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The Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist continue the call of St. Francis of Assisi to rebuild the Church. Like St. Clare, they are vowed religious women who embody the spirit of St. Francis and seek to enflame humanity with a sense of the sacred found deep within each person.

They were founded as the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist in 1973 in response to the call of Vatican II for religious communities to renew religious life. They are dedicated to the teachings of the Holy Father and maintain authentic perennial values while initiating new forms of apostolic service.

Their way of life is centered by the Holy Eucharist and strong community bonding. These lay the foundation for their many outreaches into the complexities of today's world. As a religious Community they strive to integrate each Sister's gifts and talents into their common Franciscan mission of rebuilding the Church while promoting the dignity of all life, especially human life. Recognizing that this mission can be served through a network of services and professions, their community does not have a single area of professional work.

The mission of the Franciscan Sisters is to restore a sense of the sacred, especially the sacredness of human life, in a world that knows the rupture between the sacred and the secular. The particular poverty they embrace is the poverty of the human spirit resulting from a loss of respect for the human person. Their vowed consecration to Christ and His Church calls them to be a Franciscan Body of Hope personally, professionally, and spiritually prepared to respond creatively "to the questions posed today by the anxieties and the urgent needs of the human heart" (*Vita Consecrata*, 81).

In Oregon, the Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist operate the Franciscan Montessori Earth School which was founded in 1977. The Franciscan Montessori Earth School & Saint Francis Academy is the only accredited pre-K through grade 8 Catholic Montessori school in the nation with a curriculum that is individualized, multi-aged, and respectfully guided to match each student's need.

The Sisters also run the Bridal Veil Center in the Columbia Gorge, which serves as a community base for the Sisters and provides a setting for group meetings and children's environmental camps.