The Summit Lighthouse[®] and Church Universal and Triumphant[®]

ORDER OF FRANCIS AND CLARE PROFILE

NAME OF ORDER: Order of Francis and Clare

PURPOSE OF ORDER: To create an avenue of service for Communicants of Church Universal and Triumphant who feel an inner calling to the path of the Second Ray of wisdom and illumination and the Sixth Ray of ministration and service. Members are dedicated to guarding the flame of purity and keeping their Communicant vows in order to maintain the original intent of this Order.

SPONSORING ASCENDED MASTER: Ascended Master Kuthumi

RAYS OF SERVICE: This Order is on the Second Ray of wisdom and illumination, the Sixth Ray of ministration and service.

WEEKLY DECREE SERVICES: Sunday Service, the Vigil for Youth, Saint Germain Service and any other decree services that keep the flame for the defense of Church Universal and Triumphant.

CHARITY WORK: Work with the homeless, youth shelters and shelters for women and children. Big Brother and Big sister organizations, hospice work, teach Sunday school, volunteer to tutor or teach reading to adults or children in your local community. Join any charity that supports the education and defense of the little child.

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS:

- 1. Members must be a Communicant of Church Universal and Triumphant in good standing. They tithe 10% of their income to the Church Universal and Triumphant Mother Church. One-tenth of this tithe may go to the local teaching center or study group.
- 2. Vow to be single and celibate or married and "to walk the path of purity while being servants to all life."
- 3. "Obedience to Love in the person of Christ in every ascended master and not Jesus alone. Obedience to the inner Light and the inner Calling—the foundation of those who walk in commemoration of the World teachers, Jesus and Kuthumi."
- 4. Vow to walk the path of sacrifice, selflessness, service and surrender. "Poverty is the self-emptying, that one might be filled. Every day give the light away that is yours to give."
- 5. Vow to defend the Mother Church by keeping a daily decree matrix which includes calls for the protection of Church Universal and Triumphant and its members.
- 6. Members of this Order also belong to the Order of the Child and give the Order of the Child pledge daily.

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ORDER OF FRANCIS AND CLARE GUIDELINES

- Inaugurated: January 27, 1985 by the Ascended Master Kuthumi.
- Sponsored by beloved Kuthumi.
- Open to all Communicants of Church Universal and Triumphant in good standing.
- This order is for those who desire to bond to their Holy Christ Self, to stand in defense of Church Universal and Triumphant, to embody their I AM Presence and to make their ascension.
- Dedicated to truly holding the office and ministering as representatives of Christ by seeking the mantle of the Holy Christ Self. (ECP 6-21-85)

PURPOSE

- To create an avenue of service for Communicants of Church Universal and Triumphant who are dedicated to guarding the flame of purity, standing in defense of the Church, and keeping their Communicant vows in order to maintain the original intent of this Order.
- Mutual reinforcement within community with those who are devoted to a similar path of service.

MISSION STATEMENT AND VISION STATEMENT

- Determined by those who join this holy order including comments by the Messenger. (6-21-85)
- "Also included in this order [of Francis and Clare] is the Order of the Holy Child, * loved by Jesus, brought forth by Lanello..." (Kuthumi, 1-27-85).
- Raising up of the light on earth. (ECP 2-10-89)
- Seek the mantle of one's Holy Christ Self daily through prayers, decrees and love in action.
- Embody the Light of one's I AM Presence.

WAY OF LIFE

- Daily devotions to the Chohans of the Second and Sixth rays and to the World Teachers Kuthumi and Jesus the Christ.
- In order to guard the flame of purity and to maintain the original intent of consecration to the order, it is required that members of this order be either married or single and celibate.

RECOMMENDED PRAYERS, DECREES AND MEDITATIONS

Recommended devotions for those who have taken pledge/vow or aspire to do so:

- Decrees to the violet flame to purify the chakras.
- I AM My Brother's Keeper, 60.04
- The Prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi, 60.08
- My Vow to Be the Ministering Servant, 60.09
- Decree for Brotherhood, 20.15
- Decrees and prayers in defense of the Holy Child: 7.32 Protect our Youth; 4.01, Decree for the World's Children; 4.02, Decree for Holy Christ Children.
- Judgment Call (20.07) for the judgment of drugs, rock music, abortion, etc.
- Bija mantras for the raising of the Light of the Divine Mother.
- Illumination decrees and songs.
- Purity decrees and songs.
- Introit to the Holy Christ Self, 30.02
- Balance the Threefold Flame in Me, 20.03
- Devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.
- Partake of Holy Communion at least once a week (for those who do not live near a teaching center or study group they could partake of Holy Communion in their homes by following the instructions for Holy Communion in the Ashram Rituals.).

STUDY, TEACH AND PREACH THE WORD

- Study the teachings of the World Teachers as given by the Messengers Mark L. Prophet and Elizabeth Clare Prophet. This includes dictations by the ascended masters on the Second and Sixth Rays.
- Study *Corona Class Lessons* by Jesus and Kuthumi; *Understanding Yourself*, by Mark L. Prophet and *Prayer and Meditation* by Jesus and Kuthumi
- Study *Maitreya On the Image of God, A Study in Christhood by the Great Initiator, Book I and Book II*, by Elizabeth Clare Prophet.
- Study the life of St. Francis.
- Read Imitation of Christ by Thomas 'a Kempis.
- Put into practice the teachings of the ascended masters and specifically the teachings of Lord Maitreya, Jesus, Kuthumi, Lady Master Nada and other 2nd and 6th ray masters and share them with others.
- Read *Pearl of Wisdom*, by Kuthumi Vol. 28 No. 9, March 3, 1985 which contains teaching the Certificate of Membership for the Order of the Holy Child.
- Keep current on news articles regarding the child and make daily calls for the defense, protection and education of children.
- Take every opportunity to preach the word on the teachings of the ascended masters and particularly on the topics important to the Second and Sixth Ray masters.

PLEDGE OR VOW

- Vow to be celibate or married and "to walk the path of purity while being servants to all life." It is the purity of the heart. It is the path of the Sacred Heart. It is the purity of the soul and the purification of body. Above all, it is the transmutation of all past karma. It is the dedication to the path of the ascension by the raising of that Kundalini fire. (Kuthumi, 1-27-85)
- "Obedience to Love in the person of Christ in every Ascended Master and not Jesus alone. Obedience to the inner Light and the inner Calling—the foundation of those who walk in commemoration of the World Teachers." (Kuthumi, 1-27-85)
- Vow to walk the path of sacrifice, selflessness, service and surrender. "Poverty is the self-emptying, that one might be filled. Every day give the light away that is yours to give." (Kuthumi, 1-27-85)
- Fulfill the pledge in the Order of the Holy Child.
- Vow to defend the Mother Church by keeping a daily decree matrix, which includes calls for protection of Church Universal and Triumphant and its members.
- Attend or conduct a weekly Sunday service and Saint Germain Service. Attend at local teaching center or study group or give these services in your home.
- Give *I AM Light* decree by Kuthumi three times daily.

CHARITY WORK

- Work with the homeless; youth shelters; shelters for women and children.
- Be a Big Brother or Big Sister in your local community
- Hospice work
- Teach Sunday school
- Volunteer to tutor or teach reading to adults and/or children in your local community.
- Join any charity that supports the education and defense of the little child.

TEACHINGS OF THE ASCENDED MASTERS

Ascended Master Kuthumi, Pearl of Wisdom excerpt 1-27-85:

"Beloved, I underscore and bring to the fore of your attention now our order, the holy Order of Francis and Clare, which has long been the underlying motive and purpose of many who serve here and throughout the field. I wish to inaugurate this order in this hour in a more organized way, that you might identify yourselves, whether on the celibate path or married, with the works that we strove to accomplish in the rebuilding of the Church on the cornerstone of purity while being servants to all life. "I would speak to you of our motto, which I would say today as Obedience, as Poverty, as Chastity. May I speak upon these for a moment. For the obedience of our order is to the one we call Love—Christ. Obedience to Love in the person of Christ in every Ascended Master and not Jesus alone. Obedience to the inner Light and the inner Calling the foundation of those who walk in commemoration of the World Teachers.

"The Order of Francis and Clare takes its name from a quaint period in history which was fraught with the personal Armageddon and vicious forces every whit as nefarious as they are today. It also harks back to a limited understanding of Christ; yet, in the inner mysteries of our hearts, we knew far more than we dared say.

"The order today goes beyond that which it was to a new birth in the Aquarian age. And as you receive the mantle and the perception of the office, you forge that order and create out of it what must needs be. Thus, beloved hearts, chastity itself is purity. It is the purity of the chakras. It is the purity of the heart. It is the path of the Sacred Heart. It is the purity of the soul and the purification of body. Above all, it is the transmutation of all past karma. It is the dedication to the path of the ascension by the raising of that Kundalini fire.

"Poverty is the self-emptying, that one might be filled. Every day give the light away that is yours to give. Thus, know the true way of Mother Poverty. The emptying that one might be filled is the nature of the Path. Poverty is a love that is greater for others than for oneself.

"To these three virtues I add a fourth: it is the defense of the Mother Church."

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