

Franciscan Ministries in the West



1) St. Anthony Foundation



St. Anthony's is the most comprehensive safety net service center in San Francisco, being founded in 1950. Every day, St. Anthony's provides essential services, health care, and gateways to stability to families and individuals in need. Everyone who comes through their doors joins the St. Anthony's family and helps St. Anthony's create a future where all people flourish.

150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, CA, 94102

<https://www.stanthonysf.org/>

2) San Damiano Retreat



San Damiano Retreat has been a ministry of the Franciscan Friars of the Province of St. Barbara since 1961. The mission of San Damiano Retreat is to provide a hospitable place of spiritual renewal for people of all faiths in the tradition of St. Francis and St. Clare of Assisi.

710 Highland Drive, Danville, CA 94526

<https://sandamiano.org/>

3) St. Francis Retreat



St. Francis Retreat Center is located in historic San Juan Bautista, California and provides a peaceful and contemplative environment conducive for renewal of mind, body and soul. In the Spirit of St. Francis of Assisi, the Center's staff commits itself to stewardship of the earth by honoring and preserving the Center's natural surroundings while extending hospitality and spiritual support to people of all faiths.

549 Mission Vineyard Road, San Juan Bautista, California 95045

<https://www.stfrancisretreat.com/>

4) Old Mission Santa Barbara



Old Mission Santa Barbara is a community of many parts, but one spirit. The Mission has served as a gathering place and spiritual home for many since its establishment in 1786. Today the Mission operations include a museum, gift shop, cemetery and mausoleum, historic gardens, as well as being the home to a community of Franciscan Friars. The Mission is also home base for Saint Barbara Parish, the Santa Bárbara Mission Archive-Library, and a Novitiate which provides the first year of education for Friars in training from across the United States.

2201 Laguna Street, Santa Barbara, CA 93015

<https://www.santabarbaramission.org/>

5) Serra Retreat



Serra Retreat has been a Catholic retreat and conference center which provides the space, in a beautiful setting, for peace, serenity and reflection since 1942. Serra Retreat is located between the mountains and the ocean in Malibu, California. The Franciscan Friars continue the tradition for welcoming groups and personal retreats, as well as meetings, conferences and workshops. Serra Retreat provides a superb opportunity for church groups, schools, non-profit and profit organizations, to reflect, plan and set new goals.

3401 Serra Road, Malibu, CA 90265

<https://serraretreat.com/>

6) St. Francis Center



St. Francis Center has provided relief and support to homeless and extremely low-income individuals and families in Los Angeles since 1972. Much more than a soup kitchen or a food pantry, St. Francis Center offers a range of services to sustain and empower those in need and providing engaging volunteer opportunities. Welcoming all with joy, dignity, and compassion, the people of St. Francis Center dedicate themselves every day to Serving Hope.

1835 S. Hope St., Los Angeles, CA 90015

<https://www.stfranciscenterla.org/>

7) Mission San Luis Rey

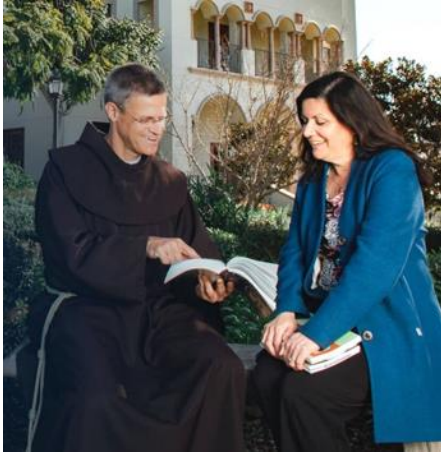


Founded in 1798 and the largest of all the 21 California missions, Mission San Luis Rey is home to a community of Franciscan Friars and is open daily to the public in the Franciscan tradition of heritage and hospitality. Facilities include a Retreat Center with day and overnight programs for spiritual renewal and multi-function meeting spaces, a Cemetery open to all, the Mission Gift Shop, an interpretive Museum, and the Historic Church.

4050 Mission Avenue, Oceanside, CA 92057

<https://www.sanluisrey.org/>

8) Franciscan School of Theology



The mission of the Franciscan School of Theology is to prepare women and men for professional ministry in the Roman Catholic Church, for careers in theological education, and for living a life dedicated to solidarity with those on the margins of society and the Church in the knowledge of Christian faith. FST embodies Franciscan theology in a religiously and culturally diverse world. FST, in their living, their learning, their relationships, and their community address both the head and the heart by integrating the pastoral and academic dimensions of theological study.

5998 Alcalá Park San Diego, CA 92110

<https://www.fst.edu>

9) Franciscan Renewal Center



The Franciscan Renewal Center, fondly known as “the Casa,” is a place for spiritual growth, healing, and community that is open to everyone, regardless of faith, renewing lives through spiritual growth, healing and transformation, and service to others. The Franciscan Renewal Center was founded as a Catholic retreat, called 'Casa de Paz y Bien,' by the Friars in 1951 and remains an active religious community that seeks to follow in the footsteps of Saints Francis and Clare of Assisi.

5802 E. Lincoln Drive, Scottsdale AZ 85253

<https://www.thecasa.org/>

10. Casa Franciscana Outreach



Casa Franciscana Outreach in Scottsdale, Arizona supports the programs of Casa Franciscana serving the many needs of the marginalized population of Guaymas, Sonora, Mexico. Their support enables free medical/dental clinics, Mesón de Jesus (dining room), food packages for the home-bound and migrant shelter support. In collaboration with Shriners Hospitals, children with special needs, including orthopedic and burn issues, are transported to clinics in Phoenix for care.

PO Box 15576, Scottsdale, AZ 85267

<https://casafranciscanaoutreach.org/>