

Orientation

(Read The Journey and the Dream)

#1 Orientation and Introduction to the Franciscan Family

Themes: Some Requirements, Periods of Formation, Three Orders, Structure of SFO, Franciscan Symbols, Discernment

<u>The Franciscan Journey</u> (Ch 1) Orientation in the SFO (Ch 2) Three Orders, Structure, Discernment	<u>Other</u> The Journey and the Dream Pathway to Profession Diagram (from FUN)	<u>For Up to Now</u> For the Formator What is Formation? Anne Mulqueen SFO The Franciscan Family, a Brief Introduction- Bob Fitzsimmons pp. 1-12
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#2 The Church, the Layperson and Lay Spirituality

Themes: Discernment, The Church and Its Mission, Baptism, Trinity, Lay Order, Lay Spirituality

<u>The Franciscan Journey</u> (Ch 2) Discernment (Ch 5) Lay Secular Spirituality	<u>Other</u> The Journey and the Dream Summary of FUN article (Fr. Trezzi) Lumen Gentium (Chap. 4)	<u>For Up to Now</u> Elements of Ecclesiology and Theology of the Laity-Ron Pihokker SFO pp. 1-14
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#3 Basic Catholic Doctrine, Francis and Clare

Themes: Francis, Clare, Scripture, The Creed (Trinity, Christology, Church, Mary, Sacraments, Eucharist)

<u>The Franciscan Journey</u> (Ch 3) Francis, Clare, Catholic Doctrine	<u>Other</u> The Journey and the Dream	<u>For Up to Now</u> Basic Catholic Doctrine- Edward Shirley SFO pp. 1-14
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Inquiry
(Read a Detailed Biography of Francis)

#1 Vocation-The Call to the SFO

Themes: Called by God (Holy Spirit) to: Perfection, Total Availability, Franciscan Vocation, Conversion

<p><u>The Franciscan Journey</u> (Ch 4) Inquiry in the SFO</p>	<p><u>Other</u> Biography of Francis The Calling of St. Matthew-Carravagio</p>	<p><u>For Up to Now</u> Vocation-God's Call-Marie Amore SFO</p>
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#2 Our Identity as a Secular Franciscan

Themes: The Secular Dimension; the Franciscan Dimension; Being an Order

<p><u>The Franciscan Journey</u> (Ch 5-2nd Again) Lay Spirituality</p>	<p><u>Other</u> Biography of Francis Belonging to the SFO by Emanuela de Nunzio (Article and Summary)</p>	<p><u>For Up to Now</u> Our Identity as a Secular Franciscan- Anne Mulqueen SFO pp 1-24.</p>
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#3 The Nature of the Secular Franciscan Order

Themes: History of the Franciscan Movement, the SFO, and the 1978 Rule

<p><u>The Franciscan Journey</u> (Ch 7) A Brief History of the SFO and Development of the Rule</p>	<p><u>Other</u> Biography of Francis FUN D Power Point Presentation (Structure of SFO. Franciscan Tree, 3rd Order vs SFO)</p>	<p><u>For Up to Now</u> The Nature of the Secular Franciscan Order- Bob Fitzsimmons SFO pp. 1-18</p>
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#4 Vocation, Charism of the Founder, Mission of the Order

Themes: Franciscan Vocation, Charism of St. Francis, Mission of the SFO

<u>The Franciscan Journey</u> (Ch 6) Writings and Stories of St. Francis and Clare	<u>Other</u> Biography of Francis FUN D--Selected Handouts on Charism and Mission	<u>For Up to Now</u> Vocation, Charism, and Mission of Secular Franciscans- Bob Fitzsimmons SFO pp.1-20
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#5 Scripture in the SFO Life

Themes: Importance of Study, Reading and Listening: Inspired by the Holy Spirit; Interpretation; Evangelization

<u>The Franciscan Journey</u> (Ch 8) Scripture in the SFO Life	<u>Other</u> Biography of Francis	<u>For Up to Now</u>
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6 Franciscan Movement-Journey of Francis (Part I)

Themes: Discuss Biographies of Francis and Lifeline of Francis

<u>The Franciscan Journey</u>	<u>Other</u> FUN D- Time Line for Clare and Francis; Lifeline of Francis (Illustrated)	<u>For Up to Now</u> Franciscan Movement (I) The Journey of Francis-Jan Parker SFO pp. 1-7
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#7 Franciscan Movement-Your Own Journey (Part II) (Note: Session #7 could be combined with Session #6)

Themes: Discuss Your Own Lifeline

<u>The Franciscan Journey</u>	<u>Other</u> FUN- Assignment for Your Own Journey, pp. 6-7	<u>For Up to Now</u> Franciscan Movement (II) Your Own Journey-Jan parker SFO pp. 7-10
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Candidacy

#1 The History of the Secular Franciscan Order and Its Rules

Themes: Development of the Order; Rules of 1223, 1289, 1883 and 1978

<p><u>The Franciscan Journey</u> (Ch. 9) Vatican II and SFO Rule and Constitutions</p>	<p><u>Other</u> FUN D- Importance of Familiarization with the Documents of the SFO- Michael Higgins TOR</p>	<p><u>For Up to Now</u> A Brief History of the Secular Franciscan Order and its Rules–William Wicks SFO</p>
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#2 Prologue and Chapter One (The Secular Franciscan Order) of the SFO Rule

Themes: Exhortation to the Brother and Sisters of Penance, Conversion

<p><u>The Franciscan Journey</u> (Ch. 10) Candidacy in the SFO (Ch. 11) The SFO Rule</p>	<p><u>Other</u> SFO Rule- Prologue (First Letter to the Faithful); Ch.1-Arts. 1, 2, 3</p>	<p><u>For Up to Now</u> The Rule of the SFO-Teresa Baker, SFO, pp. 1-6</p>
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#3 Focus on Christ, the Gospel and Encountering Christ (SFO Rule Arts. 4 ,5)

Themes: The Incarnation; The Way, Truth and Life; Gospel Living; Study and Listen, Encountering Christ in Others, Scripture, Church, Eucharist

<p><u>The Franciscan Journey</u> (Ch. 12) A Focus on Christ (Ch. 13) Encountering Christ</p>	<p><u>Other</u> SFO Rule-Arts. 4, 5 Constitution- Arts. 8, 9, 10, 11 The Incarnation (Catholic Update Article)</p>	<p><u>For Up to Now</u> The Rule of the SFO-Teresa Baker SFO pp. 7-17</p>
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#4 Profession (#1) and Rebuilding the Church (SFO Rule Art. 6)

Themes: Baptism, Profession, Rebuilding the Church, Building the Kingdom, Hospitality

<u>The Franciscan Journey</u> (Ch. 14) A Rebuilding Task	<u>Other</u> SFO Rule: Art. 6 Constitution: Arts. 14.1, 17 FUN D Profession in the SFO Power Point Presentation	<u>For Up to Now</u> The Rule of the SFO-Teresa Baker SFO pp. 7-17 Profession and the Secular Franciscan– Fr. Richard Trezza OFM pp. 1-18
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#5 Conversion and Penitence (SFO Rule Art. 7)

Themes: Conversion, Penance, Sacrament of Reconciliation

<u>The Franciscan Journey</u> (Ch 15) Gospel, Conversion and Reconciliation	<u>Other</u> SFO Rule: Art. 7 Constitution: Art. 13 The Testament of Francis	<u>For Up to Now</u> The Rule of the SFO-Teresa Baker SFO\ pp. 18-28 Penitence and Conversion- Ron Pihokker SFO pp. 1-18
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#6 A Franciscan Prayer Life (SFO Rule Art. 8)

Themes: Contemplation, Liturgy of the Hours, Lectio Divina, Eucharist, Cave of the Heart

<u>The Franciscan Journey</u> (Ch 16) When You Pray	<u>Other</u> SFO Rule: Art. 8 Constitution: Arts. 12.3, 14 Franciscan Prayer by Ilia Delio (Ch 7) Lectio Divina (4R's +1) Admonition 1	<u>For Up to Now</u> The Rule of the SFO-Teresa Baker SFO pp. 18-28
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#7 The Theology and Spirituality of Francis (#1)

Themes: A Trinitarian God; Who Am I?; Life According to the Gospel

<p><u>The Franciscan Journey</u></p>	<p><u>Other</u> The Theology and Spirituality of Francis (Summary of <i>Francis of Assisi: Writer and Spiritual Master</i> by Thadee Matura OFM; Earlier Rule Ch 23</p>	<p><u>For Up to Now</u> St. Francis and His Approach to Divinity- Bob Fitzsimmons SFO pp. 1-16</p>
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#8 The Theology and Spirituality of Francis (#2)

Themes: Life According to the Gospel (cont.)

<p><u>The Franciscan Journey</u></p>	<p><u>Other</u> The Theology and Spirituality of Francis (Summary of <i>Francis of Assisi: Writer and Spiritual Master</i> by Thadee Matura OFM; The 2nd Letter to the Faithful; Admonitions</p>	<p><u>For Up to Now</u> St. Francis and His Approach to Divinity- Bob Fitzsimmons SFO pp.1-16</p>
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#9 Francis and the Mother of God (SFO Rule Art. 9)

Themes: Virgin Made Church; A Model for Us; Fully Human

<p><u>The Franciscan Journey</u> (Ch. 17) The Mother of God—and our Mother</p>	<p><u>Other</u> SFO Rule: Art. 9 Constitution 16 The Salutation to the Blessed Virgin</p>	<p><u>For Upto Now</u> Francis and the Blessed Virgin Mary- Susan Simeone SFO pp. 1-16</p>
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#10 Following Christ in a Spirit of Poverty, Detachment and Freedom (SFO Rule Arts. 10. 11)

Themes: Obedience, Building the Kingdom, Way of the Cross, Poverty, Simplicity, Detachment, Beatitudes

<u>The Franciscan Journey</u> (Ch 18) Being Faithful (Ch 19) A Simple Way to Live	<u>Other</u> SFO Rule: Arts. 10, 11 Constitution: Arts. 12.1, 12.2, 15 Franciscan Prayer by Ilia Delio (Ch 4)	<u>For Up to Now</u> The Rule of the SFO-Teresa Baker SFO pp. 12-18
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#11 Following Christ in a Spirit of Poverty, Detachment, and Freedom (SFO Rule Arts. 11, 12)

Themes: Building the Kingdom, Poverty, Simplicity, Detachment, Freedom of Choice, Sine Proprio, Purity of Heart

<u>The Franciscan Journey</u> (Ch 19) Being Faithful (Ch 20) Freedom to Love	<u>Other</u> SFO Rule: Art. 12 Constitution: Art. 15.4 What is the Kingdom of God? (Catholic Update Article)	<u>For Up to Now</u> The Rule of the SFO-Teresa Baker SFO pp. 12-18
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#12 Franciscan Theology and Spirituality

Themes: Dominican School vs Franciscan School; Contributions of Francis, Bonaventure, and Duns Scotus

<u>The Franciscan Journey</u>	<u>Other</u> What is Franciscan Spirituality? What Are the Major Themes? FUN D- Francis and Divinity #3 Power Point Presentation	<u>For Up to Now</u> Understanding Franciscan Theology, Tradition and Spirituality (Part 1)- Bob Fitzsimmons SFO pp. 1-
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#13 St. Clare of Assisi

Themes: Biography, Privilege of Poverty, Letters, Form of Prayer and Mirror of the Cross

<p><u>The Franciscan Journey</u> (Ch 3, pp. 25-27)</p>	<p><u>Other</u> St. Clare- Brief biography Letters to Agnes of Prague FUN D St. Clare of Assisi-Power Point Presentation</p>	<p><u>For Up to Now</u> St. Clare of Assisi- Francine Gikow SFO pp. 1-24 Understanding Franciscan Theology, Tradition, and Spirituality (Part 2)- Bob Fitzsimmons SFO</p>
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#14 Loving Others and Christian Service (SFO Rule Arts. 13, 14)

Themes: Universal Kinship, Others as Gift and Image, Love of the Poor, Evangelical & Fraternal World, Service

<p><u>The Franciscan Journey</u> (Ch 21) How to Love People (Ch 22) Foundations for the Kingdom</p>	<p><u>Other</u> SFO Rule: Arts. 13, 14 Constitution: 18.1, 18.2, 18.3, 19, 20 Deus Caritas Est Part I</p>	<p><u>For Up to Now</u> The Rule of the SFO- Teresa Baker SFO pp.28-46</p>
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#15 Catholic Social Teaching and JPIC (#1) (Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation)(SFO Rule Arts. 15, 16)

Themes: Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching; Charity, Justice, JPIC FAN; Work as Gift, Duty, Creation, Service

<p><u>The Franciscan Journey</u> (Ch 23) Justice and Franciscan Life (Ch 24) The Gift of Work</p>	<p><u>Other</u> SFO Rule: Arts. 15, 16 Constitution: Arts. 21, 22 Summary of Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching; Deus Caritas Est Part II</p>	<p><u>For Up to Now</u> Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation- Pat Brandwein-Ball SFO pp 1-28 The Rule of the SFO-Teresa Baker SFO pp. 28-46.</p>
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#16 Catholic Social Teaching and JPIC (#2) (SFO Rule Arts. 17, 18)

Themes: Family (Basic Unit), Fidelity, Respect for Life, Care for Creation, Peace Bearers, Unity, Joy, Hope, Sister Death

<p><u>The Franciscan Journey</u> (Ch 25) In Their Family (Ch 26) Universal Kinship</p>	<p><u>Other</u> SFO Rule: Arts. 17, 18 Constitution: Arts. 18.4, 24 Canticle of Creatures</p>	<p><u>For Up to Now</u> Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation- Pat Brandwein-Ball SFO pp. 1-28</p>
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#17 Catholic Social Teaching and JPIC (#3) (SFO Rule Arts. 18, 19)

Themes: Care for Creation, Peace Bearers, Unity, Joy, Hope, Sister Death

<p><u>The Franciscan Journey</u> (Ch 26) Universal Kinship (Ch 27) Bearers of Peace</p>	<p><u>Other</u> SFO Rule: Arts.18, 19 Constitution: Arts:18.4, 23, 26, 27 True and Perfect Joy</p>	<p><u>For Up to Now</u> Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation- Pat Brandwein-Ball SFO pp. 1-28</p>
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#18 Profession (#2)(SFO Rule: Arts. 6, 23)

Themes: Baptism, Grace, Fraternity, Ministers, Holy Spirit, Eucharist, Consecration. Value, Gospel Life. Etc.

<p><u>The Franciscan Journey</u> (Ch 31) Membership in the SFO</p>	<p><u>Other</u> Profession in the SFO: Gift and Commitment by Fr.Felice Cangelosi OFM Cap- Article and Summary; SFO Rule: Arts.6, 23 Constitution: Arts. 17.1, 37-45</p>	<p><u>For Up to Now</u> Profession and the Secular Franciscan- Fr. Richard Trezza OFM pp. 1-18</p>
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#19 Fraternity (SFO Rule Arts. 20, 21, 22)

Themes: Three Levels, Profession, Ongoing Formation, Leadership, Importance of Local Fraternity

<p><u>The Franciscan Journey</u> (Ch 28) Fraternities–Gathering as “One” (Ch 29) Servant Leadership (Ch 30) Fraternity Life</p>	<p><u>Other</u> SFO Rule: Arts. 20, 21, 22 Constitution: Arts. 28-36, 46-53, 85-95 FUN D Francis and Fraternity-Power Point Presentation</p>	<p><u>For Up to Now</u> Fraternity and Francis- Tom Bello SFO Fraternity as a Fundamental Element of St. Francis Spirituality- Fr. Irudaysamy OFM Cap pp. 1-22</p>
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#20 Enriching the Spirit and Family Connections (SFO Rule Arts. 24, 25)

Themes: Regular Gatherings, Ongoing Formation, Prayer, Youth, Connection to Other Orders, Visitations

<p><u>The Franciscan Journey</u> (Ch 32) Enriching the Franciscan Spirit (Ch 33) Franciscan Family Connections</p>	<p><u>Other</u> SFO Rule: Arts. 24, 25 Constitution: Arts. 96-103</p>	<p><u>For Up to Now</u></p>
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#21 Assisi Pilgrimage

<p><u>The Franciscan Journey</u></p>	<p><u>Other</u> FUN D Assisi Pilgrimage (Retreat) Power Point Presentation</p>	<p><u>For Up to Now</u></p>
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