

# A BOOK FOR ST FRANCIS

## 2024 UPDATE

As we reflect on the past year, we are so grateful for the opportunities many of our brothers and sisters have had to further our educational journeys.

Education is key, and this little community would not be able to do what we do without the ongoing support of our outstanding benefactors. It is true that your financial support is crucial to meeting our living needs, ministry and especially our education fund (and thus in this year's newsletter we humbly ask you again to consider donating to our education mission!). But we are filled with equal gratitude for the affection, presence and support of so many of you. We hope that as we stand together with you in these troubled times in the world, Christ our Light will be in our midst, "...where two or more are gathered..."

May we conform to the Word Made Flesh as our model St Francis did. May our seraphic father intercede for you as we do always!

## *Nourished by the Word...*

*The following are some of the study ventures our brothers and sisters had in the past year, thanks to your generosity and prayers, as well as a lot of hard work:*



Fr Francesco has been studying for the past two years at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome and has just finished his thesis: *The Discernment of Charism in Newly Founded Institutes*. This means he is returning to Halifax this summer, with his License in Dogmatic Theology. Congratulations!

Fr Christopher is continuing his PhD research on the Old Testament, writing on the significance of the Tribe of Ephraim in Israel's identity and cultural memories. This is to say, their role in Salvation History.



Sr Angela will move into her 2nd year of her Masters in Classics at Dalhousie: she plans to put her degree to good, Franciscan use by researching theology of St Bonaventure!

Sr Rose completed courses this year from AST in Mariology and Evangelization. She's also taken Philosophy through the online Magdala Apostolate. All the sisters have benefitted from courses from this beautiful resource for women religious.



This year, the FOH Associates (the St Angela of Foligno Community) had the joy of welcoming a new member!

Iris Boulton made her first promises on the Feast of St Francis, October 4th, 2023

*So, how did the community put our learning into action this year?*

According to St Francis, “We have been called to heal wounds, to unite what has fallen apart, and to bring home those who have lost their way.”

The brothers, sisters and associates are passionate about our various ministries which aim at St Francis’ call to live out the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. This takes many forms: outreach to the poor, catechetical instruction, faith formation for young and old, human formation, shepherding parishes, evangelization in beauty, etc. One such beautiful moment:



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*Et verbum caro factum est...  
And the Word was made flesh...*



Christmas 2023 marked the 800th anniversary of St Francis’ Living Creche where he contemplated the Gospel literally in the flesh by gathering people and animals together in a barn. Following his example, we joined Franciscans around the world in remembering this event and receiving the special Plenary Indulgence granted for the anniversary. Especially in this year of the Eucharistic Congress in our Archdiocese, it is a deeply Franciscan joy to worship the Word made Flesh.

