Franciscan Journey
Chapter 11

The SFO Rule
Raised by the Holy Spirit

Family
- Raised by Mother & Father – Family Relationships
- Common Blood – Grow Up Together
- Life Giving Union
- Reflects Common Cultural Experiences before adulthood

Spiritual Family
- Family because of relationship to one to another within an international community
- Fraternity / Fraternal Relationships Blossom
- Life Giving Union
- Collaboration in Achieving Goals
- United - Priests, Religious, & Laity – in Franciscan Charism – bring Gospels to Life
- Common Formation
International International OFS OFS Regional Fraternity

International Family
Altius Moderamen (Assistance, Concern & Care)

Responsibility of 1st Order & 3rd Order Regular (TOR) to SFO ~ Union with All Groups

Laity
Build up of Kingdom

Inspired to Live the Gospel in fraternal communion
– Ecclesial Communities – Local Fraternities

Secular Clergy Offer Service in Communion with bishop & presbytery

Presence in Life Situations
Temporal Activity
Striving for Perfect Charity – Led by the Power of the Holy Spirit

Charity
Self Knowledge
Reflection
Love your Neighbor & Your Enemy

Conversion
Penance

Radical Interior Change
Love is... Saint Paul

- Patient
- Kind
- Not envious, or boastful, or arrogant or rude
- Does not insist on its own way
- It is not irritable or resentful
- It does not rejoice in wrong doing
- Rejoices in truth
- Bears all things
- Believes all things
- Hopes all things
- Endures all things
- LOVE NEVER ENDS
SFO is Governed by the Universal Law of the Church

Rules –
• Establishes the nature, purpose & the spirit of the SFO

Constitution -
• Purpose to apply the Rule – indicate concretely the conditions for belonging to the SFO, its government, the organization of life in fraternity & its seat (office locale)
• Authentic interpretation of Rule belongs to the Holy See; Practice interpretation of Constitution belong to General Chapter of the SFO
• Clarification of specific points is the competency of the Presidency of the International Council of the SFO (CIOFS)...valid until next General Chapter
General Chapter

International Fraternity – Statutes approved by General Chapter

National Fraternity – Statutes approved by Presidency of the International Council of the SFO

Regional & Local Fraternities – May have Statutes approved by higher level
Profession Commits Us to the Whole RULE

Trust Trinity to Provide

Poverty
Service
Gospel Life