

Inquiry, July 26, 2022

Please prepare before we meet:

- Read chapter 6 of the *Franciscan Journey* (skip over the list of books on pages 59-63)
- Answer discussion questions at the end of chapter 6 (the reading for question 7 is in the attached Word document)
- Review supplemental readings in the attached Word document
- *FUN Manual*: “Vocation, Charism, and Mission of Secular Franciscans” Tab 9

Please bring with you:

- *Franciscan Journey*
- Any written reflections you have made on the questions and readings

Agenda:

- Opening prayer: Prayer before the Crucifix,
- Highlights of *Franciscan Journey* chapter 6 and discuss responses to questions
- Highlights of the *FUN Manual*: “Vocation, Charism, and Mission of Secular Franciscans”
- Inquiry Phase: reflection questions, report on St Francis biography, letter of recommendation
(to be completed within the next 3-6 months – before the Rite of Admission)
- Handout: “Lifeline of St. Francis of Assisi”
- Closing prayer – adapted from the *Ritual*, page 10:

O Lord our God,
you have shown us your wisdom and love,
and you have called us to follow you.
May we and all who are inquiring
into the Secular Franciscan Order
be inspired and strengthened
by your grace and the support of our community.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Saint Francis, pray for us.

Saint Clare, pray for us.

Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, pray for us.