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**Lord, make me an instrument of  
your peace**

Where there is hatred,  
\*\*\*\*\*let me sow love;  
Where there is injury, pardon;  
Where there is doubt, faith;  
Where there is despair, hope;  
Where there is darkness, light;  
And where there is sadness, joy.

**O Divine Master**

Grant that I may not so much seek to be  
consoled as to console; to be understood as  
to understand; to be loved as to love; for it  
is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning  
that we are pardoned, and it is in dying that  
we are born to eternal life.

-Saint Francis of Assisi-

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# Order of Alhambra



*Why Should I  
Become  
a Member . . . .*

**A CATHOLIC FRATERNAL  
ORGANIZATION DEDICATED TO  
ASSISTING DEVELOPMENTALLY  
DISABLED**



*Order of Alhambra . . .*

**faith...family...community... the cornerstone of  
a healthy life. Please become a part of our  
family today!**

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## The Alhambra



....and YOU

The International Order of Alhambra is a Catholic Order which promotes social, fraternal and intellectual associations and through its Caravans, provides a practical means to form enduring fellowship and friendship among its members. This charitable group holds local units throughout the United States and Canada.

When you become a member of the Order of Alhambra, you become part of our family. You will join our members in doing things for the church and community. We serve God's Special Friends, the developmentally disabled. The Alhambra Charity Fund provides grants for scholarship assistance and facilitates to educate and treat the developmentally disabled.

We offer summer camp grants to the developmentally disabled, who otherwise could not afford it on their own. Through our Alhambra House Project, we provide assistance in establishing group homes for those

intellectually and developmentally disabled and assure their attaining a useful life in society

Consider becoming a member of your local Caravan today. The Order of Alhambra was founded more than a century ago in February, 1904. A small group of Catholic men met in Brooklyn, NY, to form the first Caravan. Alhambra is named after a Moorish palace in Granada, Spain, where the Moors surrendered to Ferdinand and Isabella in 1492. The emblem of the International Order depicts the Red Castle, with cross and a crescent that represents the almost 800 years Moorish occupation of Spain.

We continue preserving and commemorating Catholic historical places, events and persons of importance. Our Historical Memorials program has placed more than 160 bronze plaques across North America that defines the historical significance of the memorialized site. On September 17, 1980, the Order of Alhambra completed their goal of a trip to Rome. There, they were greeted by His Holiness, Pope John Paul II, who graciously accepted his Alhambra fez. He then blessed the fez and thanked its members.

The Order of Alhambra has so much history we would be forever in writing it down. Although our history has been a true blessing; it is now time for us to look to the future.

By becoming a member, you receive personal reward with the developmentally disabled. You will feel their love when you catch them at the finish line of a Special Olympic event or join in games with them at picnics and outings, or when you receive a hug from them on

presentation of the gift of a new wheelchair, or taking them to the circus, boat rides, Christmas parties and so much more. Or to see their tears of joy when they just know you are there.

Discover how you can make a difference in the world. Yes times are tough and our schedules are busy but making time for God's Special Friends will be a blessing that will change your life forever.

I encourage you to take advantage of this invitation and visit your local caravan. By becoming a member of the International Order of Alhambra, you are making a commitment to enrich your own life, as well as the lives of your family and those less fortunate in the community. You have the opportunity to make a difference and make your mark in this world.

Sincerely,

Grand Commander,

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