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1. January

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[16] St. Berard and Companions (O.F.M.)

2. February

[19] St. Conrad of Piacenza (O.F.S.)

3. March

[2] St. Agnes of Prague (Poor Lady)

4. April

[28] Secular Franciscans: Blessed Luchesio and Buonadonna Modestini (O.F.S.)

[28] The Beginning of the Secular Franciscan Order O.F.S.

5. May

[16] St. Margaret of Cortona (O.F.S.)

6. June

[13] St. Anthony of Padua (O.F.M.)

[22] St. Thomas More (O.F.S.)

[30] Blessed Raymond Lull (O.F.S.)

7. July

[1] St. Junípero Serra (O.F.M.)

[5] St. Elizabeth of Portugal (O.F.S.)

[15] St. Bonaventure: A Prayer After Mass (O.F.M.)

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8. August

- [11] St. Clare of Assisi (Poor Lady)
- [11] St. Clare (Sample Lesson Plan)
- [14] St. Maximilian Kolbe (O.F.M. Conv.)
- [21] Pope St. Pius X (O.F.S.)
- [25] St. Louis IX, King of France (O.F.S.)



9. September

- [4] St. Rose of Viterbo (O.F.S.)
- [17] Stigmata: September 17 (*FUN Manual*)
- [17] Stigmata: September 17 (*Legenda Minor* of St. Bonaventure)
- [17] Stigmatists
- [23] St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina (O.F.M. Cap.)
- [29] St. Michael the Archangel

10. October

- [3] Final Months and Days of Francis of Assisi on Earth (Bret Thoman, O.F.S.)
- [3] Transitus of St. Francis of Assisi
- [3] Transitus Service In One's Own Home [Added February 2018]
- [11] Pope St. John XXIII (O.F.S.)
- [20] Blessed Contardo Ferrini (O.F.S.)
- [23] St. John of Capistrano (O.F.M.)



11. November

- [8] Blessed John Duns Scotus [Added November 2018]
- [9] Feast of the Dedication of St. John Lateran Basilica (St. Francis upholds the Church!)
- [17] St. Elizabeth of Hungary (O.F.S.)
- [19] St. Agnes of Assisi (Poor Lady)
- Embracing Sister Death (Dan Horan, O.F.M.)
- November and Remembering the Deceased (Dave Ream, O.F.S.) [Revised April 2024]

12. December

- [15] Blessed Mary Frances Schervier (O.F.S.)
- Christmas at Greccio (Murray Bodo, O.F.M.)
- Christmas at Greccio (Celano & St. Bonaventure)
- Christmas at Greccio (Leonard Foley, O.F.M.)
- Christmas at Greccio (Bret Thoman, O.F.S.)
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7. **Catholic Faith Inventory** (Dave & Thérèse Ream, O.F.S.) [Updated October 2017]

- Catholic Faith Inventory (Answers)
- Catholic Faith Inventory

8. **Chronologies**

- Early Followers of Francis and Clare
- Franciscan Timeline
- History of the *Rules* of the Secular Franciscan Order
- St. Clare's Timeline
- St. Elizabeth of Hungary and St. Louis of France Significant Dates
- St. Francis and St. Clare Important Dates

9. **Clip Art (use flash drive)**

- A-Francis; B-Clare; C-Friars; E-Eclectic; F-Eclectic; G-Tau and Eclectic
- I-Eclectic; N-Eclectic

9.5 Come and See Digests [New placement instead of in Welcome Packet and **Revised April 2024**]



Francis Of Assisi: Spiritual Father And Guide
Saint Clare Of Assisi: A Mother And Model For All Franciscans
Prayer: The Soul Of All We Secular Franciscans Are And Do
Christ the Center: The Franciscan Image of Christ
Mary: Mother And Model
Make Me An Instrument Of Your Peace
In Praise Of All Creation
Franciscan Spirituality And Work

10. Council Formation

Council Formation (PowerPoint, 32 slides)
Documentation Concerning Council Formation
Local Minister’s Orientation Upon Election (John Sullivan, O.F.M.)
Overview of *Handbook For Secular Franciscan Servant Leadership*
Responsibilities According to Local Office

11. Discernment



Aspects of Secular Franciscan Life
Aspects of the Discernment Process
Characteristics of Franciscan Spirituality
Discernment in Sacred Scripture
Discernment in the 3 Volumes, *Francis of Assisi*
Signs of O.F.S. Vocation
The Will of God

12. Dossals

Dossal of St. Clare (also jpg)
Dossal of St. Francis (also jpg)

13. Eucharist and Francis

Eucharist in the *FUN Manual*
Eucharist in the *General Constitutions*
Eucharist in the *New Testament*
Eucharist in the *Ritual*
Eucharist in the *Rule*
Eucharist in the Writings about Saint Francis of Assisi
Eucharist in the Writings of Saint Francis of Assisi
Eucharistic Questions to Ponder

14. Feedback Form

Feedback Requested (doc & pdf)

15. Formation

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Attendance Record
Characteristics of Formation
Formation for Those in Initial Formation – Outline of an Initial Formation Session
Initial Formation Process [**Revised April 2024**]
Journey to Profession [**Revised April 2024**]
Personality Types and Formation
Phases of Formation [**Revised April 2024**]
Rotating Initial Formation Process
Structure of the Secular Franciscan Order





Newly Professed

- Formation for the Newly Professed – Outline of a Newly Professed Session
- Post Profession Questionnaire (doc & pdf)
- Topics for the Newly Professed – Personal Reflection Questions for the Newly Professed

Ongoing Formation

- Formation at Fraternity Gatherings/Meetings
- Four-Pronged Approach to Ongoing Formation
- Ongoing Formation Process – Possible Topics for Ongoing Formation
- Peace in the *FUN Manual*
- Peacemaking and St. Francis (Dave Ream, O.F.S.)
- Penance and St. Francis (Dave Ream, O.F.S.)
- Personal Journey of Life
- Prayer and St. Francis (Dave Ream, O.F.S.)
- Scripture and Franciscans

16. Franciscan Crown Rosary

- Franciscan Crown Rosary in the *FUN Manual*
- Franciscan Crown or the Rosary of the Seven Joys of the Blessed Virgin
- Franciscan Crown Rosary: Instructions, Reflections and Prayers
- Franciscan Crown Rosary (PowerPoint, 14 slides)
- Origin of the Franciscan Crown Rosary



17. Franciscan Family

- Franciscan Penitential Movement
- Genealogy, Chronology, and Structure of the Franciscan Family (Michael Higgins, T.O.R.)
- Habits of the First Order Friars & Third Order Regular (PowerPoint, 1 slide)
- Secular Franciscan Noteworthy Individuals [Updated January 2018]

18. Interview

- Conducting an Interview
- Documentation Needed [Revised April 2024]
- Interview Guide for Prospective Members of the Secular Franciscan Order (doc & pdf)

19. Lectio Divina

- Lectio Divina (Sacred Reading) The 4 R's

20. Mary

- Early Titles of Mary
- Salutation of the Blessed Virgin Mary by Francis and in Scripture
- Titles of the Blessed Virgin Mary

21. Portiuncula

- Chapel of Our Lady of the Angels
- Feast of Pardon (Robert Stewart, O.F.M.)
- Feast of the Portiuncula – The Portiuncula Indulgence (Marion Habig, O.F.M.)
- Portiuncula in *Early Documents & FUN Manual*
- Portiuncula Indulgence (Diana Cary)
- Portiuncula Letters (landscape format)
- Portiuncula Letters (portrait format)
- Portiuncula Words



22. Prayers and Prayer Services



A Franciscan Communal Penance Service
An Examination of Conscience in the Spirit of St. Francis of Assisi
An Examination of Conscience Using the Peace Prayer Inspired by St. Francis
Christmas Crèche and St. Francis of Assisi
A Christmas Devotional Prayer
Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament with Evening Prayer
Franciscan Vocation Petitions for Liturgy of the Hours
Guided Journey with Francis of Assisi
Lenten Reflection: Passion, Suffering and Joy (Linda Howley-Skuby, O.F.S.)
Prayers of St. Francis of Assisi
Praying the *Rule* (Liam McCarthy, O.F.M.)
Renewal of Commitment to the Secular Franciscan Order
Secular Franciscan Statement of Commitment

The Litanies [Revised April 2024]

A Litany of the Saints of the Three Seraphic Orders
Litany of St. Anthony of Padua
Litany of St. Clare of Assisi
Litany of St. Elizabeth of Hungary
Litany of St. Francis of Assisi
Litany of St. Louis IX, King of France

23. Relationships



Relationship Among Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving and Deeds [Lent]
Relationship and Prayer
Relationship Between Consecrated Life and the Secular Franciscan Order (Dave Ream, O.F.S.)
Relationship of Secular Franciscans Within the Church
Relationship of the Evangelical Counsels and the Secular Franciscan Order (Michael Higgins, T.O.R.)
Relationship of the First Order and Third Order Regular to the Secular Franciscan Order – Relationship of Those Following the Third Order Regular Rule
Relationship with Sacred Scripture
Relationship with the Franciscan Family
What is a Public Association of the Faithful? [NEW April 2024]
What is a “Third” or “Secular” Order? [Added December 2018]
Third Orders – Secular Franciscans (Canon #303) [NEW April 2024]

24. Rite of Admission

A Guide for *Rite of Admission* Request Letter (doc & pdf)
Acceptance Letter for *Rite of Admission* (doc & pdf)
Rite of Admission Form (doc & pdf)
Rite of Admission Intercessions (doc & pdf)
Rite of Admission Outline (docx & pdf) [Revised April 2024]



25. Rite of Profession



- A Day of Reflection Prior to *Rite of Profession*
- A Sample Request for *Rite of Profession*
- A Sample *Rite of Profession* Invitation (doc & pdf)
- Acceptance Letter for *Rite of Profession* (doc & pdf)
- Celebrant Copy of *Rite of Profession* within the Mass [their-black] (doc & pdf)
- Celebrant Copy of *Rite of Profession* within the Mass [their-color] (flash drive; doc & pdf)
- Part One: Pre-Profession Check List
- Part Two: Planning the *Rite of Profession*
- Rite of Profession* Bulletin Template (doc & pdf)
- Celebration of the Eucharist . . . *Rite of Profession* Program Template (doc & pdf)
- Rite of Profession* within the Mass (doc & pdf)

26. Ritual of the O.F.S.

Ritual of the O.F.S. Outlined (PowerPoint, 24 slides)

27. San Damiano Crucifix

- A Prayer of Saint Francis Before the Crucifix of San Damiano (1 per page & 2 per page)
- The San Damiano Crucifix PowerPoint Text
- The San Damiano Crucifix (PowerPoint, 65 slides)
- The San Damiano Crucifix (1 page explanation)
- The San Damiano Crucifix (8 page explanation)



28. Sponsor

- Duties of an Inquirer/Candidate Sponsor
- Sponsor Ceremony (doc & pdf)

29. Stations of the Cross

- Origins of the Stations of the Cross
- Stations of the Cross (PowerPoint, 57 slides)

30. Tau Cross

Tau Cross Statements

31. Texts

- Correlation Between *Regional Formation Resource Kit* and *The Franciscan Journey* [Revised April 2024]
- Correlation Between *The Franciscan Journey* and *Regional Formation Resource Kit* [Revised April 2024]
- Difference Between *The Franciscan Journey* and the Updated Version
- The Franciscan Journey* and Topics from the *FUN Manual*
- FUN Manual* on Other Devices (Lynn Carter, O.F.S.)
- FUN Manual* Outline

32. Welcoming Packet [NEW April 2024]

33. Wolf of Gubbio

Wolf of Gubbio: An Invitation to Peacemaking (Didacus Wilson, T.O.R.) [Revised April 2024]

