

Order of Ecumenical Franciscans

Privacy Policy

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Introduction

Welcome to the Order of Ecumenical Franciscans (OEF) privacy policy.

In summary: It's important to know that, as Franciscans, we have no interest in making money off of your information. We simply gather the information needed to respond to your requests and to collect donations. We also gather analytical information for our website and newsletter platform to better understand how they are used, how we might better serve those who visit the site or receive newsletter type emails from us, and for maintenance and troubleshooting.

The OEF is committed to protecting your information by ensuring that we remain lawful. Below is the Privacy Policy for oeffranciscans.org. Please take some time to read through this Policy as it outlines how we will use your personal information.

Privacy Policy Consent

This website and all of its content is owned by the OEF. The term “you” refers to the user or viewer of oeffranciscans.org.

This Privacy Policy exists to inform you of how we collect, use, process and distribute your information. It is important for you to know that we will not use or share your information in any way that is not specified within this Privacy Policy.

We reserve the right to change or modify this privacy policy in any way, at any time. Please read this Privacy Policy in order to understand how your information may be obtained and used. Any content that is provided to us by you or is obtained by us from this website is governed by this Privacy Policy. By using oeffranciscans.org, whether you have read this Privacy Policy or not, you are fully consenting to this Privacy Policy.

Information we may collect

Our goal in collecting information from you is to ultimately make your experience better as you use oeffranciscans.org. Here are the pieces of information that we may collect when you use this website.

1. A name and an email address that will enable us to send emails to you - provision of an email address on this site equates to consent.
2. A name, email address, or phone number so we can follow-up with you.
3. Billing information including a name, address and credit card information will enable us to process any purchases or donations.
4. A name, email address, and phone number if you complete our contact form with a question.
5. For OEF members and those in formation with us, we collect additional information like address, church denomination, and other information related to your journey with us, but only if you provide the information to us.

Any information that you voluntarily provide equates to information that you are giving us the consent to use.

How Personal Information is Collected

1. Visiting oeffranciscans.org (cookies)
2. Making a donation to the OEF
3. Contacting us using email, phone or any other means
4. Through third party-cookies (see the section on “Data Collection Technologies”)

Anonymous Data Collection and Use

In order to ensure that our website delivers a high-quality experience, we may use your IP address to help diagnose problems on our end and to manage the Website by identifying which areas of the Website are being used the most, and to fine-tune our content for your best interest. Your IP address is the number assigned to computers connected to the Internet. This is essentially “traffic data” which cannot personally identify you but is helpful to us to understand how our website is being used and to help us improve it. Traffic data collection only follows your activities as you are using this website, it does not follow your activities on any other websites in any way. Anonymous traffic data may also be shared with the businesses that host our site and its functionality.

Use of “Cookies”

We may utilize the “cookies” feature of major browsers.

You may choose to disable cookies through your own web browser’s settings. However, disabling this function may diminish your experience on our Website and some features may not work as intended.

Data Collection Technologies

In addition to our own cookies, we may also use various third-parties cookies, for example, Google Analytics, Google Ads, Google Tag Manager, Facebook Ads Manager, Facebook Pixel, etc.

By agreeing to our Privacy Policy, you agree to the use of cookies and similar technologies (for example, web beacons, pixels, tags, and device identifiers which we collectively refer to as “cookies”) as described in this policy.

What happens with the Information We Collect

1. It may be used to contact you
 - For follow-up purposes
 - For troubleshooting purposes

- With informational updates
- 2. It may be used to help process payments online
 - Your personal information may be needed in order to process the payments that you could potentially be making to the OEF.
- 3. Viewing by others
 - Whenever you voluntarily provide Personal Information through the use of oeffranciscans.org, you have consented to that information and its content, being seen, collected, and used by others. We cannot be responsible for any unauthorized or improper use of the information that you voluntarily share (i.e., sharing a comment on a blog post, posting in a Facebook group that we manage, sharing details on our Chat listserv, etc.).

Storage and Handling of Personal Information

Personal Information obtained by the OEF is stored through a data management system. We value your safety, so your Personal Information will only be accessed by people who are responsible for gathering, managing, or storing it, or who have a legitimate need to access it. (i.e., our hosting provider, newsletter provider, payment processors or team members).

It is important to note that we may transfer information internationally. If you are using our website in the European Union, please understand that your Personal Information may be transferred outside of the European Union. By using our Website and providing us with your Personal Information, you are consenting to these transfers exactly as stated within this Privacy Policy.

How You Can Access, Update or Delete Your Personal Data

You have the right to:

1. Request information regarding how your information is used and request a copy of what information we use.
2. Restrict processing if you think the information is inaccurate, unlawful, or no longer necessary.
3. Be forgotten from our systems, meaning we will erase your personal information from our databases. (You have the “right to be forgotten”).
4. Change your preference regarding whether you consent to our use of your information.
5. Lodge a complaint if it is felt that any of your information has been unlawfully used.
6. Receive Personal Data portability and transference to another controller without our hindrance.
7. Object to our use of your information.
8. Not be subject to an automated decision based solely on automatic processing, including profiling, which legally or significantly affects you.

All members of the OEF and those in formation with us have a login to our site. You can access to your member profile page by logging in on the Donate page in the Scriptorium. Your profile can be viewed by clicking on your name at the top of the page. You can edit or remove data below the User ID at any time. Removing the entire record requires a removal request.

If you have any questions or requests regarding our privacy policy, please reach out to us at admin@oeffranciscans.org and we would be happy to connect with you.