



## **Candidacy Phase - Preparations before Profession In the Secular Franciscan Order**

To be given to each candidate during their first class, please discuss

Reflection Questions - Candidacy Phase	Given out <u>midway</u> through the Candidacy Candidacy Phase
Sessions	We recommend making up any missed session before the next session and written homework assignments.
Private Retreat	to reflect—using the “Reflection Questions - Candidacy Phase” document - upon your suitability and readiness for admission to profession. This is a time to draw aside for further serious introspection, <u>e.g.</u> , in a silent retreat, in Eucharistic Adoration, in the silence of your home, etc.
Post Retreat Conversation	to meet with your ongoing formator/delegate after your private retreat. This is an opportunity to dialogue with your ongoing formator/delegate about your responses to the reflection questions. Before this meeting, please give h/her a copy of your completed “Reflection Questions—Candidacy Phase”.
Letter to Council	to make a request to enter the SFO by a formal act, in writing—if possible. Please give your request to the minister of the fraternity.
Interview	Your On-going Formator will make arrangements for your interview. Copies of your <u>completed</u> “Reflection Questions - Candidacy Phase” should be given to each interviewer - before the interview.
Post Interview Recommendation	to know that the interviewers will discuss your responses during the interview and the formation director will complete the “Post Interview Recommendation” and give it to the fraternity council. The fraternity council will review the recommendation and make a collegial response to your request. The minister gives a formal response answer to you and communicates this to the fraternity. Rule 23 GC 39:1-4 (If it is decided that you are not ready, the spiritual assistant, minister, and formation director or delegates will schedule a time with you to privately dialogue with you about the council’s decision and make recommendations. A copy of the decision w/recommendations will be included in your formation records. <u>You will be the first to hear the decision</u> before the minister announces it to the members of the fraternity.
Rite of Profession	Upon approval of admission to profession by the fraternity council <i>Rule 23 GC 41:1, 2</i>