

Welcoming Packet

Every Fraternity is encouraged to invest some of their time, talent and treasure in assisting people to discern if they are inspired by the Holy Spirit and called by God to a vocation as a Secular Franciscan.



Packets of materials can be assembled in advance so that they would be ready when someone attends a Fraternity Gathering/Meeting.

The Formation Director in collaboration with the Council can determine when the *Welcoming Packet* should be given. It could be the first or second time a person attends the Fraternity's Gathering/Meeting.

Always get contact information from the person either the first or second time and give the person the Formation Director or some other Council member's contact information so the person can contact the Secular Franciscan with any questions.

Being available to people and letting them know that Franciscans are joyful people who follow the *Rule* of life of St. Francis "going from Gospel to life and life to the Gospel" (article #4) is very important.

Some items for consideration in a *Welcoming Packet* are as follows:

- √ Secular Franciscan O.F.S. brochure
- √ Welcoming letter from Minister and/or Formation Director and/or Council
- √ *Praying with St. Francis of Assisi* (by Karen Zielinski, O.S.F., Abbey Press CareNotes)
- √ *Francis of Assisi: Spiritual Father And Guide* (Digest from Smoky Valley)

