AFCU Student Franciscan Pilgrimage
Assisi & Rome
December 27, 2017 – January 6, 2018

Interest
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Purpose
St. Francis College is committed to deepening the Franciscan spirit within the foundation of the College.
In an effort to broaden and enrich the understanding of the Franciscan Values important to St. Francis College and to the world including...
Respect
Integrity
Compassion
Service

Pilgrimage
Pilgrims are people who are on a journey designed to take them outside their ordinary, familiar lives into an unfamiliar environment where they have the opportunity to search beyond the ordinary in order to come to know God.

The AFCU Pilgrimage brings together students of various faith traditions from Franciscan institutions across the United States to reflect on and learn from the vision and values of Saints Francis and Clare of Assisi.
The Pilgrimage includes time for reflection, study, conversations, leisure, relaxation, prayer and visits to sacred Franciscan places in Assisi and Rome.
The pilgrimage is a gift from the College and the experience is entered into as spiritual travel, not as a vacation or as tourism.

**Focus and Expectation**

On their return to the ordinary environment the pilgrims are expected to share their experience with the College community, family and faith community. They are expected to:

- Translate their pilgrimage experience into corporate action.
- Infuse Franciscan Values into the College community
- Help clarify and live the vision and values that shape the mission of St. Francis College

Each December the College offers students the opportunity to participate in a Franciscan Pilgrimage and this journey is open to students of all faith traditions.

**Criteria**

Eligibility for the pilgrimage requires a written essay from each interested applicant. Students who are applying for the scholarship must be rising sophomores and juniors and enrolled full-time at St. Francis College when applying, and will be a full-time student at the College during the time of the pilgrimage as well as for the Spring 2018 semester, with no outstanding fees on their accounts. The essay should include reasons why the student would like to make the pilgrimage, how he/she thinks it would impact his/her life, what the applicant hopes to gain, what the applicant believes he/she brings to the pilgrimage and what the student hopes to bring back to share with the SFC community. All full-time students, regardless of religious affiliation or race are encouraged to apply. The student need not be an American citizen but must hold a valid passport and obtain all necessary visa materials for travel to Italy. All of visa and passport information must be in order by September 2017 or the student will be ineligible to travel. If an application/essay meets all the requirements and is chosen to represent St. Francis College, the student is responsible for $1000.00 towards the cost of the pilgrimage as well as his/her personal expenses, and approximately 5 meals. This contribution of $1000.00 will be due by **September 17, 2017**. All other outstanding expenses, including airfare, lodging, tips, ground transportation are provided by the College. If a student is not chosen for the available scholarship, or is a rising junior or senior and wishes to participate in the pilgrimage, he or she may do so at their own expense. Please see Dr. Egler for more information, requirements, costs, etc.