

Queen of the Angels Fraternity
CEREMONY OF INTRODUCTION AND WELCOMING
PLANNING CHECK LIST

The Ceremony of Welcoming, at the beginning of the time of inquiry, introduces and welcomes the newcomers into the community. *Ritual of the Secular Franciscan Order, Part I Chapter 1*

It does not take place within the context of a ritual or liturgical celebration, but rather as part of the fraternal portion of the regular meeting of the community. *Ritual of the Secular Franciscan Order Part I, Preface 3.12*

NEWCOMERS

- Takes place at the end of the orientation period. The period of orientation shall consist of not less than three (3) months. Statutes of the National Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order in the United States of America, Article 19, 1b.
- Interviewed by Formation Director, Minister, Spiritual Assistant
- Initial Application Form has been completed
- Reference and Recommendation Forms have been sent and responses received
- Formation leader for newcomers requests date for ceremony at end of orientation period.
- Completed forms are filed in individual's file

CEREMONY

- Simple as possible
- Select a date for the Ceremony with above requirements met
- Confirm date with the newcomers so all will be in attendance
- Announce the date to members and impress upon them the importance of their attendance to show their fraternal support
- Ceremony according to Ritual
 - o Ask professed member responsible for bringing the newcomer to introduce him/her *Ritual of the Secular Franciscan Order, Part I Chapter 1*
 - o Formation director presents life of St. Francis to each newcomer
 - o Closing prayer by spiritual assistant or secular member of fraternity
 - Extemporaneous
 - Liturgical text
 - Writings of St. Francis
 - Ritual Book example
 - o Supplies:
 - Short life of Francis for each newcomer
- Any space used, dining room, bathrooms, or meeting rooms are to be left clean.**

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This checklist is considered supplemental help in the planning process. It is not intended to take the place of the member being fully informed from reading the Ritual of the Secular Franciscan Order and National Statutes or other official material.