Aspects of Secular Franciscan Life

1. Secular Franciscans live in the world.
2. Secular Franciscans draw strength from the Gospel of Jesus.
3. Secular Franciscans share in the spirit of the entire Franciscan Family.
4. Secular Franciscans seek to give flesh to the Gospel vision.
5. Secular Franciscans serve others through social justice and ministries of charity and peacemaking.
6. Secular Franciscans commit themselves to a way of life spelled out in The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order.
7. Secular Franciscans develop a prayerful spirit.
8. Secular Franciscans attend to the demands of their inner spirit as did Francis and Clare – a spirit of reliance on the power of the Holy Spirit.
9. Secular Franciscans recognize the need for daily conversion.
10. Secular Franciscans walk through life with a Franciscan Community – called Fraternity.
11. Secular Franciscans are people of hope and joy – God is with us.
12. Secular Franciscans know it is impossible to fall out of God’s love. Our brokenness and sin can keep us from growing but we cannot stop God from loving us.
13. Secular Franciscans have a good sense of humor. Life is serious, but not so serious that we lose our sense of joy.
14. Secular Franciscans see work as a partnership with God’s creative power, active in our world.

This list is not exhaustive, but it gives a flavor of our Franciscan way of life!