

**Fraternity member questionnaire:** Each member should answer these questions and submit them to the fraternal and pastoral visitors. The fraternity should also come together to discuss these questions and to reflect on their previous visitation report. If you need more space, please attach additional pages.

1. The Secular Franciscan fraternity should be "a community of love...the privileged place for developing a sense of Church and the Franciscan vocation" (Rule Art. 22).
  - a. Is life in fraternity energizing or draining? Why?
  - b. Are fraternity meetings times when everyone can listen and share freely? Why or why not?
  - c. What do you give to your brothers and sisters? What more could you do?
  
2. For Secular Franciscans, "prayer and contemplation should be the soul of all they are and do" (Rule Art. 8).
  - a. How is your life shaped by prayer, scripture, and Franciscan spirituality?
  - b. What could you do, both individually and as a fraternity, to deepen your Franciscan spiritual life?
  
3. Secular Franciscans "are called to build a more fraternal and evangelical world" (Rule Art.14) and "individually and collectively to be in the forefront in promoting justice" (Rule Art.15).
  - a. What are your personal apostolates, and how do you participate in fraternity apostolates?
  - b. How do they promote justice and serve the poor?
  - c. What else could you or your fraternity do?

4. Initial and ongoing formation is to strengthen and prepare Secular Franciscans "to follow Christ in the footsteps of St. Francis" (Rule Art. 1), "going from Gospel to life and life to the Gospel" (Rule Art. 4). It helps them understand the teachings of the Church and apply them in all aspects of their lives (see GC 12.1).
  - a. In what ways has formation helped you to understand scripture and Franciscan writings?
  - b. In what ways has formation helped you live the Gospels and Church teaching?
  - c. What else could your fraternity do to improve formation?
5. What are the strengths and weaknesses of your fraternity?
6. Would you like to speak privately with the fraternal or pastoral visitor?
7. If you are a member of the council, are there any problems or concerns about the council you would like to share privately?