



St. Francis of Assisi Icon

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St. Francis was born in Assisi, Italy, in 1181 and died in 1226. He is the patron Saint of animals, Ecology, Italy, birds, and merchants. He is known for his respect for all God's creatures and is often depicted in Iconography with a bird or other animals. In our icon, we have him holding our Corgi, 'Shadow', who passed away in 2023.

The simple brown robe worn by Francis is the color famously worn by the Franciscan orders. The earth tone symbolizes humility and poverty, and, as the color of dirt, it symbolizes the perishable and temporary nature of our earthly existence. It is also heavily linked to monastic life, representing the renunciation of worldly goods.

St. Francis founded the Order of Friars Minor (Franciscans), including the Poor Clares and the lay Third Order. St. Francis' feast day is on October 4, which has become World Animal Day.