



The Franciscan Order was based on poverty, chastity, and obedience, imitating the life of Christ as described in the Gospels. Brothers prayed, preached, worked, and begged, giving up all worldly things in order to live a life closer to Christ.



Many people wanted to join Francis but found the rules too strict. So Francis set up a Third Order which ordinary people of any position, job, or class could join.