Franciscan Journey
Chapter 9

- Vatican II
- SFO Rule
- Constitution & Statutes
“Francis Rebuild My Church”

- Open Scriptures to the People
- Gave Voice to Laity of Church
- Bible became Important
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- Gospels - Life
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Rule of 1978

Prayer
Action
Approach People with Compassion
Recognize Image of God
Personal need for Radical Conversion
Willing Spirit
• Peace
• Gospels
• Passion for Justice
• Spirit of Community
• Prayerful
• Welcoming
• Inviting

• War-violence
• Vengeful
• Injustice
• Indifference
• Boring
• Domineering
• Not Welcoming
• Excluding
Minister General of the 1st Order added

“Earlier Exhortation of St. Francis to Brothers and Sisters of Penance as a prologue to the Rule (guide for interpretation and connection to post Rules)
Gospels Invite Us to Change

Rule 4:
• Requirements of Conversion – Continual throughout Life
• Supported by Community

Rule 7:
• Journey of Conversion
• Sacrament of Reconciliation means to overcome old habits
• Face new challenges
Public Profession

The Secular Franciscan proclaims commitment to follow Gospels

The Secular Franciscan must assume responsibility for following the Rule of 1978.
Admonition XXVII (The undated writings)
St. Francis of Assisi – The Saint – Volume I – Pages 136-137

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Constitution
- Canonical Procedures
- Structure to keep Rule alive
- Deals with Servant Leadership
- Ways to deal with issues that arise
- Deals with lukewarm members

Statutes
- Details of Governing
- Guidelines for Spiritual & Pastoral Assistants
- Issues not contained in Constitution
- Spiritual Assistants to local, regional, national and international councils

Regional Guidelines
- Specific Needs of Region
- Guidance to local & Regional Councils
- Deals with issues not addressed by Constitution or Statutes

Bond Emphasized – Love of God & Neighbor