Fly little bird over all boarders,
Over barbed wire and minefield,
fly and sing everywhere a song of peace
Rule 19 – Peace is the work of justice & the fruit of reconciliation & of fraternal love

Bearers of Peace must be built up unceasingly

Messengers of Perfect Joy in every circumstance

They strive to bring joy & hope to everyone

They must seek out ways of unity and fraternal harmony

| Through direct dialogue | Trusting in the presence of the divine seed in everyone | And in the transforming power of love & pardon |
Resurrection of Christ – True Meaning of Sister Death

Serenely tend toward the ultimate encounter with the Father
Rule 19 – Bearers of Peace

Family & Society

- Collaborate with movements that promote peace
- Develop initiatives of Pope, local Church, Franciscan Family
- Propose & spread peaceful ideas & attitudes
- Collaborate (individual & fraternity)
Respect the choice of those who, because of conscientious objections, refuse to bear arms.
Make a Last Will & Testament

To preserved peace in a family
Even in Suffering...Confidence & Joy

- Experience of Fatherhood of God
- Invincible faith of rising with Christ to eternal life
- Experience of being able to meet & praise the Creator in the universal fraternity of all creatures
- Franciscans affirm their hope & joy in living
- Make contributions to counter the widespread distress & pessimism, preparing a better future
In the Fraternity – Atmosphere of Joy & Faith

- Promote mutual understanding & encourage one another
- Brothers & Sisters, progressing in age should accept illnesses and difficulties to give deeper understanding of life
- We all go forth into eternal life as the “Communion of Saints”
- Sister Death is a passage to the Father – prepare in serenity (constitution-article 27.1m 27.2)
PEACE – not easy to achieve

Nations at Wars – serious consequences on individuals, families & property

Violence in cities & neighborhoods –

Power struggles, fear

Families – violence of absence, non-caring attitudes

Many things in world kill spirit of hope and bring despair

Many are ashamed of themselves because of treatment in homes or society that is dysfunctional
PEACE – Difficult without Trust & Respect

- Church suffers from people in authority abusing the young
- Politicians abuse trust & allow corruption
- Makes it difficult to trust teachers, police, public officials & others.
OFS Rules – Work of Justice & Effect of Charity

- Respect for & development of human life require peace
- More than absence of war, not limited to maintaining a balance of powers
- Must safeguard the goods of people, free communication, respect for dignity of persons
- Peace is “tranquility of order” (St. Augustine, De Civ. Dei, 19, 13, I:PL, 42, 640)
Create a society where relationships are more important than wealth & power

Respect for Dignity of people

Develop Processes for reconciliation

Change Hearts & Minds

Forgiveness

Develop Jobs & Wages

Dialogue instead of violence
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Gospel to Life

- Do not judge – you will not be judged
- Do not condemn – you will not be condemned
- Forgive – you will be forgiven
- Give – it will be given to you

"Do not judge others and God will not judge you. Do not condemn others and God will not condemn you. Forgive others and God will forgive you. Give to others and God will give to you."

JOY – Mission & Challenges

Franciscans are Messengers of Perfect Joy in every circumstance

Joy is connected with a peaceful spirit, allowing us to see God-at-work in our lives – a sense that we are cared for and loved.

We are loved by God – no matter how poorly we respond to God’s love.

Inner sense of peacefulness that is partner with joy.
Joy Comes When Trust in God

- Profession invites us to give whether there is recognition or not
- Seek positive solutions
- Collaborate & reconcile in doing good
- Joy comes when we view wonders of creation – the smile of a baby
Hope – Fear not, for God is with you

- Hope is another expression of the wonder of being in God’s hands
- Hope, like faith & charity, relies on the gracious love of God
- Hope relies on God’s faithfulness of his promises – his covenant
- Scripture points out the source of Hope
- Hope gives us strength & nourishes us

Hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Romans 8:24-25
Sister Death ~ Resurrection

- Sister Death invites death to “pass over” to resurrection – gives us HOPE
- Belief in the Resurrection is a matter of faith
- Mary Magdala gives witness to the empty tomb
- Disciples witnessed the Risen Christ
- The Ascension reveals Christ’s return to the Father
Death is not the end

- Jesus’ passion, death and resurrection – meaning of His life – touches all human life & death
- Death is a doorway to a new life accompanied by Sister Death
- Fulfills our trust in a Loving God
- Assurance that God is with us in pain & suffering
- With the Trinity, we offer the challenges of life in the chalice that makes it redemptive in its union with Jesus
Redemptive Power of Suffering

- Jesus bore the full weight of evil & removed its power over us
- By grace, we unite our pain to His redemptive power
- Franciscans deal with suffering with wisdom and faith
- Death is passage way to new life
- With faith & love, serenely deal with coming of Sister Death