

Lesson Guide: St. Clare of Assisi

<p>Overview & Purpose of this Lesson: St. Clare of Assisi To describe the life of St. Clare of Assisi and the development of the Second Franciscan Order. To appreciate St. Clare’s contribution to Franciscan spirituality and tradition. To foster relationships between the Secular Franciscan Order and the 2nd Order of Francis.</p>	<p>“Gaze [upon Him], Consider [Him], Contemplate [Him], so that you may Imitate [Him]” St. Clare of Assisi</p>
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<p>Objectives</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. History of St. Clare 2. Development of the Order of the Poor Clares: 3. Spirituality & Legacy of St. Clare 4. The Poor Clares today and relationships with the Secular Franciscan Order 	<p>Formation guide and support materials</p> <p>Power-point, outline, handout or Chronology (optional) Read required content pages</p>	<p>Make sure appropriate pages have been read in advance Read: Lester Bach, <u>Catch Me A Rainbow Too</u>, Chapter 9.</p> <p>Homework: Spend 20 minutes utilizing Clare’s directives for contemplation: Gaze upon Him, Consider Him; Meditate on Him and Imitate Him.</p>	<p>Materials Needed</p> <p>Paper Pencil Loaf of bread, napkins Copies of discussion questions Copies of Chronology (optional) CD recording of Blessing of St. Clare (optional)</p> <p>If using power point presentation, necessary computer, screen/monitor, and program.</p>
<p>Information</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Ideas on presenting this section 2. Presentation and discussion. 3. Power-point as AV assist 	<p>Power Point/Outline Discussion re: what struck a cord with the Candidates as material was presented.</p>		
<p>Verification Dialogue and discussion Reflection questions</p>	<p>Have copies of the Discussion Questions available to share (at end of Content Section.)</p>	<p>Discuss the questions at the end of the Content section. May want to have Candidates finish at home if not completed and turn in to Formator.</p>	<p>Other Resources (e.g. Web, books, etc.)</p> <p>General information regarding poor Clare Nuns: http://poorclare.org</p> <p>See Bibliography at end.</p>
<p>Activity Prayer exercise Ritual action Prayer from Francis</p>	<p>Read the Multiplication of the Loaves from the Legend of St. Clare. Give the Blessing of St. Clare (recording or reciting).</p>	<p>Share the bread from one loaf.</p>	
<p>Summary Wrap-up based on presentation reinforcing any concerns surfaced in the discussion &/or questions</p>	<p>Discuss results/key issues that surfaced with the formation team so next presented is aware and can tailor next lesson for better reception</p>	<p>Assign next set of readings</p>	<p>Additional Notes</p>