

Secular Franciscan Order
Five Franciscan Martyrs Region
Initial Formation Manual

Visitor First Contact Guide

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Visitor Information Sheets

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Introduction

Background

The prior practice in meeting with visitors for the first time was one of a friendly welcome and encouragement on the part of the fraternity to consider joining the fraternity as a Secular Franciscan. That process was effective for some applicants but was a source of disappointment on the part of the applicant and the fraternity in many situations.

With the start of a new Initial Formation Program for the Secular Franciscan Order, we are placing a greater emphasis on ensuring that applicants who start the initial formation program have a greater chance for success in the new program. Our first contact now entails a two-part process to ensure the visitor has the basic foundation in interest, secular status and religious foundation to be considered an applicant for the SFO Initial Formation Program. The two-step process consists of:

- A meeting discussing the Secular Franciscan Order, the role of formation in Franciscan life and a discussion of the Fraternity's expectations of the visitors possible future role in the Secular Franciscan Order Community.
- An interview which focuses on ensuring there are no secular obstacles or lack of Catholic faith and practice that would prevent the possible future profession in the SFO.

These steps are designed to be the first steps in a focused discernment plan to bring into the order members who will become servants of God and "gifts to the fraternity" at the time of profession. The motivation of this approach is to reduce to a minimum the situations we find many times in the Inquiry Phase of formation. It is better to deal with these issues now, not when a person believes "they are a candidate for profession".

These two steps go hand and hand and require the active participation of one, but preferably two members, to conduct the initial meeting and the follow up interview. Once the steps are complete, the visitor team prepares a report and presents its findings and recommendation to the Fraternity Council.

The Fraternity Council then considers the report and makes one of three decisions:

- Invite the visitor to start the Orientation Program.
- Require the visitor to complete other actions before starting the Orientation Program
- Reject the visitor because of an obstacle or an apparent lack of vocation calling.

These steps should be approached with careful planning and loving consideration for the visitor who has expressed an interest in the Secular Franciscan Order. If you have to take a negative course of action on the part of the visitor, it is important to be

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completely honest but sensitive to the individuals feelings and appreciative of their interest in the Order.

Procedure

The lesson plans for the “First Contacts” describe the objectives of each meeting and the items to be covered. Remember your focus in these meetings is discernment. ***When one person is talking the other team member should be focusing on what the visitor is saying and taking notes.***

In the visitor’s first meeting it is very important to make two key points:

- That the reason a person is there is because a calling to the SFO is a vocation, a calling from God.
- That acceptance into the Order is a promise of lifetime service to God carried out through Fraternity life.

The visitor should understand your statements and acknowledge they are interested in pursuing the subject further. If the visitor has not read a book on the life of St Francis ensure they do so before your next meeting if you expect to bring the person back for interviews. You may want to have a brief biography of St Francis (Example: The Journey and the Dream) to lend to the visitor.

If the visitor does not appear to be a possible applicant, then prepare a report for the Fraternity Council obtain their resolution on the visitor and inform the visitor promptly of their status.

If you invite the visitor back for interviews, you may want to briefly tell them what you will be discussing at the next meeting.

At the Interview meeting with the visitor again, the lesson plan describes the objectives and the material to be covered. ***The primary purpose of this interview is to ensure, that at this time, there are no known obstacles to eventual profession in the SFO.***

Again, two people should conduct the interview session, one-person asking questions the other taking notes on the answers. **Do not attempt to fill out the Interview sheet at this time.** Do it together at the end of the session.

After the interview, prepare a report and recommendation for the Fraternity Council. Meet with them and then inform the visitor of the Council’s action.

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Lesson Plans

Phase: First Contacts

Topic: What is Formation?

Overview and Scope of the Lesson:

- Vocation is a “calling”
- What is Formation?
- Pathway to Profession
- Initial Formation Chronology
- Purpose of the Initial Interview and Faith Inventory
- Has visitor read any life of St. Francis?

Objective:

- Explain the Secular Franciscan Order expectations and basic process of Initial Formation to any first time visitor to the fraternity.
- Be attentive to the presence or absence of discernment signs of a vocation.

Formator Preparation and Material:

- Two-person formator team is desirable.
- Understanding of topic “What is Formation?” Anne Mulqueen, SFO
- Pathway to Profession graphic – Copy for visitor
- Initial Formation chronology
- SFO Vocation pamphlet
- Copy of a small St. Francis biography
- Arrange next steps if appropriate

Visitor Preparation:

- None

Summary and Next Action:

- Conduct visitor briefing
- Schedule initial interview and Faith Inventory if appropriate.
- Document visitor name and phone number on an Initial Interview Form

References:

- FUN Manual Cross reference sheets

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Phase: First Contacts

Topic: Initial Interview and Faith Inventory

Overview and Scope of the Lesson:

- Conduct initial interview and faith inventory discussion.
- Ensure the visitor is being open with the answers to your questions
- Ensure the visitor has a basic understanding of the foundational beliefs of the Catholic Church.
- Conduct both parts of the interview by taking notes.
- Complete the interview and faith inventory forms

Objective:

- Determine if the basic background in the Catholic faith is present.
- Determine that there are any known impediments to a future Profession at this time. Are their obstacles that need to be addressed?
- Look actively for the presence of a vocation calling later.

Formator Preparation and Material:

- Two-person formator team is desirable
- Initial Interview Guide
- Initial interview Form
- Faith Inventor Guide
- Faith Inventory Form

Visitor Preparation:

- Should have read a brief biography of St. Francis if they had indicated “no” on the first contact meeting.

Summary and Next Action:

- Conduct interviews
- Apprise the visitor you will contact them after meeting with the Fraternity Council.
- Complete the Initial and Faith Interview forms.
- Present your findings and recommendation to the Fraternity Council.
- Apprise the visitor of the next course of action.

References:

- Regional Formation Manual

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**Pathway to Profession
First Contact to Permanent Profession Chronology**

The new Foundational Topics for SFO Initial Formation (FUN Manual) places a major emphasis on discernment and ensuring the presence of a vocation on the part of the applicant. This approach requires significantly more time on the part of the Formation Team and the Fraternity Council to assess the vocational call and make certain the visitor has a sufficient background in the Catholic faith, Christian formation and Franciscan community life understanding, before Welcoming the visitor as an Inquirer to our community.

This chronology sets no minimum time on a planning calendar, but assumes the fraternity will complete all of the required steps outlined below in regular monthly fraternity meetings.

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| Month 1 | First time visitor: Procedure conducted by Formation Team Members <ul style="list-style-type: none">• “What is Formation” topic presented• Initial Interview and Faith Inventory• Recommendation to Council on applicant• This procedure may take two or three months |
| Month 2 | Council with Formation Team recommendation approves visitor for Orientation Phase |
| Month 3 | Orientation – Basic Catholic Doctrine topic |
| Month 4 | Orientation – Ecclesiology and Theology of the Laity topic |
| Month 5 | Orientation - Introduction to the Franciscan Family topic, Recommendation to Council for Welcoming Ceremony by Formation Team and assignment of a sponsor. |
| Month 6 | Welcoming Ceremony - Inquiry Phase begins
Admission Inventory – Documentation begins
Inquiry – Vocation topic |
| Month 7 | Inquiry – Identity of the Secular Franciscan topic |
| Month 8 | Inquiry – Nature of the Franciscan Order topic |
| Month 9 | Inquiry – Charism and Mission topic |

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**Pathway to Profession
First Contact to Permanent Profession Chronology**

Month 10	Inquiry – Franciscan Movement I Begin Interviews by SA and Formation Director Finalize Application and Documentation
Month 11	Inquiry – Franciscan Movement II Recommendation to Council for admission to Candidacy
Month 12	Rite of Admission Candidacy Phase begins Candidacy – Conversion and Penitence topic
Month 13	Candidacy – Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order Session I
Month 14	Candidacy – Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order Session II
Month 15	Candidacy – Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order Session III
Month 16	Candidacy – JPIC and Catholic Social Teachings Session I
Month 17	Candidacy – JPIC and Catholic Social Teachings Session II
Month 18	Candidacy - Francis and His Approach to Divinity Session I
Month 19	Candidacy - Francis and His Approach to Divinity Session II
Month 20	Candidacy - Profession Session I (Should be done at this time frame)
Month 21	Candidacy - Profession Session II (Half way through Candidacy Phase)
Month 22	Candidacy - Fraternity
Month 23	Candidacy - Franciscan Theology, Spirituality and Tradition
Month 24	Candidacy – Francis and the Blessed Virgin
Month 25	Candidacy – Clare of Assisi
Month 26	Candidacy – General Constitutions and Statues Begin SA and Formation Director Interviews
Month 27	History of the Secular Franciscan Order

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**Pathway to Profession
First Contact to Permanent Profession Chronology**

- Month 28 Fraternity Assignment
Candidate begins preparation of Request for Profession documents.
- Month 29 Fraternity Assignment
Formation Team prepares final recommendation to Council
Approval by Council
- Month 30 Rite of Profession at Mass with Fraternity

A summary of the Pathway to Profession chronology time frame is as follows:

- Visitor First Contacts** As long as the fraternity feels it is necessary
- Orientation** A minimum of 3 months (Initial Discernment Phase)
- Inquiry** A minimum of 6 months (Additional Discernment Phase)
- Candidacy** A minimum of 18 months but not more than 36 months
(Focused Discernment)

The Fraternity Council and the Formation Team can add topics to the Initial Formation Program as long as the topics support the spiritual growth of the candidate. You may add another session to a topic if you believe it assists the applicant in understanding the SFO life.

Remember that the objective of the Initial Formation program is to prepare a person for a life in the service of God as a Secular Franciscan. Any instruction that enhances the program will benefit your fraternity and the order.

The supporting documentation and forms necessary to carry out the procedures described in the chronology are contained in the CD Reference Material. When the Initial Formation Program is finalized and distributed the Regional Formation Manual needs to be changed to reflect the new steps, forms and procedures.

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Visitor Initial Interview Guide

Background:

The purpose of this guide is to prepare you for the first part of the Initial Interview. The second part will be the guide and form for Faith Inventory.

The primary purpose of this interview is to determine if the visitor has the necessary credentials, catholic knowledge and secular Catholic background to be considered for an applicant in the Secular Franciscan Order. The focus is on discernment and any possible impediments or obstacles to continuing the evaluation process. If there is a problem, it needs to be pointed out at this interview and a resolution developed by the Fraternity Council.

You are conducting this interview because you were satisfied at your first meeting that a possible vocation exists. Again, this interview should be conducted with two professed fraternity members. One person asking the questions the other taking notes on the interview. Do not attempt to complete the Interview Form during the interview leave that until later.

Suggested Questions

Name, Address, Phone, E-Mail, Name of Parish

- Let me be certain that I have the correct spelling of your name.
- Your current address? How long have you lived there? (If it is brief where did they live before?), phone number? Do you have an E-mail address?
- What is your current home parish? Who is the Pastor there? How long have you been a member?

Family Information

- Are you married, single, or divorced? If married what is the name of the spouse, how long have you been married?
- Do you have children, if so names and ages?
- Are you married in the eyes of the church? * Do you have a copy of your marriage certificate?
- If previously married, do you have a Degree of Nullity or not? *

Religious Formation

- When did you receive your first instruction in the Catholic religion, time and place?

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- Have you participated in other Catholic religious study groups, classes, and seminars? If so where, when for how long?
- Do you call yourself a practicing Catholic?* What does that mean to you?
- Do you support the doctrine, dogma, and teachings of the Roman Catholic Church* as presented by the Church's Magisterium, especially in regard to Sacred Scripture, the Sacraments, and the primacy of the Roman Pontiff?"

Sacramental Information

- Where and when were you Baptized?
- When did you receive your First Communion?
- Have you been Confirmed, * if so, when and where?
- Do you regularly attend religious services?
- How frequently do you attend Mass?
- How often do you receive the Sacrament of Penance?

Secular Franciscan Order

- When did you first learn of the Secular Franciscan Order? Do you know any people who are members of the Secular Franciscan Order, our fraternity?
- What draws your interest to the SFO and St Francis?
- Membership in the SFO will require a period of initial training, which requires active study and participation once or twice a month. Will there be any problem in you participating in those formation classes and future Fraternity meetings.
- After profession you are expected to be an active member of the fraternity, participating in the regular monthly meetings and other activities. Will there be any problem in you participating in those sessions?
- You might choose to remind the visitor that we expect the monthly meeting dates always belongs to the SFO.
- Has this decision been discussed with your family? Are there any problems with members of your family?
- Do you have any spiritual goals that the Secular Franciscan Order could help you achieve? If so ask for an explanation?
- Have you considered any other secular third order religious organizations (Carmelites, Dominicans, Benedictines, Opus Dei, etc.)? If so what was their attraction?

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Faith Inventory and Questions

A faith inventory or assessment is made. The prospective member (Visitor) must be a fully initiated Catholic, having received the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation and in good standing in the Church. All of this information will have been covered if you followed the initial Interview guidelines.

The next step is to discern if there is a necessity to review the Catholic teachings in light of Vatican II Christology and ecclesiology. What you are attempting to determine is:

- Is there a good understanding and a committed practice to the Catholic faith?
- Is there a good mix of apostolic activity and prayer life?

To determine that attitude in a visitor you can discuss some of the following topics and see how they feel about them and what practices they follow in those areas.

Scripture

- Do they attempt to read scripture and mediate on the meaning in their life?

Trinity and Christology

- What is their understanding of the Trinity?
- Where does Christ fit in their life?

The Church

- Over the past 25 years there have been many encyclicals, which define, expand and explain the laity role in Christian life. Have you had an opportunity to read or participate in a seminar or workshop on any subject?

Liturgy and Sacraments,

- How do you feel about the Liturgy of the Mass?
- Have you ever participated in the Liturgy of the Hours?

Mary Model and Mother

- What is Mary's role in your prayer life?

Canon Law

- Canon Law is the internal governing laws of the Catholic Church. The Pope is the final arbiter. How do you feel about that practice?

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Miscellaneous Information

- Have you ever been a member of another Religious Order? * If so, when, where, what is your present status with the order?
- Remember that a candidate for the SFO cannot be a professed member of any other Religious Order, first second or third order. ***If they are a member of another third order they will need to obtain a release from their order before the visitor can continue with the SFO.*** The visitor can be an ordained diocesan deacon or priest.
- Do you participate in any of your home parish or community activities?
- Do you do anything special in your leisure time?
- Do you have any questions about the SFO?

Future Information

If you get to this part of the interview and do not see any obvious impediment or obstacles, then tell the visitor about the certificates they will need as they progress through the formation process.

- Certificates of Baptism, First Communion, Confirmation and if necessary Matrimony, or Holy Orders if a diocesan priest or deacon is involved. Ensure there will not be a problem obtaining the certificates.
- They will need to supply references from their home parish pastor and one other active practicing Catholic who can attest to their spiritual life

When you have finished the interview you and your partner should think about the responses and look for signs of a call. Compare what you heard to the list of signs described below. Then complete the Visitor Information form. If you have missed any information follow up with a phone call. The Minister, Formation Minister and Council should see the information form as soon as possible.

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Signs that a person MAY have a call to the S.F.O.

- A person who is good practicing Catholic.
- A person who has a desire to follow Jesus. Jesus and his Gospel are at the heart of the Franciscan way of life.
- A person who has a personal faith relationship with Jesus, not simply intellectual knowledge about him. Franciscans follow Francis' example in loving God, our sister earth and all its people.
- A person who is hope-filled and is willing to deal with life's issues. Pessimists, nay-sayers, and persons who want to hide from the world are typically not good candidates for the SFO.
- A person who realizes that we are all sinful people in need of conversion. "Perfect" people do not need the SFO, and the SFO certainly does not need them!
- A person who has at least some knowledge of the persons and spirits of Francis and Clare.
- A person who is willing and able to make a commitment to the Rule of the SFO and to live in fraternity. Basic communication skills are needed to listen to and interact within the fraternity.
- A person who trusts in God and realizes that God is needed in his/her life. Anyone who is prejudiced, arrogant and closed-minded will not make a good candidate for the SFO.
- A person who has a reverence for all of creation. Courtesy and respect are part of the spirit of reverence for all of creation.
- A person who is willing to live the countercultural reality of a life in fraternity. Secular Franciscans live in fraternity and are willing to share creative ideas and life with others.

**IF THERE IS ANY DOUBT,
THE FRATERNITY RECEIVES THE BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT!!**

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Signs that a person MAY NOT have a call to the S.F.O.

- A person who already belongs to a religious Order or another “Third Order” may not belong.
- A person who is a non-Catholic may not be received as an Inquirer into the SFO, although may be able to participate to some extent in the life of a fraternity. Good dialogue can determine a healthy form of participation.
- A person who has interpersonal problems, problems with relationships, or wants to escape home or family problems is not likely to be a good candidate for the SFO. The SFO is not a therapy group/society, although we do offer our members supportive encouragement.
- A person who is a “professional joiner” is not a good candidate for the SFO.
- A person who forces personal devotions and ideas on others is not a good candidate for the SFO.
- A person who is too individualistic and self-centered is not likely to be a good candidate for the SFO. The SFO fraternity must be united by a common goal, to integrate life and Gospel.
- A person whose lifestyle is obviously counter to the Gospel is not a good candidate.
- A person who continuously gossips, or criticizes everything and everybody, or is irresponsible in family and/or work situations is not a good candidate for the SFO.
- A person with rigid and unbending opinions and attitudes is not a good candidate for the SFO. We are involved in servant leadership and need to work collaboratively.
- A person who uses violence, power or prestige to control life is not suitable for a Gospel way of life.

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(Adapted by David and Thérèse Ream, S.F.O., from: Lester Bach, O.F.M. Cap., *Catch Me A Rainbow Too*, 1999, pages 25-27. Lindsborg, KS: Barbo-Carlson Enterprises, 2005)

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Visitor Information Sheet

Name:

Address: _____

Phone: _____

E-Mail:

Name of Parish: _____ **How long active in this parish?**

Family Information

Are you married? ____ Date, city, church where you were married

Spouse's Name _____

Names and ages of children

If married; are you married in the eyes of the Catholic Church? _____

If divorced and remarried, do you have a copy of your Decree of Nullity? _____

Religious Formation

Are you a practicing Catholic? _____

Do you fully support the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church? _____

How have you obtained a foundation in the Catholic religion? (Check all that apply)

Catholic schools _____

CCD Classes _____

RCIA _____

Parish study classes _____

Religious studies and seminars _____

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Visitor Information Sheet

Sacramental Information

Name of the Catholic Church, and city, where you received the Sacrament of Baptism.

Date: _____

Where did you make your First Communion?

_____ Date: _____

How frequently do you receive Holy Communion?

Where did you receive the Sacrament of First Penance?

_____ Date: _____

How frequently do you receive the Sacrament of Penance?

Have you received the Sacrament of Confirmation? _____

Name of the Church, city and date where you received the Sacrament of Confirmation

Date: _____

How frequently do you attend Mass?

Secular Franciscan Order

How did you learn about the Secular Franciscan Order?

What draws your interest to St Francis?

Are you willing and able are you to participate in the monthly formation and fraternity gatherings?

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Is your family supportive of your decision to explore the possibility that you have a calling to the Secular Franciscan Order?

Do you have spiritual or secular goals you feel you could be achieve through affiliation with the SFO?

Miscellaneous Information

Have you ever been a member of another Religious Order?

Are you active in your parish community?

Are you active in your local community?

What do you with your leisure time?

Future Information

If you decide to continue on this journey you will need, in the near future, to provide the following information.

- A copy of Baptism certificate, annotated with the sacrament dates of Eucharist, Confirmation, Matrimony, Holy Orders (If diocesan priest or deacon).
- Letters of references from your pastor or spiritual director and one other person (an active practicing Catholic) who can attest to your spiritual involvement.

Comments (Use back of form if necessary)

**Secular Franciscan Order
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Foundational Topics

For

Initial Formation

**Five Franciscan Martyr SFO Region
Lesson Plans for Formation Director and Team**

Volume I

Visitor First Contacts

Orientation Phase

Inquiry Phase

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Lesson Plan Outlines Objectives

As you begin the process of assembling the FUN Manual and understanding the contents of the supporting CD you will find most of the topics have lesson plans prepared by the author of the topic. In most cases the format is very similar and is definitely useable if you so desire.

Our experience indicates that in most fraternities the Formation Director and the team members have techniques they find comfortable and effective in communicating to the applicant. We believe that they should use techniques with which they are familiar and that work for them.

As the Formator you are required to cover the topic assigned in the FUN Manual using the basic write up from the manual. Beyond that basic requirement the techniques and methodology can be your own or those from the manual. We have provided a one page per lesson plan for each topic session in the manual that is part of this document. That lesson plan was primarily obtained from the CD that accompanied the FUN Manual.

Lesson Plan Outlines Application

Develop your new Initial Formation plans starting with the lesson plan, those from the CD or the ones attached to this write up. **These lesson plans are in a sequence identical in order and name to the topics as shown in “For the Formator” section of your manual. This approach should make it easier to assemble your manual.**

- The lesson plan was developed as a word document so you can add or supplement the material as you feel it best applies.
- The cross-reference sheet will give you the topical pages from the FUN Manual, CD references and references to the “Fully Mature or Franciscan Journey” pages.
- Select any material from the CD if you feel it best supports your methodology. A FUN CD Index with topic cross-reference is part of this document.
- We have not included a Verification step in the lesson plan. We expect that to be part of most topics. How that is accomplished is up to you. Some of the topics have questions and reflections for discussion. If you like them, use them. If not use some from your old manual on the same topic or make up some new ones.
- If you do not have a copy of the Franciscan Journey we suggest you buy a copy since it is a great source of questions.

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Remember your old Initial Formation manuals are obsolete and should only be used as supplemental information for the new FUN Manual topics.

Phase: First Contacts

Topic: What is Formation?

Overview and Scope of the Lesson:

- Our tradition, charism and secular life style.
- Vocation is a “calling”
- What is Formation?
- Pathway to Profession
- Purpose of the Initial Interview and Faith Inventory
- Has visitor read any life of St. Francis?

Objective:

- This is to be a very positive and upbeat meeting for the first time visitor and to express our appreciation for their interest in the SFO.
- Explanation of the Secular Franciscan Order, our charism, tradition, expectations and basic process of Initial Formation to any first time visitor to the fraternity.
- Be attentive to the presence or absence of discernment signs of a vocation.

Formator Preparation and Material:

- Two-person formator team is desirable.
- Understanding of topic “What is Formation?” Anne Mulqueen, SFO
- Pathway to Profession graphic – Copy for visitor
- Initial Formation chronology
- SFO Vocation pamphlet
- Copy of a small St. Francis biography
- Arrange next steps if appropriate

Visitor Preparation:

- None

Summary and Next Action:

- Conduct visitor briefing, determine if there is further interest on their part.
- Schedule initial interview and Faith Inventory if appropriate.
- Document visitor name and phone number on an Initial Interview Form

References:

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- FUN Manual Cross reference sheets

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Phase: First Contacts

Topic: Initial Interview and Faith Inventory

Overview and Scope of the Lesson:

- Conduct initial interview and faith inventory discussion.
- Ensure the visitor is being open with the answers to your questions
- Ensure the visitor has a basic understanding of the foundational beliefs of the Catholic.
- Conduct both parts of the interview by taking notes.
- Complete the interview and faith inventory forms

Objective:

- Determine if the basic foundation in the Catholic faith is present.
- Determine that there are any known impediments to a future Profession at this time. Are their obstacles that need to be addressed?
- Look actively for the presence of a vocation calling later.

Formator Preparation and Material:

- Two-person formator team is desirable
- Initial Interview Guide
- Initial interview Form
- Faith Inventor Guide
- Faith Inventory Form

Visitor Preparation:

- Should have read a brief biography of St. Francis if they had indicated “no” on the first contact meeting.

Summary and Next Action:

- Conduct interviews
- Apprise the visitor you will contact them after meeting with the Fraternity Council.
- Complete the Initial and Faith Interview forms.
- Present your findings and recommendation to the Fraternity Council.
- Apprise the visitor of the next course of action.

References:

Five Franciscan Martyrs Region Initial Formation Foundational Topics Lesson Plans

- Regional Formation Manual

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Phase: Orientation 1

Topic: Basic Catholic Doctrine

Overview and Scope of the Lesson:

- Scripture.
- Trinity & Christology.
- Church, Body of Christ.
- Liturgy & Sacraments
- Mary, Model & Mother of the Church
- Canon Law

Objective:

Insure those aspiring to SFO have a good catechesis and understand of the fundamentals of Catholicism. In other words **“Are they a practicing Catholic?”** if lacking the aspirant should attend RCIA for a year.

Formator Preparation and Material:

This is the first of three topics whose purpose is to ensure the visitor has a basic understanding of foundational information before starting the Inquiry phase of Initial Formation. Be certain you are familiar with the contents of the article.

- **Do not attempt to teach the material.**
- Determine if the visitor understands what they read? Do they have any questions?
- Determine if they agree with the information they read?

This is primarily a discernment exercise to see if the visitor has the necessary background to undertake further studies.

Visitor Preparation:

Visitor should thoroughly read the article and be certain they understand the contents. Visitor should be prepared to express their impressions on each part of the topic.

Summary and Next Action:

If there are any concerns from the visitor’s discussion on the topics make some notes and discuss with the Council at the end of Orientation

References:

The Nicene Creed

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See FUN Manual Topics Cross Reference

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Phase: Orientation 2

Topic: Ecclesiology and Theology of the Laity

Overview and Scope of the Lesson:

Develop an understanding of the Church as proclaimed by the Second Vatican Council—Church as People of God, Church as Communion, Mission of Church.

Objective:

- Church as People of God, In other words “**Are they a practicing Christian in todays world?**”
- Church as communion emerging from Trinitarian communion
- Mission of the Church emerging from Mission of the Son and the Spirit
- Theology and Spirituality of the Laity grounded in Baptism

Formator Preparation and Material:

This is the second of three topics whose purpose is to ensure the visitor has a basic understanding of foundational information before starting the Inquiry phase of Initial Formation. Be certain you are familiar with the contents of the article.

- **Do not attempt to teach the material. This is a discernment discussion.**
- Determine if the visitor understands what they read? Do they have any questions?
- Determine if they agree with the information they read?

Dialogue and discussion

What does it mean to you to belong to the Church?

What are some of the descriptions of the Church that appeal to you from the reading in this chapter? i.e. People of God, Communion, Sacrament, etc. Why?

How has this session changed your sense of being a layperson in the Church?

Visitor Preparation:

Visitor should thoroughly read the article and be certain they understand the contents. Visitor should be prepared to express their impressions on each part of the topic.

Summary and Next Action:

If there are any concerns from the visitor’s discussion on the topics make some notes and discuss with the Council at the end of Orientation

References:

See FUN Manual Topics Cross Reference

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Phase: Orientation 3

Topic: Introduction to the Franciscan Family

Overview and Scope of the Lesson:

The First, Second and Third Orders.

Franciscan Symbols: The Tau and San Damiano Cross

Objective:

To provide a brief introduction to the Franciscan Family so the visitors have a common understanding of the roots and charism of St Francis and his followers.

Formator Preparation and Material:

This is the third of three topics whose purpose is to ensure the visitor has a basic understanding of the foundation of the Franciscan Family in the Church before starting the Inquiry phase of Initial Formation. Be certain you are familiar with the contents of the article.

- **Do not attempt to teach the material. This is a discernment discussion.**
- Determine if the visitor understands what they read?
- Determine if they agree with the information they read?
- What impressions do you get from this material?

Visitor Preparation:

Visitor should thoroughly read the article and be certain they understand the contents. Visitor should be prepared to express their impressions on each part of the topic.

Summary and Next Action:

If there are any concerns from the visitor's discussion on the topics make some notes and discuss with the Council at the end of Orientation.

This session completes the Orientation Phase and requires the Orientation Formator along with the Formation Director to prepare a report recommending the next course of action for the Visitor to the Fraternity Council. The usual recommendation will be a Welcoming Ceremony.

References:

See FUN Manual Topics Cross Reference
The San Damiano Cross and Tau

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Phase: Inquiry 1

Topic: Vocation

Overview and Scope of the Lesson:

Understanding the meaning of vocation in general. Proceed to a grasp of personal and specific Franciscan vocations. Aid in the discernment process

Objective:

- Primary call; Union with God”
- God is love
- Called and Chosen
- Personal and specific vocations
- Discernment of a Franciscan vocation.
- Secular Vocation

Formator Preparation and Material:

Read the information based on the CIOFS material

Emphasize scripture passages and other authentic quotes

Gives some reflection time.

Use handouts to elicit reaction from Inquirer

Good time for Formator to outline the formation methodology they will use for the next 6 months.

Inquirer Preparation:

Pre read all material and be prepared to discuss.

Inquirer should start reading a biography of St. Francis to be completed before the Month 5 session on “The Journey of Francis” Suggest biography by Thomas of Celano.

Inquirer should begin collection of Admission Inventory documents.

Summary and Next Action:

This is still a time of discernment focus. Listen closely to what the Inquirer is saying. Investigate any concerns and make notes if necessary for later discussion with Formation Director.

Make certain Inquirer knows what documents are to be collected over the next 6 months.

References:

See FUN Manual Topics Cross Reference

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Phase: Inquiry 2

Topic: Identity of the Secular Franciscan

Overview and Scope of the Lesson:

- Secular Franciscan Identity
- Secularity
- Franciscan Dimension
- Being an Order

Objective:

- Understanding who we are as a Secular Franciscan
- Understand secularity
- Us as Franciscans
- Sense of belonging to an Order

Formator Preparation and Material:

Formation guide and support materials
Master formation manual (CIOFS materials)
Include reference to SFO Rule and specific articles as appropriate.

Inquirer Preparation:

Ensure Inquirer has pre read material and is prepared to discuss the material.

Summary and Next Action:

Discuss results/key issues that surfaced with the formation team so the next presenter is aware and can tailor next lesson for better reception

References:

See FUN Manual Topics Cross Reference

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Phase: Inquiry 3

Topic: Nature of the Secular Franciscan Order

Overview and Scope of the Lesson:

Develop an understanding of the SFO as both a privileged Public Association, under Canon Law and a true order. Explore statements from the Holy See about the SFO. Revisit the SFO as a vocation, a specific charism and our mission and place within the Church

Objective:

- Public Associations
- Our difference with basic public associations
- Structure & governance
- Autonomy & place in the Franciscan Family
- True Order

Formator Preparation and Material:

Formation guide and support materials
Master formation manual (CIOFS materials)
See General Constitutions [GC] Art 1.5 & Art 99.3
Code of Canon Law [CCL] 301 §3; 312; 313

Inquirer Preparation:

Ensure Inquirer has pre read material and is prepared to discuss the material.

Summary and Next Action:

Discuss results/key issues that surfaced with the formation team so the next presenter is aware and can tailor next lesson for better reception

References:

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Phase: Inquiry 4

Topic: Charism and Mission

Overview and Scope of the Lesson:

- Develop an understanding and be able to explain what Vocation means.
- Explore and understand the Charism or way of life of St. Francis, our founder and how it is continued within the Franciscan Family.
- Come to understand our vital role in the mission of the Church.

Objective:

- Again understand that a vocation is a call and gift from God
- Understand Charism as our “way of being”
- Charism of our Founder
- Our Charism as an Institute
- Describe our role & mission in and form of the Church

Formator Preparation and Material:

Formation guide and support materials

Master formation manual (CIOFS materials)

Include reference to SFO Rule and specific articles as appropriate.

Include reference to the General Constitution and NAFRA Statutes

Inquirer Preparation:

Ensure Inquirer has pre read material and is prepared to discuss the material.

Summary and Next Action:

Discuss results/key issues that surfaced with the formation team so the next presenter is aware and can tailor next lesson for better reception.

Interviews by SA and Formation Director should be scheduled next month.

References:

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Phase: Inquiry 5 Topic: Franciscan Movement I – The Life of St. Francis of Assisi

Overview and Scope of the Lesson:

To facilitate an in-depth study of the life of St. Francis of Assisi. To learn how God acted in Francis' life, and how he responded.

NB: This is a very difficult exercise to facilitate. It requires a solid preparation to conduct this session.

If you are planning on doing Part 2 make certain you have done your own “Lifeline” and then decide if you want the Inquirer to consider this exercise. The Part 2 if honestly done is a very humbling experience.

Some people will not be willing to discuss their life at this level of detail. If so just add another topic about St Francis for the last month of the Inquiry program.

Objective:

To gain a better understanding of the source of “Franciscan charism”.

Formator Preparation and Material:

A through understanding of the life of St. Francis and a complete understanding of the topical material and the CD documents supporting this exercise.

A copy of the illustrated “Lifeline” of St. Francis.

An Explanation to Accompany the Illustrated “Lifeline”.

Inquirer Preparation:

Should have completed the reading of a biography of St. Francis of Assisi prior to this exercise.

Inquirer should complete their application for Candidacy turn in next month.

Summary and Next Action:

If you choose to do the “Part 2 Your Own Journey” provide instructions to your Inquirer for next month. Make certain they will be comfortable in discussing their life at this level of detail.

References:

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Phase: Inquiry 6

Topic: Franciscan Movement II – Your Own Journey

Overview and Scope of the Lesson:

To facilitate an in-depth study of the Inquirers' own life. To learn how God acted in the Inquirers' life and how they have responded.

NB: This is a very difficult exercise to facilitate. It requires a solid preparation to conduct this session.

If you are planning on doing Part 2 make certain you have done your own “Lifeline” and then decide if you want the Inquirer to consider this exercise. Part 2 if honestly done can be a very humbling experience.

You may want to consider asking the Inquirer to do the in-depth analysis on their own and then share their findings at whatever level they are comfortable.

Some people will not be willing to discuss their life at this level of detail. If so just add another topic about St Francis for the last month of the Inquiry program.

Objective:

To obtain a better understanding of your personal calling/

Formator Preparation and Material:

Do your own “Lifeline” but do not share it with your applicants. You do this exercise for yourself so you understand what the process involves.

Inquirer Preparation:

Carry out the assignment given by the Formator last month.

Summary and Next Action:

Prepare a report on the Inquirer along with recommendations to the Formation Director and Council for their next step in the Initial Formation program. All Admission documents should accompany this report to Council for approval for Reception.

References:

See FUN Manual Topics Cross Reference

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Phase: Candidacy 1

Topic: Conversion and Penitence

Overview and Scope of the Lesson:

Develop an understanding of conversion/penance as a turning from sin and a turning to a new relationship with God in Christ. Understand conversion as a change in one's horizon, one's vision, bringing about a total interior change. Explore various types of conversion.

Objective:

Examine the development of the penitential movement in the history of the Church and develop an understanding of the roots of the Secular Franciscan Order in the Order of Penitence as founded by St. Francis.

Formator Preparation and Material:

Formation guide and support materials
Master formation manual (CIOFS materials)

Good time for Formator to outline the formation methodology they will use for the next 18 months

Candidate Preparation:

Ensure Candidate has pre read material and is prepared to discuss the material.

Summary and Next Action:

References:

See FUN Manual Topics Cross Reference

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Phase: Candidacy 2

Topic: The Rule of the SFO

Overview and Scope of the Lesson:

This is a Three Session Topic

- Session 1 – Understand God’s movement toward us
- Session 2 – Understand our movement toward God
- Session 3 – Understand our movement toward each other

Objective:

- Session 1 Pages 2 – 17
- Session 2 Pages 18 – 27
- Session 3 Pages 28 - 41

Formator Preparation and Material:

Formation guide and support materials
Master formation manual (CIOFS materials)

Candidate Preparation:

Ensure Candidate has pre read material for each session and is prepared to discuss the material.

- Session 1 Pages 2 – 17
- Session 2 Pages 18 – 27
- Session 3 Pages 28 - 41

Summary and Next Action:

References:

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Phase: Candidacy 3

Topic: JPIC & Catholic Social Teachings

Overview and Scope of the Lesson:

This is a Two Session Topic

Develop an understanding of JPIC as actively living the Rule. Brief general explanation of Catholic Social Teaching

Objective:

Session 1

- Review background materials
- Understand two fold approach
- Be familiar with mission and the vision statement and goals of JPIC

Session 2

- Living the Rule
- Special Assistance:
- Theological Reflection, Praying with Eyes Open

Formator Preparation and Material:

Become familiar with at least excerpts from encyclicals and documents that speak of CST issues, especially CCC.

Candidate Preparation:

Ensure Candidate has pre read material for each session and is prepared to discuss the material.

- Session 1 Page 3 – 17
- Session 2 Page 18 - 26

Summary and Next Action:

References:

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Phase: Candidacy 4

Topic: Francis and His Approach to Divinity

Overview and Scope of the Lesson:

This is a Two Session Topic

The objective of this session is to begin to understand how Francis envisioned the Nature of God and how his image leads us to understand relationship with God the Father as a vital foundation on what will become Franciscan Spirituality.

Session 1: Describes Francis spirituality, based on his experience of God, his understanding of Trinity and the Primacy of the Father in the Franciscan Community.

Session 2: Asks us to understand the God who reveals Himself. The key themes are kenotic love. The goal is to see how Francis understanding of God's complete self-giving and radical love forms the basis for the Franciscan understanding of both Incarnation and relationship. This spirituality is often called an alternate Catholic Theology.

Objective:

- Understand spirituality as relationship with God
- Francis as Trinitarian
- Primacy of the Father
- Theology of Francis
- Christology

Formator Preparation and Material:

Formation guide and support materials
Master formation manual (CIOFS materials)

Candidate Preparation:

Ensure Candidate has pre read material for each session and is prepared to discuss the material.

- Session 1 Page 3 – 11
- Session 2 Page 12 -16

Summary and Next Action:

References:

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Phase: Candidacy 5

Topic: Profession

Overview and Scope of the Lesson:

This is a Two Session Topic

**This session should be about half way through the Candidate Phase
(About Month 9 in the Candidacy Phase)**

Session 1: Profession as Gift of the Holy Spirit & reflection points 1-9

Session 2: The Commitment of Profession & reflection points 11-16

This is one topic you may wish to consider expanding to an additional session. The Fr. Felice presentation makes a perfect session 3 to fully understand the impact and points made in Fr. Richards' topic.

Objective:

- Comprehend Profession
- Commitment
- Personal consecration

Formator Preparation and Material:

Formation guide and support materials
Master formation manual (CIOFS materials)

Candidate Preparation:

Ensure Candidate has pre read material for each session and is prepared to discuss the material.

- **Session 1** Page 3 – 11
- **Session 2** Page 12 -18

Read the Fr. Felice Cangelosi Presentation

Summary and Next Action:

References:

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Phase: Candidacy 6

Topic: Fraternity

Overview and Scope of the Lesson:

Understanding the importance of Fraternity to St. Francis and to the Franciscan call, beginning with the Trinity and continuing with Christ calling his disciples and Francis calling his followers.

Objective:

Through a better understanding of our SFO Rule and General Constitutions, to see the importance of Fraternity to St. Francis, an importance built on Sacred Scriptures and Faith in God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Fraternity includes the entire human family; indeed, all of God's creation.

Formator Preparation and Material:

Formation guide and support materials
Master formation manual (CIOFS materials)

Candidate Preparation:

Ensure Candidate has pre read material for each session and is prepared to discuss the material.

Summary and Next Action:

References:

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Phase: Candidacy 7

Topic: Franciscan Theology, Spirituality and Tradition

Overview and Scope of the Lesson:

Part 1

- Understanding Franciscan Theology (Alternate theology)
- Francis of Assisi – vernacular theologian
- St. Bonaventure

Part 2

- St. Clare and her gift to the Franciscan Family
- Clare's Mirror of Eternity

Objective:

Looking at the two main theologies of the middle ages: the Dominican School and the Franciscan School

Formator Preparation and Material:

Formation guide and support materials
Master formation manual (CIOFS materials)

Candidate Preparation:

Ensure Candidate has pre read material for each session and is prepared to discuss the material.

Summary and Next Action:

References:

See FUN Manual Topics Cross Reference

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Phase: Candidacy 8

Topic: Francis and the Blessed Virgin Mary

Overview and Scope of the Lesson:

- Role of BVM in salvation
- Role of Mary – Franciscans
- Mary and Franciscan Spirituality
- Mary, Mother and Protector of our Order

Objective:

- Understand the relationship of Francis/Franciscans with our Blessed Mother.
- A part of seeking to imitate Christ

Formator Preparation and Material:

Formation guide and support materials
Master formation manual (CIOFS materials)

Candidate Preparation:

Ensure Candidate has pre read material for each session and is prepared to discuss the material.

Summary and Next Action:

Interviews by SA and Formation Director should be scheduled next month.

References:

See FUN Manual Topics Cross Reference

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Phase: Candidacy 9

Topic: Clare of Assisi

Overview and Scope of the Lesson:

This is another topic, which can be expanded to two sessions if you desire. (Appropriate if your fraternity is named for Clare)

- To describe the life of St. Clare of Assisi and the development of the Second Franciscan Order.
- To appreciate St. Clare's contribution to Franciscan spirituality and tradition.
- To foster relationships between the Secular Franciscan Order and the 2nd Order of Francis.

Objective:

- History of St. Clare
- Development of the Order of the Poor Clare's:
- Spirituality & Legacy of St. Clare's
- The Poor Clare's today and relationships with the Secular Franciscan Order

Formator Preparation and Material:

Formation guide and support materials
Master formation manual (CIOFS materials)

Candidate Preparation:

Ensure Candidate has pre read material for each session and is prepared to discuss the material.

Summary and Next Action:

References:

See FUN Manual Topics Cross Reference

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Phase: Candidacy 10

Topic: General Constitution and National Statues

Overview and Scope of the Lesson:

There is no topical material in the FUN Manual for this session. You can print the contents off the CD or order SFO Rule, Constitution and Statues package from Franciscan Resources or download from NAFRA

To familiarize the Candidate with the Constitution and the National Statues and how they relate to the SFO Rule.

Objective:

Review all articles briefly but focus on those the local fraternity roles and responsibilities.

Formator Preparation and Material:

Copy of the Constitution and National Statues for you and the Candidate.

Candidate Preparation:

Ensure Candidate has pre read material for each session and is prepared to discuss the material.

Summary and Next Action:

Candidate should begin the process of completing the documents for Profession. All documents should be in the Formation Directors hands by the end of Month 14 of Candidacy.

References:

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Phase: Candidacy 11

Topic: History of the SFO and its Rules

Overview and Scope of the Lesson:

A brief history of the Secular Franciscan Order from the “Penitential Movement” to a history of the SFO in the United States

Objective:

To provide an appreciation of the times and trials the Order overcame in the 700 year history of the Franciscan Order.

Formator Preparation and Material:

Formation guide and support materials
Master formation manual (CIOFS materials)

Candidate Preparation:

Ensure Candidate has pre read material for each session and is prepared to discuss the material.

Summary and Next Action:

Check on the status of your Candidates Profession papers.

References:

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Phase: Candidacy 12

Topic: Your Fraternity Call

Overview and Scope of the Lesson:

If you have reached this point and not completed 18 months of Candidate training sessions you need to add one or two more sessions to complete the 18-month period.

Objective:

The fraternity can add any Franciscan related session you believe would be beneficial to the Candidate and the Fraternity. Some suggestions for the Candidate assignment:

- Research the Name of your Fraternity or your Region.
- Research the biography of any Franciscan Saint particularly a Third Order saint
- Present the material researched by the Candidate to the Fraternity at the Fraternity Meeting.
- Have the Candidate facilitate an On-going Formation session.

Summary and Next Action:

Prepare your final report on the Candidate and have all material assembled with the Formation Director for presentation to the Fraternity Council.

It is appropriate to have a Council Meeting devoted exclusively to the Profession subject.

All members of the Council should focus on the entire record of the applicant before voting to profess the Candidate. All supporting documents should be available and personally reviewed by each Council Member.

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1. Introduction	FFM Visitor First Contacts Guide		
2. Lesson Plans	FFM Visitor First Contacts Guide		
3. Pathway to Profession Cronology	FFM Visitor First Contacts Guide		
4. Visitor Initial Interview Guide	FFM Visitor First Contacts Guide		
5. Faith Inventory and Questions	FFM Visitor First Contacts Guide		
6. Signs of a Vocation	FFM Visitor First Contacts Guide		
7. Visitor Information Sheet	FFM Visitor First Contacts Guide		
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<p>1. Scripture.</p> <p>2. Trinity & Christology.</p> <p>3. Church, Body of Christ.</p> <p>4. Liturgy & Sacraments</p> <p>5. Mary, Model & Mother of the Church</p> <p>6. Canon Law</p> <p>7. The Creed</p>	<p>Basic Catholic Doctrine - Shirley FUN Manual 3-8</p> <p>Basic Catholic Doctrine - Shirley FUN Manual 8-10</p> <p>Basic Catholic Doctrine - Shirley FUN Manual 11-14</p> <p>Basic Catholic Doctrine - Shirley FUN Manual 14-16</p> <p>Basic Catholic Doctrine - Shirley FUN Manual 17-21</p> <p>Basic Catholic Doctrine - Shirley FUN Manual 21-24</p> <p>CD - Creed and Catechism Reference Sheet</p>	<p>Catholic Doctrine Page 28-33</p> <p>Catholic Doctrine Page 28-33</p>	

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Phase: Orientation 2	FUN Topic: Elements of Ecclesiology and Theology of the Laity - Pihokker		
Contents and Topics	Foundational Topics	Franciscan Journey	Fully Mature
<p>I The Church according to the Council</p> <p>1. Origin and Goal of the Church</p> <p>2. Mission of the Church</p> <p>II Identity of the Layperson</p> <p>1. Secular Character</p> <p>2. Lay People & the mission of the Church</p> <p>3. Lay spirituality</p>	<p>Elements of Ecclesiology- Pihokker FUN Manual 4-13</p> <p>Elements of Ecclesiology- Pihokker FUN Manual 5-7</p> <p>Elements of Ecclesiology- Pihokker FUN Manual 7-8</p> <p>Elements of Ecclesiology- Pihokker FUN Manual 8-13</p> <p>Elements of Ecclesiology- Pihokker FUN Manual 8-9</p> <p>Elements of Ecclesiology- Pihokker FUN Manual 10-11</p> <p>Elements of Ecclesiology- Pihokker FUN Manual 12-13</p> <p>CD Ecclesiology - Lesson Plan</p> <p>CD - Ecclesiology of the Laity PPT and Basic Documents</p>	<p>Page 57 - 58</p> <p>Page 46 - 56</p> <p>Page 46 - 56</p>	<p>Page 01-1 to 01-8</p> <p>Page 01-1 to 01-8</p> <p>Page 01-1 to 01-8</p> <p>Page 01-1 to 01-8</p>

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Contents and Topics	Foundational Topics	Franciscan Journey	Fully Mature
<p>Overview of the Franciscan Movement</p> <p>1. The First Order</p> <p>2. The Second Order</p> <p>3. The Third Order</p> <p>Some Franciscan Symbols</p> <p>1. Tau Cross</p> <p>2. San Damiano Cross</p> <p>Additional Resource</p>	<p>Franciscan Family- Fitzsimmons FUN Manual 3-12</p> <p>Franciscan Family- Fitzsimmons FUN Manual 7</p> <p>Franciscan Family- Fitzsimmons FUN Manual 8</p> <p>Franciscan Family- Fitzsimmons FUN Manual 8-9</p> <p>Franciscan Family- Fitzsimmons FUN Manual 9-12</p> <p>Franciscan Family- Fitzsimmons FUN Manual 9-10</p> <p>Franciscan Family- Fitzsimmons FUN Manual 10-11</p> <p><u>Francis and His Brothers</u> Dominic Monti OFM - St Anthony Press</p>	<p>Page 8-20</p> <p>Page 8-20</p> <p>Page 8-20</p> <p>Page 8-20</p> <p>Page 58</p>	<p>Page 03-1 to 03-8</p> <p>Page 03-1 to 03-8</p> <p>Page 03-1 to 03-8</p> <p>Page 04-1 to 04-8</p> <p>Page 11-3</p>

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6. The specific Franciscan Vocation	Vocation God's Call - Amore FUN Manual 10-11		Page 05-1 to 05-11
7. The Secular Franciscan Vocation	Vocation God's Call - Amore FUN Manual 12-13		Page 04-9 to 04-15, 05-14 to 04-20
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Presentation	FUN CD Rule of SFO Instruction Document		
Overview of the Way of Life	FUN CD Overview of the Way of Life		
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Presentation	Francis Approach to Divinity- Fitzsimmons, FUN Manual Page 6-7		Page 10-1 to 10-11
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Additional Source	FFM Region SFO Rule On-Going Formation Workbook.		
Additional Source	Purchase the package from Franciscan Resources		

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Where	Sources- Scripture, Dogma	X	X
When	Formation, Life, Family, Fraternity		X
How	Things we can do.		
Questions	Topics for discussion.	X	X

Mature

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