



Brothers and Sisters of St. Francis Region
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“COME AND SEE” VISITOR’S INITIAL INTERVIEW

This conversation is an opportunity to share who we are as Secular Franciscans and for the Visitor to share who they are . . . and what they are seeking.

Date: _____ Interviewer _____

VISITOR INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address [include zip code]:

Home phone number _____ cell number: _____

E-mail address, if applicable:

Single _____ Married: _____ Name of Spouse: _____

Widow/Widower: _____ Divorced: _____ Remarried _____

Names and ages of children, if applicable _____

Emergency Contact Person Information, if applicable

Name of parish:

Address of parish [include zip code]: _____

Name of Reference: Ideally, your pastor is your reference. Please make him part of your SFO journey - from the beginning.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

If you wish to learn more about the SFO and enter Orientation, you will be asked to provide us with copies of your Sacramental Certificates. All copies will be returned.

Baptism____ Eucharist____ Confirmation____ Matrimony____ Copy of Decree of nullity____, if you are divorced and remarried, and Holy Orders _____ (if diocesan priest or deacon)

Up to this time - within your parish community, in what service or ministries have you been involved (e.g. choir, sacristan, altar server, lectors)?

If you have participated in other faith formation organizations, classes, etc. (e.g. R.C.I.A., formal Bible study, “Why Catholic?”, other Third Orders), please tell me about those experiences.

What else would you like to share that would help us to understand what you are seeking?

SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

What prompts you to inquire about Secular Franciscan Order [SFO]?

Have you any familiarity with the SFO? If so, what are your impressions?

Have you come to know any Secular Franciscans? If so, what are your impressions?

Our journey as SFO members introduces us to rich spiritual opportunities to cultivate a life of virtue. Do you currently have any ideas to what you would like to achieve spiritually?

How do you think the SFO might help you achieve these goals?

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

How supportive is your family of your decision to explore the possibility that you may have a calling to the SFO?

Should you decide to journey with us, you . . .

1. Will be asked to reflect upon your understanding of the Church and its teachings. These teachings, which form our belief system, were most fundamental and of paramount importance to St. Francis of Assisi. We Secular Franciscans are to mirror St. Francis by embracing the Church's teachings.
2. Will have opportunities to experience, interiorize, and integrate gospel values as we seek to go from gospel to life and life to gospel - as exemplified by Sts. Francis and Clare of Assisi.
3. Will be introduced and expected to become familiar with our Franciscan history and spirituality - especially St. Francis and St. Clare.
4. Will study the Rule and General Constitutions of the SFO.
5. Will experience different forms of Franciscan prayer.
6. Will come to deepen and understand our call to Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation.

You will also be introduced to and become familiar with The Four Pillars, which are the foundation on which our Secular Franciscan "way of life" is based. These pillars are **Spirituality, Formation, Fraternity, and Apostolate.**

What else would you like to ask about our formation process, our fraternity, our Order?