

## END PURPOSE:

- ★ The Knights of Saint Francis of Assisi will render special love and gratitude to the Most Holy Trinity—Father, Son and Holy Spirit in Holy Masses at the National Shrine of Saint Francis through Our Lady of the Angels.
- ★ The Knights of Saint Francis of Assisi will offer prayers of supplication to the Most High for our Holy Father (Pope Benedict XVI), William Joseph Cardinal Levada, Prefect of the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith and Archbishop Emeritus of San Francisco, and for Archbishop George H. Niederauer, Archbishop of San Francisco.
- ★ The Knights of Saint Francis of Assisi will share in good works of service to all citizens of heaven imitating the virtues and practices of Saint Francis of Assisi, patron of our city and our Archdiocese.

## SPIRITUAL BENEFITS:

- ★ The Knights of Saint Francis of Assisi will be entitled to all the indulgences, favors, graces, and privileges of enrollment; and upon death will receive the benefit of prayers and blessings offered for living and deceased members of their household at Perpetual Holy Masses.
- ★ The Knights of Saint Francis of Assisi will share in the graces of special prayers and devotions said daily at the National Shrine and at the special Mass celebrated for their holy intentions every Monday. This will include the spiritual fruits of the Days of Prayer on the 25<sup>th</sup> of March, and again on the second Sunday of November.
- ★ The Knights of Saint Francis of Assisi will obtain the Porziuncola Indulgence for the forgiveness of sins for themselves and the deceased of their choice under the necessary conditions for all indulgences.

## PRACTICES RECOMMENDED:

- ★ The Knights of Saint Francis of Assisi are requested to offer morning and evening prayer through the intercession of St. Francis.
- ★ The Knights of Saint Francis of Assisi are requested to recite the Prayer of Consecration to St. Francis daily and to entrust themselves to Our Lady Queen of Angels as they perform their daily duties of service for their brothers and sisters, and in guarding, protecting and sustaining the “Porziuncola Nuova.”
- ★ The **Catholic** Knights of Saint Francis of Assisi are requested to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, as well as Holy Eucharist on a regular basis and offer service as custodians of the Porziuncola at the National Shrine of Saint Francis.
- ★ Every Knight of Saint Francis has a minimum of four (4) hours of service to the Porziuncola Nuova, Francesco Rocks!, or Knights of Saint Francis specifically delegated work.
- ★ All Knights of Saint Francis have to read and know about the lives of Saint Francis and Santa Chiara. It is, of course, desirable that all Knights know of all of the great Franciscan Saints, including but not exclusive to Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, Sant’Antonio di Padova, John Duns Scotus, Angela di Foligno, and Maximilian Kolbe.
- ★ Some Knights of Saint Francis are also members of Francesco’s Third Order. Their goal is to create a Third Order Fraternity at the Porziuncola Nuova.
- ★ Apart from the Archconfraternity of Saint Francis of Assisi, the Auxiliary of the Knights of Saint Francis of Assisi is made up of other non-Catholic members who are recognized as part of the order of knighthood.