

Our Lady of Angels
Regional Workshop
January 2012

For Up to Now
Foundational Topics

In the beginning

- **ESC-OFM March 2000**
 - Retrieve & revitalize Franciscan Tradition
 - Preserve and transmit our tradition & Charism
- **SFO**
 - General Chapter 2002 First Priority = Formation
 - 2006 Rome – Forming the Formators workshop for NFDs
 - General Chapter 2008 First Priority = Formation
 - Forming the Formators Manual
- **NAFRA-NFC Workshop & adapted/expanded topical manual – Nov 2008-May 2011**

“This [Formation] was by far the theme that received the most attention . . .

to guarantee an authentic and deep sense of belonging, rooted in a clear notion of identity and knowledge of the true nature of the OFS and of its place in the Franciscan Family and in the Church . . .

to give to formation the completeness and uniformity which an Order, spread around the whole world, deserves . . .”.

(Conclusions, General Chapter 2002)

For Up to Now

- based on the:
 - “Guidelines for Initial Formation”
 - CIOFS “Forming the Formators”
- Key topic areas:
 - vocation, mission and charism (*human dimension*),
 - knowledge of the Catholic faith (*Christian dimension*)
 - deeper understanding of the Secular Franciscan identity (*Franciscan dimension*).

CIOFS - *Forming the Formators* essential topics

Doctrinal Course

- ⦿ Fundamental elements of Christian Doctrine
- ⦿ Fundamental elements of Franciscanism & the SFO
- ⦿ ELEMENTS OF ECCLESIOLOGY AND OF THEOLOGY OF LAITY

Formation

- ⦿ THE VOCATION, THE CHARISM, THE MISSION of Secular Franciscans
- ⦿ PROFESSION IN THE SFO
- ⦿ THE NATURE OF THE SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER
- ⦿ HISTORY OF THE SFO AND OF ITS RULES
- ⦿ FRANCIS OF ASSISI AND HIS APPROACH TO DIVINITY
- ⦿ CONVERSION-PENANCE & FURTHER ELEMENTS ON CONVERSION
- ⦿ FRATERNITY AND SAINT FRANCIS
- ⦿ WHAT IS FORMATION ? - & elements of learning
- ⦿ FRANCISCAN YOUTH
- ⦿ SPIRITUAL AND PASTORAL ASSISTANCE TO THE FRANCISCAN YOUTH

For Up to Now – the book

- Reference for the Formator
- Text for Initial Formation
- Use it as it helps the most
- Essential topics

PATHWAY TO PROFESSION



FIRST CONTACTS

Introduction to the SFO

Initial Interview
and Faith Inventory

ORIENTATION

Formation Methodology

Initial Discernment

Not less than
3 months

Guidelines & Foundational Topics

Guidelines for Initial Formation

Approved October 1985

Ref: pp 25-35, 39

◎ First Contact

◎ Orientation

Determine basic disposition to Franciscan Charism & life in fraternity:

◎ Content:

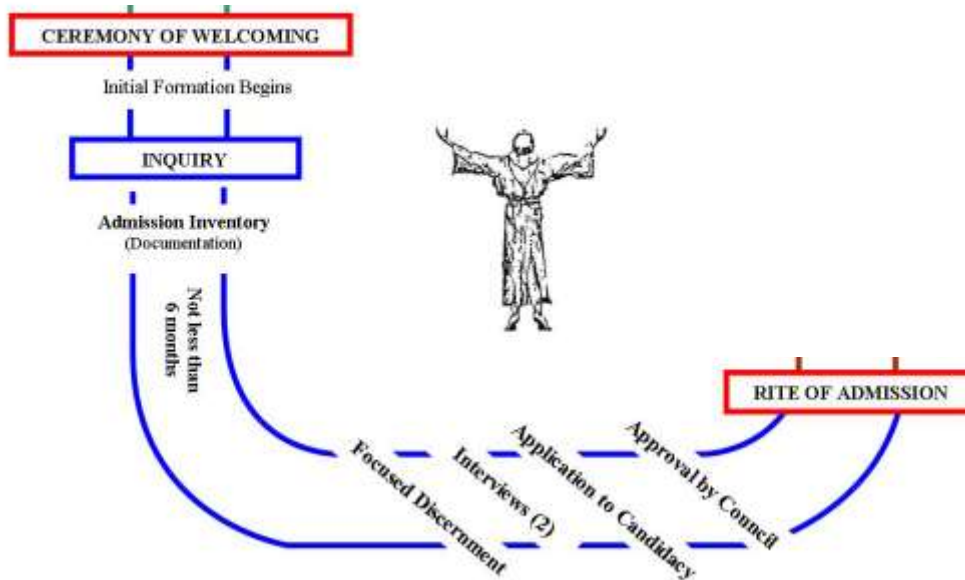
- Overview - life of Francis
- The Franciscan Family
- The SFO
- Phases of Formation & expectations
- Review Catholic Doctrine

For Up to Now (FUN)

Foundational Topics

- **First Contact – Franciscans & What is Formation**
- **Orientation (RCIA)**
- **Content:**
 - **Franciscan Family C**
 - **Basic Catholic Doctrine C**
 - **The Creed**
 - **Ecclesiology of the Laity [C]**

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Guidelines & Foundational Topics

Guidelines for Initial Formation

Inquiry

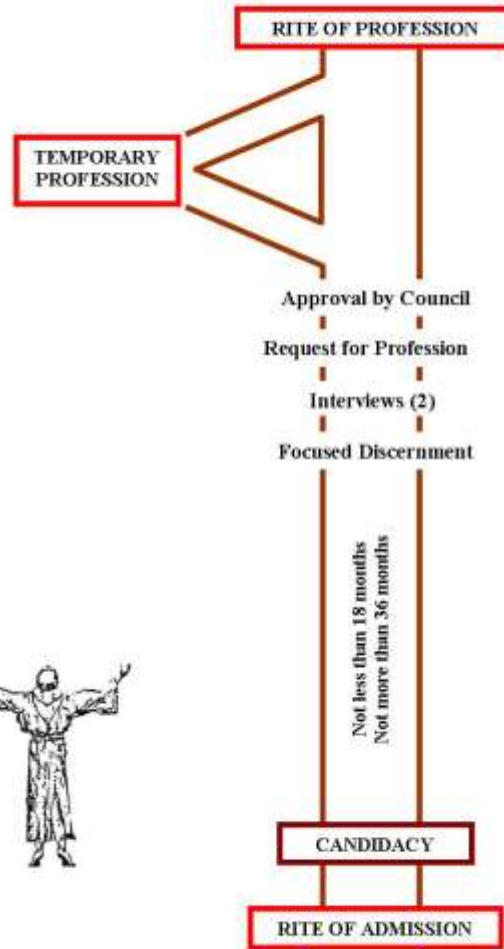
- 1st Phase of Initial Formation begins more in-depth process of identifying and discerning vocation
- Content
 - The Church & Vatican 2
 - Lay Spirituality
 - Life of St Francis
 - History of the SFO
 - Structure of the SFO
 - Ritual of the SFO

Foundational Topics

Inquiry – suggest additional study on a bio of St Francis

- Content:
 - Vocation & discernment C
 - Charism & mission in the Church C
 - Nature of the SFO C
 - Identity of S F C
 - *Franciscan Movement (Francis)*
 - *Franciscan Movement (me)*
- Discuss insights from a bio of Francis**

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Guidelines & Foundational Topics

Guidelines for Initial Formation

Candidacy – preparation to embrace vocation and make permanent Profession (consecrated life)

Content:

- Pauline Rule & Prologue
- **Sacred Scripture ****
- Franciscan Spirituality
 - Trinitarian & Christocentric
- Franciscan Apostolic Life
- **Ritual ****

Foundational Topics

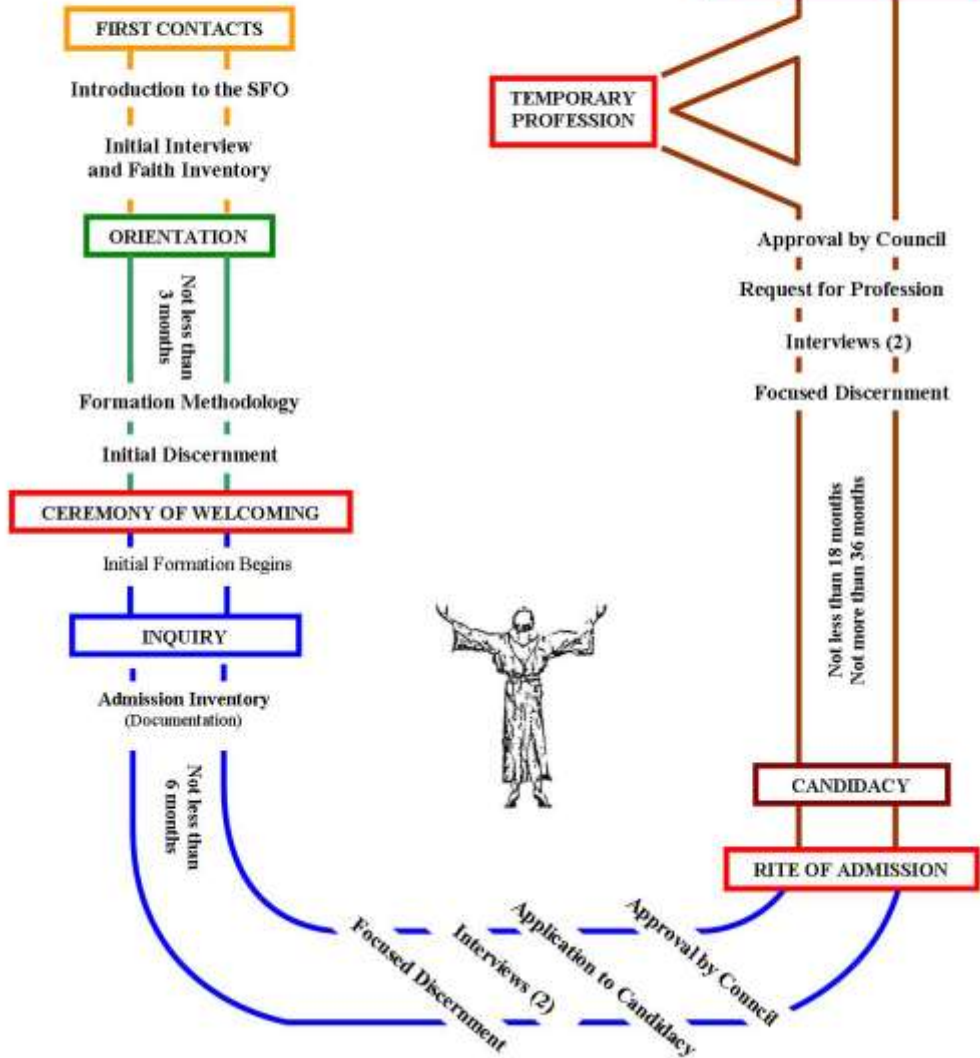
Candidacy

Content:

- **Our Rule (3)**
- **JPIC & CST (2)**
- **Francis approach to God (2) [C]**
- **Franciscan Tradition & Spirituality**
- **PROFESSION (2) [C]**
- **Conversion/penitential movement [C]**
- **Fraternity [C]**
- **Francis & Blessed Mother**
- **St. Clare**
- **History of SFO [C]**

GC & Statutes (study guides)

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Sample Lesson Prep

Orientation 2 – Ecclesiology of Laity

check lesson plan for goals & objectives

check cross reference for materials

Lesson Guide: Ecclesiology and Theology of the Laity

Overview & Purpose of this Lesson: Ecclesiology and Theology of the Laity

Develop an understanding of the Church as proclaimed by the Second Vatican Council—Church as People of God, Church as Communion, Mission of Church. Explore Conciliar and Post Conciliar documents and Papal documents relative to ecclesiology of communion and mission. - Come to understand the theology and Spirituality of the Laity of Vatican II which emerges from this ecclesiology

Scripture : John 15: 1-5; Acts 2: 14-25, 37-42; Acts 8: 26-40; Acts 10: 44-48

Words of St Francis on topic: Rule of 1223, 1. Ref: Rule article: 1,2, 6 and 22; Gen. Const. 6

	Formator Guide	Participant Guide	
<p>Objectives</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Church as People of God 2. Church as communion emerging from Trinitarian communion 3. Mission of the Church emerging from Mission of the Son and the Spirit 4. Theology and Spirituality of the Laity grounded in Baptism 	<p>Formation guide and support materials Master formation manual (CIOFS materials) Power-point, Read required pages</p>	<p>Participants should read related section in participant manual.</p>	<p>Materials Needed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper • Pencil • LCD projector and computer for Powerpoint • Optional—Videoplayer and monitor • (optional-use one of suggested videos)
<p>Information</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Begin with a discussion of how our views of church have changed and evolved-- How role of laity has changed. 2. Presentation of content using Powerpoint. 3. Be sure to explore quotations in article referencing Conciliar documents 	<p>See SFO Rule articles 1,2,6 and 22 Cf. Gen Const. article 6</p>		
<p>Verification</p> <p>Dialogue and discussion Reflection questions: 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 lay person in the Church?</p>			<p>Other Resources</p> <p>See Bibliography of English language print resources at conclusion of article Videos: Baptism: Sacrament of Belonging, Franciscan Communications (15 min.) The Faithful Revolution: Vatican II, Tape 4 of 5: A World Transformed. RCL Publishers</p>
<p>Activity</p> <p>Write to or speak with your Pastor and reaffirm your commitment to your Baptism. Prayer exercise Using scripture readings listed above from Gospel of John and/or Acts, read a selected reading slowly three times (once for head, once for heart, once for gut), share its meaning to you in connection with your baptism and membership in the Church.</p>			
<p>Summary</p> <p>Wrap-up based on presentation reinforcing any concerns surfaced in the discussion &/or questions</p>	<p>Discuss results/key issues that surfaced with the formation team so next presented is aware and can tailor next lesson for better reception</p>	<p>Assign next set of readings</p>	<p>Additional Notes</p>

Phase: Orientation 2 Topic: Ecclesiology and Theology of the Laity

(this info and cross - referencing is on the CD – sample plans)

Overview and Scope of the Lesson: Develop an understanding of the Church as proclaimed by the Second Vatican

Objective: Church as People of God

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 role of Laity in the Church

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:

Summary and Next Action:

Orientation
(Read The Journey and the Dream)

#1 Orientation and Introduction to the Franciscan Family

Themes: Some Requirements, Periods of Formation, Three Orders, Structure of SFO, Franciscan Symbols, Discernment

<u>The Franciscan Journey</u> (Ch 1) Orientation in the SFO (Ch 2) Three Orders, Structure, Discernment	<u>Other</u> The Journey and the Dream Pathway to Profession Diagram (from FUN)	<u>For Up to Now</u> For the Formator What is Formation? Anne Mulqueen SFO The Franciscan Family, a Brief Introduction- Bob Fitzsimmons pp. 1-12
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#2 The Church, the Layperson and Lay Spirituality

Themes: Discernment, The Church and Its Mission, Baptism, Trinity, Lay Order, Lay Spirituality

<u>The Franciscan Journey</u> (Ch 2) Discernment (Ch 5) Lay Secular Spirituality	<u>Other</u> The Journey and the Dream Summary of FUN article (Fr. Trezzi) Lumen Gentium (Chap. 4)	<u>For Up to Now</u> Elements of Ecclesiology and Theology of the Laity-Ron Pihokker SFO pp. 1-14
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#3 Basic Catholic Doctrine, Francis and Clare

Themes: Francis, Clare, Scripture, The Creed (Trinity, Christology, Church, Mary, Sacraments, Eucharist)

<u>The Franciscan Journey</u> (Ch 3) Francis, Clare, Catholic Doctrine	<u>Other</u> The Journey and the Dream	<u>For Up to Now</u> Basic Catholic Doctrine- Edward Shirley SFO pp. 1-14
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FUN Manual Topics	Cross Reference		
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>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>Page 57 - 58</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>

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