



Franciscan Journey Notes

Chapter 1

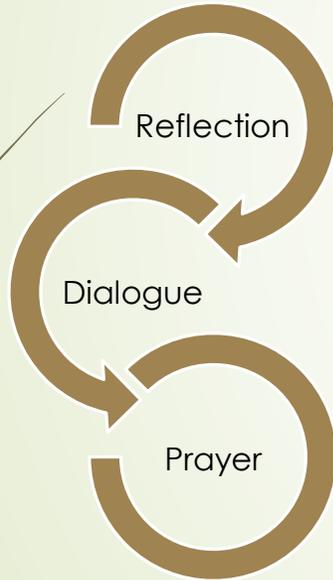


Orientation in the SFO

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Should be at least 3 months, minimum

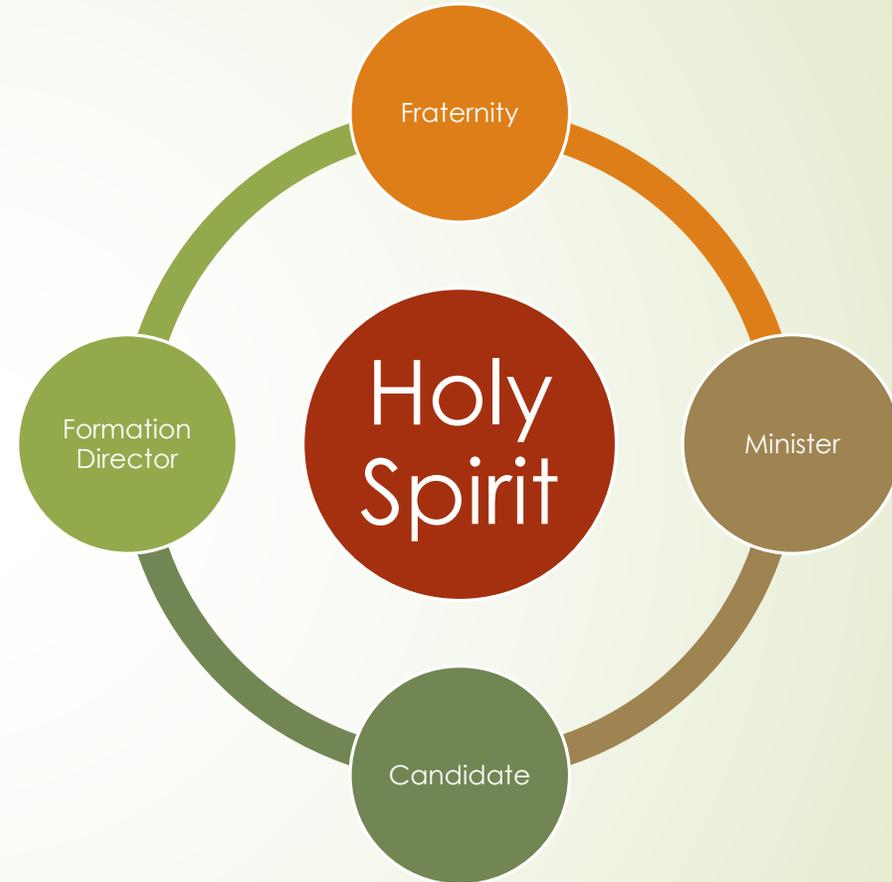
- Time to get to know each other – you & the fraternity
- Determine whether you have a Franciscan vocation or not – this continues throughout inquiry



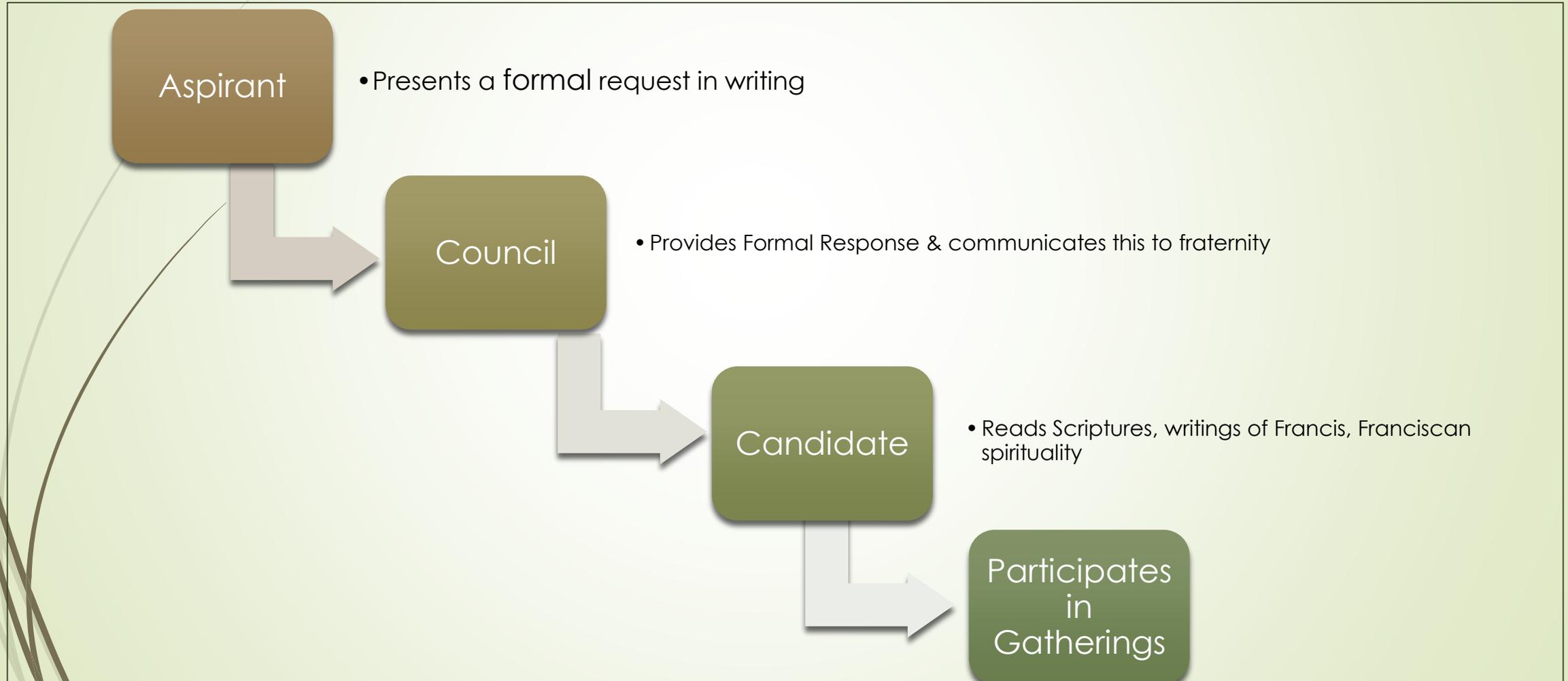
Rule 23

- Membership in the SFO requires:
 - 1. Time of Formation
 - 2. Invitation
 - 3. Profession of Rule

Holy Spirit is the Principal Agent
Formation develops throughout our lives
It begins with entrance into the fraternity.



Admission to the Order – Aspirant presents by formal act a request to enter





Way of Life must take Priority

- ▶ Participation in gatherings of the local fraternity is an indispensable presupposition for initiation into community prayer and into fraternity life. (Constitutions – article 40.2, 40.3)
- ▶ When participation in other groups or SFO, SFO must take priority – however, family and other serious situation can take priority occasionally
- ▶ If one must be absent, courtesy requires one to notify the council or formation director.

Periods of Formation

To be admitted to the SFO in the United States, a person must be fully initiated member of the Catholic Church (having received the sacraments of **Baptism**, **Confirmation**, and **Holy Eucharist**, in addition to being an **actively practicing Catholic**.



Conditions for Profession or promise of evangelical life are:

- Profession is the solemn ecclesial act by which the candidate, renews baptismal promises and publicly affirms his or her personal commitment to live the Gospel in the world according to the example of Francis, and following the Rule of the SFO.
- Profession incorporates the candidate into the Order and is by its nature a perpetual commitment.
- Permanent profession may be preceded by a **temporary profession**, renewable annually. Temporary profession can be no longer than **3 years**.

