members training to become ordained ministers. They are involved in spreading the word about the benefits of the conducting weddings, funerals and blessing ceremonies. Many have brought increased inspiration to their work as artists, writers and musicians. And for some, the result of the training has simply been a more authentic expression of who they are, and a deeper sharing of their spirituality with others in their everyday lives. In the Interfaith Foundation, we hold that the qualities we bring to our service are more important than its form of expression.

There is a core group within the Tau Community who have expressed a desire to share their spirituality, creativity and religious beliefs within a more permanent residential monastic setting. To that end, we are now relying totally upon God to direct this vision by providing a suitable small holding in a semi rural setting where our committed members can live out their calling as contemplative monastics in a same sex spiritual community. **Is your heart searching for such a place?**

WHO CAN BE A FRIEND – A MEMBER OF THE TAU COMMUNITY?

You can. All you have to do is say "yes" to God's invitation to serve Him through your friendship and support of the wider community within the Tau Interfaith Community. Your religious education or affiliation doesn't matter. Nor does anything you've done in your past life. All that matters is your willingness to serve as a Friend and be there for your brothers and sisters who have covenanted their lives to God as members of the interfaith contemplative community.

WHAT DOES A FRIEND OF THE TAU COMMUNITY DO?

As a Friend of our interfaith spiritual community, the Trustees and Members welcome you. Friends do have an important part to play within the Tau Family such as:

- They can be of enormous support in volunteering their services and skills on a practical level.
- Their volunteering can become a source of real support to the members of the contemplative monastic community.
- They can help raise the profile of the Tau Community by their spreading the word to their friends, work colleagues and their religious faith communities.
- They can help support the vision of the Tau Community through local fundraising and public speaking about the vision, etc.
- They can be a source of real joy for the resident monastic community by their active involvement in running key projects for the community.
- Friends can assist in many ways to network with other agencies and interfaith groups and thereby improve the dialogue that is essential for a healthy interfaith community.

On a spiritual level, we invite all new Friends to the Tau Community of St. Francis to consider their personal faith journey –their walking closely with God throughout each day. The first goal is the personal movement toward unity with God. In other words, we concentrate first on our own holiness and the perfection of our own souls before trying to rescue others. We do this through our vocations as mothers, fathers, priests, religious, single people, daughters, sons, sisters and brothers. Many of our members serve God through service to others. We learn to love God, known by many different names, through loving others. We become united to God by treating others with His love and gentleness. We bring kindness back to the world by behaving as though we lived in the heavenly kingdom, which of course, we do.

Some souls pray a great deal, but do not love. This is not unity to God. This is unity to prayer. But the goal of prayer is unity with God. God is love. Prayer brings us to love, to softer hearts, to forgiveness and patient service to others. As a Friend of the Tau Community of St. Francis, you share in the spiritual activities of the monastic community. You are invited to join them each month for the 'Friend's Support Group and Retreat Days.' In addition, our Friends are cordially invited to attend the special events that take place inside the monastery, such as celebrating the feast days of our Patrons. Also, when a brother or sister joins the community as a professed monk then this is a family celebration for the whole membership within the Tau family of St. Francis.

Tau Interfaith Franciscans Community of St. Francis

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

(You can download the following information from our website)

Your Title: Rev. () ; Dr () ; Prof () ; Mr. () ; Mrs () ; Most Rev. () ; Ms () ; Fr. () ; Sr. () ; Bro. () ; Rabbi () ; Imam () ; Other ()

Your Full Name: _____

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TYPE OF MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED

(Please Tick) OR GO TO WEBSITE AND DOWNLOAD APPLICATION PACKS.

FRIEND { } Annual Membership £15.00 or Life Membership £50.00

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Please make cheques payable to: Tau Community of Saint Francis

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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Tau Community of Saint Francis

The Rule of Life



**Rev Brother Sean Bradley TCOSF
(Founder and Spiritual Director)**

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Our Act of Commitment to the Charter for Compassion

In a world scarred by the evils of war, racism, injustice and poverty, we offer this joint Act of Commitment as we look to our shared future.

We commit ourselves, as people of many faiths, to work together for the common good, uniting to build a better society, grounded in values and ideals we share:

- community,
- personal integrity,
- a sense of right and wrong,
- learning, wisdom and love of truth,
- care and compassion,
- justice and peace,
- respect for one another,
- for the earth and its creatures.

We commit ourselves, in a spirit of friendship and co-operation, to work together alongside all who share our values and ideals, to help bring about a better world now and for generations to come.

The Charter for Compassion is a collaborative effort to build a peaceful and harmonious global community. Bringing together the voices of people from all religions, the Charter seeks to remind the world that while all faiths are not the same, they all share the core principle of compassion and the Golden Rule. The Charter will change the tenor of the conversation around religion. It will be a clarion call to the world and will show that the voice of negativity and violence so often associated with religion is the minority and that the voice of compassion is the majority” Through the participation of the grassroots, people around the world will expect more out of religious leaders and one another. In doing so, the Charter will shift conceptions of religion for all people.

"I say that religion isn't about believing things. It's ethical alchemy. It's about behaving in a way that changes you, that gives you intimations of holiness and sacredness." **Karen Armstrong**

"Throughout the ages the sages in their wisdom have called us to lives of compassion as the way to peace. In a hungry, hurting and war-weary world we must respond to that call with a passionate YES." **Rev. Dr Joan Brown Cambell**

"In a world where force is too often the response to differences of opinion, distinctions in culture, diversity of lifestyle and ideas of the divine, compassion is its one universal spiritual antidote. This Charter for Compassion is the first program in history to give the spiritual voices of the globe the opportunity to unite in this deepest and most authentic cry of the religious heart of humankind for oneness, for peace." **Sr. Joan Chittester**

"Why we need a charter of compassion in these times is that we have become almost used to cruelty and distrust on a massive scale. It may be that people of faith- of all faiths- could use their traditions and the strength of their communities to draw attention to this and to pull together ideas that will make a difference. If faith is not about compassion, it has little to offer." **Baroness Julia Neurberger**

PREAMBLE

Brothers and Sisters, if you submit to a common rule, you can do so only for the sake of God and His Gospel of Love.

Henceforth your worship and your service take place in a community of brothers and sisters, within the body of the Church or designated place of interfaith worship. Common impulse will stimulate your interior discipline which is so essential for your life as a member of the TCOSF, an interreligious monastic community.

From now on, you are no longer alone. In all things, you must take your brothers and sisters into account.

Far from groaning under the burden of a rule, rejoice; for, as you renounce all thought of looking back, and are borne forward together by the same Word, each day anew you are able to throw yourself towards God.

The Rule contains only the minimum necessary for a community seeking to build itself as an interfaith monastic community in God, and to give itself up to common service through God for God. This resolve to lay down only the essential disciplines involves a risk; that your liberty may become pretext for living according to your own impulses.

Assured of your salvation by the unique gifts from God, you do not impose discipline on yourself for its own sake. Gaining mastery of yourself has no aim other than to render you more available.

Let there be no useless asceticism; hold only to the works God commands. Carry the burdens of others, accept the petty injuries of each day, so as to share concretely in the sufferings that God has endured on our behalf: this is the first discipline.

Your fear that a common rule may stifle your personality, whereas its purpose is to free you from useless shackles, so that you may better bear the responsibilities of the ministry and make better use of its boldness. Like every interfaith member, you must accept the tension between the total freedom given by God's Spirit and the impossibilities in which you find yourself due to your neighbour's and your own fallen nature.

You would narrow your understanding of the Word of God to your hearts, if, for fear of losing your life. Be a sign of joy and brotherly and sisterly love among all men and women.

Open yourself to all that is human and you will see any vain desire to flee from the world vanish from your heart. Be present to the time in which you live; adapt yourself to the conditions of the moment. 'O Father God, I pray you, not to take them out of the world, but keep them from evil.' John 17: Vs: 15

Love the dispossessed, all those who, living amid man's injustice, thirst after justice. God has a special concern for them. Have no fear of being disturbed by them.

Show your parents deep affection and help them to recognize, through its very quality, the absolute imperative of your vocation.

Love your neighbour, whatever may be his or her political or religious beliefs.

Never resign yourself to the scandal of the separation of Christians and all non Christians, all who so readily confess love for their neighbour, and yet remain divided. Be consumed with burning zeal for the unity of the whole Mystical Body of God.

This will give us some idea of the proper preparation that the contemplative life requires. A life that is quiet, lived in the country, in touch with the rhythm of nature and the seasons. A life in which there is manual work, the exercise of arts and skills, not in a spirit of dilettantism, but with genuine reference to the needs of one's existence. The cultivation of the land, the care of farm animals, gardening. A broad and serious literary culture, music, art, again not in the spirit of Time and Life-(a chatty introduction to Titian, Prexiteles, and Jackson Pollock)-but a genuine and creative appreciation of the way poems, pictures, etc., are made. A life in which there is such a thing as serious conversation, and little or no TV. These things are mentioned not with the insistence that only life in the country can prepare a [person] for contemplation, but to show the type of exercise that is needed. **Thomas Merton.** *The Inner Experience: Notes on Contemplation.*

'Enter eagerly into the treasure house that is within you, and you will see the things that are in heaven.' **Isaac the Syrian**

'A monk must be a well-balanced person. he must, as St Benedict says, sincerely seek God, and must be able to live sociably, simply, and charitably with others, and he must have a solid foundation of virtues, an ability to serve cheerfully and generously, to be humble and kind, and above all, willing to change and to learn.' 'He who hears the voice of God must recognise that he is called to an adventure whose ending he cannot foresee because it is in the hands of God. That is the risk and the challenge of monastic calling: we surrender our lives into the hands of God and never take them back.' **Thomas Merton**

PRAYER

Just as the disciples of Jesus were gathered in the temple, rejoicing and praising you, so I will tell all your wondrous deeds, for you have turned my mourning into gladness and have girded me with joy, that my soul may sing your praises and not be silent.

The prayer of the Office, or the Sacred Hours said three times daily by the Oblates of the TCOSF, is in the communion of all Saints and the Holy men and women who gave selflessly in their service to God from within the interreligious family. But to make real this interfaith communion with the

faithful throughout the ages, we must give ourselves up to ardent intercession for all of God's family, regardless of their beliefs.

God could do without our intercession and our praise. Yet it is the mystery of God, that He should require us, his co-workers, to keep on praying and never lose heart.

Let us be attentive to enter into the meaning of the liturgical action; let us seek to perceive under signs accessible to our fleshly being something of invisible reality of the Kingdom. But let us also take care not to multiply these signs and to keep them simple, the token of their evangelical interreligious worth.

The liturgical vestment worn for the office is to remind us that our being has been clothed by God's Spirit. It is also a way of expressing the praise of God by means other than mere words. It is an outward sign of our solidarity as members sharing everything together as members of an interfaith monastic community; members of the Tau Community of Saint Francis.

The praise of God expressed by the liturgy is effective insofar as it continues to inform the humblest tasks. In the regularity of the office, the love of God springs up within us, we know not how.

Common prayer does not dispense us from personal prayer. The one sustains the other. Each day, let us take time aside to renew our personal intimacy with our beloved God, known to you by many different names, yet the same One True God.

And since, when we are close to our God/s, we are filled with the good part, let us surrender ourselves to the living Word of God, let it reach into the deepest recesses of our being to take possession not only of our spirit, but also mind and body, Our Christian brothers and sisters who receive Christ, the Word made flesh, gives himself to them visibly in the Sacrament. Therefore, nourish yourself with the meal of thanksgiving, the Holy Communion, and do not forget that it is offered to the sick of the People of God. It is there for you who are weak and infirm.

During the office, nothing is to be gained by being upset by the difficulty which brothers and sisters may have keeping in unison. Yet the surrendering of ourselves to a life hidden in God means neither laziness nor habit; it can be nothing other than the participation of our whole being in the work of God through our intelligence and our body.

If your attention wanders, return to prayer as soon as you notice your distraction, without lamenting over it. If you feel your weakness while actually praying, you possess nevertheless the earnest of the victory of God.

There will be days when the office is a burden for you. On such occasions know how to offer your body, since your presence itself already signifies your desire, momentarily unrealizable, to praise your God. Believe in the presence of God's Spirit within you even though you feel no tangible response.

THE MEAL

Each meal should be an agape in which our brotherly and sisterly love is manifest in joyfulness and simplicity of heart. (**Acts 2: 46**).

The occasional moments of silence at meal-time bring you refreshment when you are weary or communion in prayer for the companion who partakes of the same bread.

Let the brother or sister whose task is to wait on the table facilitate the peace of the meal by watchfulness.

THE COUNCIL

The purpose of the Council is to seek all the light possible concerning the will of God for the march forward of the community. Therefore the first step is to establish silence in oneself so as to prepare to listen to one's God.

Nothing is more harmful to objective judgment than the ties born of particular preferences, for we risk agreeing with a brother or sister, hoping perhaps unconsciously to win his/her occasional support in return. Nothing is more contrary to the spirit of the council than seeking which is not purified by the sole desire to discern God's will.

The council is above all the occasion when it is incumbent upon you to seek peace and pursue it, to avoid contention and the temptation to prove you are right. (**Psalm 34:15**).

Avoid a tone that brooks no reply, the categorical '**we must.**' Do not build up good arguments so as to make yourself heard; say in a few words what seems to you to conform most closely to God's plan, without imagining that you may be able to impose it.

To avoid the spirit of seeking to outdo another in argumentation, the Abbot is responsible before God for making the decision without being bound by a majority. Freed from human pressures, he/she listens to the most timid brother or sister with the same attention he/she gives to the brother or sister who is full of self assurance. If the Abbot senses a lack of profound agreement on an important question, let him/her reserve judgment, and, in order to go forward, make a provisional decision, advancing towards God. The Abbot knows best the capacity of each one; therefore he/she should be the first to propose assigning a responsibility to a brother or sister.

The council is composed of brothers and sisters who have made their profession of vows; absent brothers or sisters are consulted by the Abbot or by another member of the council appointed by the Abbot.

ORDER

Harmony in a community cannot exist without a minimum of order.

Therefore, there is no excuse for disturbing one's brothers and sisters by a lack of punctuality. Consider the lack of fervour which your negligence reflects.

When some major reason will involve your absence, discuss with the Brother Abbot the possibility of your non assistance at an act of community, and do not explain yourself through an intermediary. Likewise, do not absent yourself home without speaking to the Abbot. If you are on mission do likewise with the other or sister in charge.

Never be an obstacle through lack of zeal in rejoining the brothers and sisters with whom you have engaged yourself totally, in body and spirit.

THROUGHOUT YOUR DAY LET WORK AND REST BE QUICKENED BY THE WORD OF GOD

In your life of prayer and meditation seek the command that God addresses to you, and put it into practice without delay. Therefore, read little, but ponder over it.

For your prayer to be real, you must be at grips with hard work. If you were to remain a dilettante, you would be incapable truly to intercede. Your prayer will become total when it is one with your work.

Try to achieve the maximum continuity in your work during the hours allotted to it. Respect the other schedules of the other brothers and sisters, and do not allow yourself to disturb them by your visits.

At each hour pray, work, or rest as is fitting but let everything be in God.

In your work, do not compare yourself to other brothers or sisters. In simplicity know how to hold your place which is always necessary for the witness of the whole body.

Silence

Silence has long been counted among the principal monastic values of the Order. Whilst assuring solitude for the monk in community, it also opens the mind to the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and fosters attentiveness of heart and solitary prayer to God

'Every monastery is to continue the tradition of welcoming guests and the needy as Christ according to local circumstances. Let those whom the providence of God has led to the monastery be received by the brothers with reverence and kindness but without letting this service to impair the monastic quiet.'

Interior silence requires first of all to forget one's self, to the quiet discordant voices, and to master obsessing worry in the perpetual re-beginning of a man

or woman who is never discouraged because always forgiven. Interior silence renders possible our conversation with God.

But do not fear this silence, and prefer diversion at the hour for work; and would not flee from prayer by tiring himself or herself in vain tasks, forgetful of his/her neighbour?

Your dialogue with God requires silence. If you do not constantly commit everything to him, if you do not talk to him with the simplicity of a child, how then will you be able to bring order within yourself when you are anxious or complacent by nature?

You fear that interior silence may leave within you an unresolved question? Then take note of the cause of your worry or resentment, in order to find the solution later.

There are moments when the silence of God culminates in his creatures. In the solitude of a retreat, we are renewed by the intimate meeting with God. These essential moments must therefore be set aside.

Quiet is a necessity out of love for the brothers and sisters who are praying, reading, writing, or who are resting in the evening.

Discretion in speech and in movement have never hindered human contact; only dumb silence would risk causing this breach. Such silence is not required of us, because it is not in itself conducive

MAINTAIN INTERIOR SILENCE IN ALL THINGS IN ORDER TO DWELL IN GOD.

JOY

In the communion of saints, day after day, we sing the ever renewed compassions of our God, and his mercy quickens our fervour.

True joy is first of all interior.

Buffoonery has never renewed joy. Let us remember that there is no sharp dividing line between frank humour and irony which turns a smile into a grimace. Mockery – that poison common life – is treacherous because under its cover are flung the so-called truths one dares not say face to face; it is cowardly, because it ruins the person of a brother or sister before others.

Perfect joy is in the laying aside of self in peaceful love; to burst forth, this joy needs all your being.

Do not fear to share the trials of others, nor be afraid of suffering, for it is often at the bottom of the abyss that the perfection of joy is given in communion with God.

Perfect joy gives itself. He who knows it seeks neither gratitude or kindness. It is wonderment continually renewed before the free giving of Him who grants an abundance of spiritual and material benefits. It is thankfulness. It is thanksgiving.

SIMPLICITY

Your availability calls for continued simplification of your existence, not by constraint, but by faith.

Flee from the complications through which the Devil, (the enemy of your soul), seeks you. Cast off useless burdens in order to better bear those of your brothers and sisters unto God, your Creator. Acknowledge your mistakes with simplicity, in the transparency of brotherly and sisterly love, without finding therein a pretext for discerning those of others. Wherever they are, the brothers and sisters practice brief and frequent sharing with one another.

Simplicity is also loyalty toward oneself in order to achieve limpidity. It opens the way toward one's neighbour.

Simplicity is found in the free joy of a brother or sister who forsakes the obsession of his or her own progress or backslidings, in order to fix his gaze on the light of God's love radiating into their hearts.

MERCY

As peace with God implies peace with your neighbour, be reconciled and make amends where possible.

Forgive your brother and sister seventy times seven.

If you fear that you may flatter the pride of a brother or sister by overlooking their offense then exhort them, but always with him or her alone and in the gentleness of God. If you fail to do so, in order to preserve your desire for influence or for popularity with certain brothers or sisters, you are a stumbling block within the community.

Be prepared at all times to forgive. Do not forget that love also expresses itself in mutual consideration. Do not indulge in sickly sweetness nor in harsh words. In the impatience of your language, consider the grief caused to God.

Refuse to abandon yourself to personal dislikes. They may persist when, because of the large number of brothers and sisters, you are not able to be open with all of them. Your natural inclination may incite you to an unfavourable first impression, to judge your neighbour by his/her bad day, to take pleasure in the faults you may discern in a brother or sister. Rather let yourself be won over by an overflowing friendship for all.

Avoid petty controversies between brothers and sisters. Nothing divides so much as continual discussions and nothing. Know, if need be, how to put an end to them. Refuse to listen to insinuations concerning one or another brother or sister. Be a ferment of unity.

If you have doubts as to the attitude of a brother or sister, and either you cannot express them to him/her or they refuse to listen, confide them to the Abbot, who will consider with you how to act and to help this brother or sister. If he or she refuses to listen to you, report the matter to the community.

Because of the weakness of your flesh, God gives you visible and repeated signs his love and forgiveness. Absolution restores you to the joy of salvation. Yet you must seek it. The sin of one member marks the whole body, but God's forgiveness re-establishes the sinner within the community. Confession is made to one and the same brother and sister, chosen with the Abbot.

He who lives in mercy knows neither susceptibility nor disappointment. He or she gives oneself simply, in self-forgetfulness; joyfully, with all his or her heart; freely, expecting nothing in return.

CELIBACY

If celibacy brings greater availability to concern oneself with the things of God, it is acceptable only in order to give oneself more fully to one's neighbour with the very love of God.

Our celibacy means neither breaking with human affections, nor indifference, but calls for the transfiguration of our natural love. God alone converts passions into total love for one's neighbour.

When the selfishness of passions is not surpassed by growing generosity; when you no longer use confession to defeat the need contained in all passion, to assert yourself; when your heart is not constantly filled with an immense love; you can no longer let God love within you and your celibacy will become a burden.

This work of God within you demands infinite patience.

Purity of heart is contrary to all the tendencies of nature.

Impurity, even in the imagination, leaves psychological traces behind, which are not always effaced immediately by confession and absolution. It is important, then, to live in the continual recommencement of the child of God who is never overcome because always forgiven.

Purity and openness of heart are closely linked. Do not display your difficulties, but do not seclude yourself as though you were superhuman, exempt from struggles.

Refuse to connive in vulgarity. Certain jokes fan the difficulties of brothers and sisters who are struggling to maintain purity of heart.

In celibacy there can be a slackness which may veil the true meaning of the difficult yet joyous vow chastity. Know that your bearing is a sign, and its neglect may hinder our common march forward.

Purity of heart can only be lived in spontaneous and joyous forgetfulness of self in order to lay down one's life for those one loves. This self-giving implies the acceptance of a sensibility often deeply wounded.

There is no friendship without purifying suffering.

There is no love of one's neighbour without the Cross. The Cross alone makes known the unfathomed depths of love.

COMMUNITY OF GOODS

The pooling of goods is total.

The boldness to use in the best way possible all present-day goods, without fearing possible poverty, to lay up no capital, gives an incalculable strength.

But if, like the children of Israel, you store for the morrow the bread that comes from heaven, if you work out projects for the future, you risk overtaxing the brothers and sisters whose vocation is to live in the present moment.

Poverty is not a virtue in itself.

According to the teachings of God, the poor learn to live without assurance of the morrow, in joyous confidence that they will lack nothing.

The spirit of poverty does not consist in pursuing misery, but in setting everything in the simple beauty of creation and Franciscan Spirituality.

The spirit of poverty is to live in the gladness of today. If God gives freely the good things of the earth, it is blessed for man and woman to give what he or she has received.

THE ABBOT

There is no hope for a bold and total service of God without unity. Individualism disintegrates the community and halts its advance.

The Abbot focuses the unity of the community.

He or she indicates the path to follow in matters of practical detail; however, in all questions of importance he or she listens to the council before making a decision.

The brothers and sisters should remain spontaneous with their Abbot, but they should recall that God has given to the Abbot a charge and therefore give heed to that which concerns their ministry.

By their trust, the brothers and sisters renew the Abbot in the seriousness of his or her vocation for the joy of everyone; by a spirit of petty complaint, they paralyse his or her ministry.

Let each brother and sister, privately, make his or her fears known to the Abbot. Revolt before other brothers and sisters can only contaminate. Satan finds here his best weapon to divide what must be united. Let us beware childish reactions which lead us to accuse others when it would be more appropriate first to accuse them ourselves.

The spirit of perfection – if it means imposing one's view point as being the best – is a nuisance in the community. Perfection is precisely to suffer one's neighbour's imperfections, and to do so out of love.

The Abbot remains subject to the same weakness as his brothers and sisters. If these brothers and sisters love him for his human qualities, they run the risk of not accepting his or her ministry when they discern his or her sinfulness. The Abbot designates an assistant to uphold him to ensure continuity after him.

Making decisions is a formidable charge for the Abbot.

In the guidance of souls, let him be watchful not to create subservience, but to build up the whole community in God for God.

Let him seek the particular gifts of each brother and sister, so that they may be led to discover them.

Let him not consider his charge as being superior, nor assume it with false humility, remembering only that it has been entrusted to him/her by God, to whom he will have to give account.

Let him break any authoritarianism within himself, but let him not be weak in maintaining his brothers and sisters in the design of God. Let him prevent those who are authoritarian from dominating, and let him show confidence to the weak.

Let him arm himself with mercy, asking God to grant it as the grace most essential for him.

NEW BROTHERS AND SISTERS AS OBLATES

In order to be trained in the school of interfaith monasticism, the new brother and sister has need of sound biblical and human nurture.

Let them guard against any illusion of having reached their goal. Even if he or she assimilates rapidly, it requires time to understand the vocation in its ultimate consequences.

Inasmuch as we are not known by the new brothers or sisters, there is a temptation to monopolize them for ourselves. Let us remember that a brother or sister is appointed for their training.

At the council we must speak out about the new brothers and sisters and be concerned with making them grow in love for God.

A new brother or sister is allowed to make his or her profession at the end of a solid preparation, after the Abbot has consulted with the other brothers and sisters of the community.

A solid spiritual preparation involves all new initiates being warmly welcomed by the Abbot and the community to the monastery. Each new aspirant or student monk will be allocated to separate accommodation away from the professed members of the monastic community until such time as they have been formerly accepted as professed members of the Tau Community of Saint Francis.

The spiritual formation entails a five year course of spiritual preparation. The following guidelines will apply for all new members to the community.

- **The Postulancy Period:** this lasts for 6 months where the new student monk is prepared for the next phase in his or her spiritual faith journey.
- **The Noviceship Period:** this can last from 12 - 24 months where the trainee monk is prepared for the life as a professed monk.
- **The Scholastic Period:** this lasts for up to three years where the junior professed monk will continue develop a personal intimacy with their God at heart and soul level. At the end of the three years scholastic training the professed monk will discerning whether they wish to proceed and enter the final stage of their monastic training.
- **Solemn Profession:** after a period of five years training in the monastic way of life, each brother or sister will make a formal decision whether to proceed with solemn vows for life or depart their community with the Abbot's blessing.

WORK

In the Franciscan Tradition, work—especially manual work—has always been held in particular esteem. Part of the day is spent in fulfilling those tasks which both provide the monk with a livelihood and enable him to serve the various needs of the community and of his neighbour.

At the Monastery of Saint Francis Abbey, the monks will be involved in the running of a small dairy farm the milking of a herd of 12 cows the production of pottery- bookbinding- building and maintenance-upkeep of a vegetable market garden and orchard-beekeeping- running a shop- running spiritual retreats- courses in Interfaith studies- courses in Essenic Holistic Energy Medicine- courses in Permaculture and ecological initiatives and running the guesthouse. There will also be the daily tasks to be performed that go with the running of a monastery: cooking, cleaning, laundry, the care of the sick and the elderly, administration, and many other things

“Hard and redeeming work is a means of providing a livelihood for the brothers and sisters as well as for other people, especially the poor. It expresses solidarity with all workers. Moreover, work is the occasion for a fruitful asceticism that fosters personal development and maturity. It promotes health of mind and body, and contributes to the unity of the whole community”

Community Life

Prayer, Reading, Work—these are the elements which make up the life of a Franciscan Monk. They are lived out in the context of a specific community to which he or she engages oneself in a life-long commitment by his vow of 'stability'. It is this community dimension which is the other characteristic element of our life.

To be a monk is to be a brother or sister among brothers and sisters in a living and human community where friendship, mutual help, and support, play a vital role. It is within this context that we are called to grow in the gift of ourselves to God in obedience and conversion of life, poverty and chastity. Such a way of life demands great generosity and renunciation of oneself: its fruit is deep joy and peace.

Work times can vary, and between community duties time is available for prayer, reading, and domestic duties. On Sundays, the timetable varies slightly.

The way we use our time reveals who we are:

In a monk's day, prayer comes first: as the church tower is the focal point of monastic buildings, so prayer—in common and alone—is the focal point of the monastic day.

The Timetable

05.45am	Rise
6.15am	Vigils, silent prayer, reading, meditation
7.15am	Lauds
7.45am	Breakfast
8.15am	Morning work
12.00	End of morning work
12.30pm	Noon Liturgical Prayers
12.30pm	Midday meal
13.00pm	Rest and Reflection

14.00pm	Afternoon work
17.45pm	End of Afternoon work Vespers
18.15pm	Vespers, prayer, reading
19.15pm	Supper
19.45pm	Evening Recreation
20.45pm	Compline and quiet prayer-Grand Silence until 08.30am
21.30pm	Retire

Lectio Divina

Each Monk Spends some time every day reflecting on the words of Scripture, a practice known to the monastic tradition as, *Lectio Divina*. Through this careful, meditative reading, the Divine Word is heard and pondered. It becomes at the same time, both a source and a school of prayer in which the monk speaks heart-to-heart with God. At other times, he will simply remain still and silent in his presence, bringing before him the hopes and sorrows of our world.

Liturgical prayer

Three times each day, we lay aside our various activities in order to come together and give our undivided attention to God in the praise, thanksgiving, and intercession of the Divine Office. Called by St Benedict, *Opus Dei*, or, *Work of God*, this consists mainly of psalms, hymns, readings, and prayers. These times of prayer make up the basic pattern of our day. They shape our lives. And, over the years, come to have a profound effect on the monk's life of union with God.

Mother Mary and Quan Yin

Each community and monk of the Order is dedicated in a special way to the Blessed Virgin Mary and Quan Yin who, as the life, sweetness, compassion and hope of all earthly pilgrims, are never far from their hearts.

GUESTS TO THE MONASTERY

It is God himself whom we receive in a guest. Let us learn to welcome; let hospitality be liberal and exercised with discernment.

During meals, let the brothers and sisters be attentive to the presence of the guest, and be careful not to disconcert him or her by private conversation.

Never monopolize a guest. Certain brothers and sisters are designated to take care of guests; they will take charge while the other brothers and sisters will accomplish their work; this is to avoid dilettantism that threatens us, and which is helpful neither to the guests nor to the brothers and sisters.

CONCLUSION

There is an indication in this Rule only the minimum necessary for the common life. It is better to run this risk and not to confine oneself to complacency and routine.

If this Rule were ever regarded as an end in itself and to exempt us from ever more seeking discover God's design, the love of Christ, the love of Mohammed, the love of our Father Abraham, the love of Buddha, the love of Krishna, the love of Ganesh, the love of the Holy Spirit, the love of the Divine Feminine and Divine Masculine, we would be imposing on ourselves a useless burden; it would be better never to have written it. So that God's love may grow in me, I must know my weakness and those of the men and women, my brothers and sisters. For them I will become all things to all men and women, and give even my life, for the sake of God's love for me.

Cost

The Abbey does not charge guests for their stay, but we are grateful for offerings made to help defray the cost of running the Guest House.

Reservations

Reservations are made through the Guestmaster. Booking can be done by letter, phone, fax, or [eMail](#).

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Exhortation and Blessing

Let the sisters and brothers always be mindful that they should desire one thing alone, namely, the Spirit of God at work within them.

"Whoever will observe these, things shall be filled with the blessings of the Most High Father in Heaven, and on earth with the blessing of His beloved Son, with the Holy Spirit, and with all virtues and with all the saints. And I, Brother Francis, your little one and servant, in so far as I am able, confirm to you within and without this most Holy Blessing."

EXHORTATION READ AT OBLATE'S PROFESSION OF VOWS

Brother /Sister, you who commit yourself to God's mercy, remember that you are already surrounded by the presence of Abraham, Jesus, Mohammed, Buddha, Ganesh with the Ascended Masters, Lord Kutumi, (Saint Francis), Lady Magdalene, Mother Mary, Quan Yin, and a host of Angelic Messengers comes to strengthen your feeble faith and that, in covenant with you, they fulfil for you the promise:

Truly, there is no one who has given up home, brothers, sisters, mother, father, wife, children, or land, for God's sake, who will not receive in this age a hundred times as much- houses, and brothers, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and land – and persecutions besides; and in the age to come eternal life.

This is a way opposed to all human reason, but like Abraham, you can advance on this path only by faith, not by sight, always assured that he who loses his life for God's sake will find it.

Henceforth, walk in the footsteps of your Master Teachers, Abraham, Jesus, Mohammed, Buddha. Do not be anxious about tomorrow. Seek first God's Kingdom and his justice. Surrender yourself, give yourself, and good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you receive.

Whether you be waking or sleeping, by night and by day, the seed sprouts and grows, you know not how.

When you pray, do not use vain words repetitions like the heathen, who think that they shall be heard for their many words.

Do not display your righteousness before men to win their admiration. Do not let your interior discipline give you sorrowful appearance, like a hypocrite who puts on an unsightly face so that he or she may be seen by men. Anoint your head, wash your face, so that only your Father Mother God who is in secret may know the intentions of your heart.

Maintain yourself in simplicity and in joy, the joy of the merciful, the joy of brotherly and sisterly love.

Be vigilant. If you are to admonish a brother or sister, let it be between yourself and them alone.

Always seek fellowship with your neighbour.

Confide; know that a guide must watch on behalf of your soul, as one who must give account. Be understanding towards your brother or sister, so that they may fulfil their ministry with joy.

The Almighty Father Mother God, in their mercy and love for you, has chosen you to be a sign of brotherly and sisterly love within the interreligious family of God who wills that with your brothers and sisters you should realize the parable of the community.

Thus, renouncing henceforth all thought of looking back, and joyful with infinite gratitude, never fear to proceed the dawn to praise and bless and sing '***God is your Heavenly Father Mother God.***

COMMITMENTS MADE AT THE PROFESSION

Will you, through love of Christ, Abraham, Mohammed, Buddha, consecrate yourself with your whole being to them?

I WILL

Will you, henceforth, fulfil the service of God in our community, in communion with your brothers and sisters?

I WILL

Will you, in renouncing all ownership to property, live with your brothers and sisters not only in the community of material goods but also in the community of spiritual goods, while striving for openness of heart?

I WILL

Will you, in order to be more available to serve with your brothers and sisters and to give yourself completely to the love of Abraham, Christ, Mohammed, Buddha, God?

I WILL

Will you, in order that we may be but one heart and one soul and that our unity of service may be fully realized, assume the decisions made in community and as expressed by the Abbot?

I WILL

Will you, while always discerning God in your brothers and sisters, be watchful with them on good days as well as bad, in abundance as in poverty, in suffering as in joy?

I WILL

The Abbot in the presence of the Council and all the brothers and sisters, will anoint the feet and hands of the professed monk followed by a blessing. In the presence of the entire community of brothers and sisters, the Abbot will invite everyone to form a sacred circle round the professed monk, releasing a communal 'interfaith' blessing of acceptance to the professed monk. Immediately following, the Abbot will proceed by formally welcoming the professed monk as a member of the Tau Community of Saint Francis.

Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi

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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**O Source of All
Beyond all forms,
Beyond all words,
Beyond all thought.**

**In this moment
We offer to Infinite Love
Our hearts:
We offer to Infinite Wisdom
Our understanding:
We offer to Infinite Goodness
Our actions.**

**We offer to Infinite Power and Compassion,
All that we cannot embrace:
All that we cannot comprehend:
All that we cannot be or do.**

**May we come together?
In the meeting - place of the heart:
May we honour all that is precious?
May we find joy in the recognition?
Of our Brothers and Sisters
On the journey of Blessedness
Which lies before us?**

So may it be

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