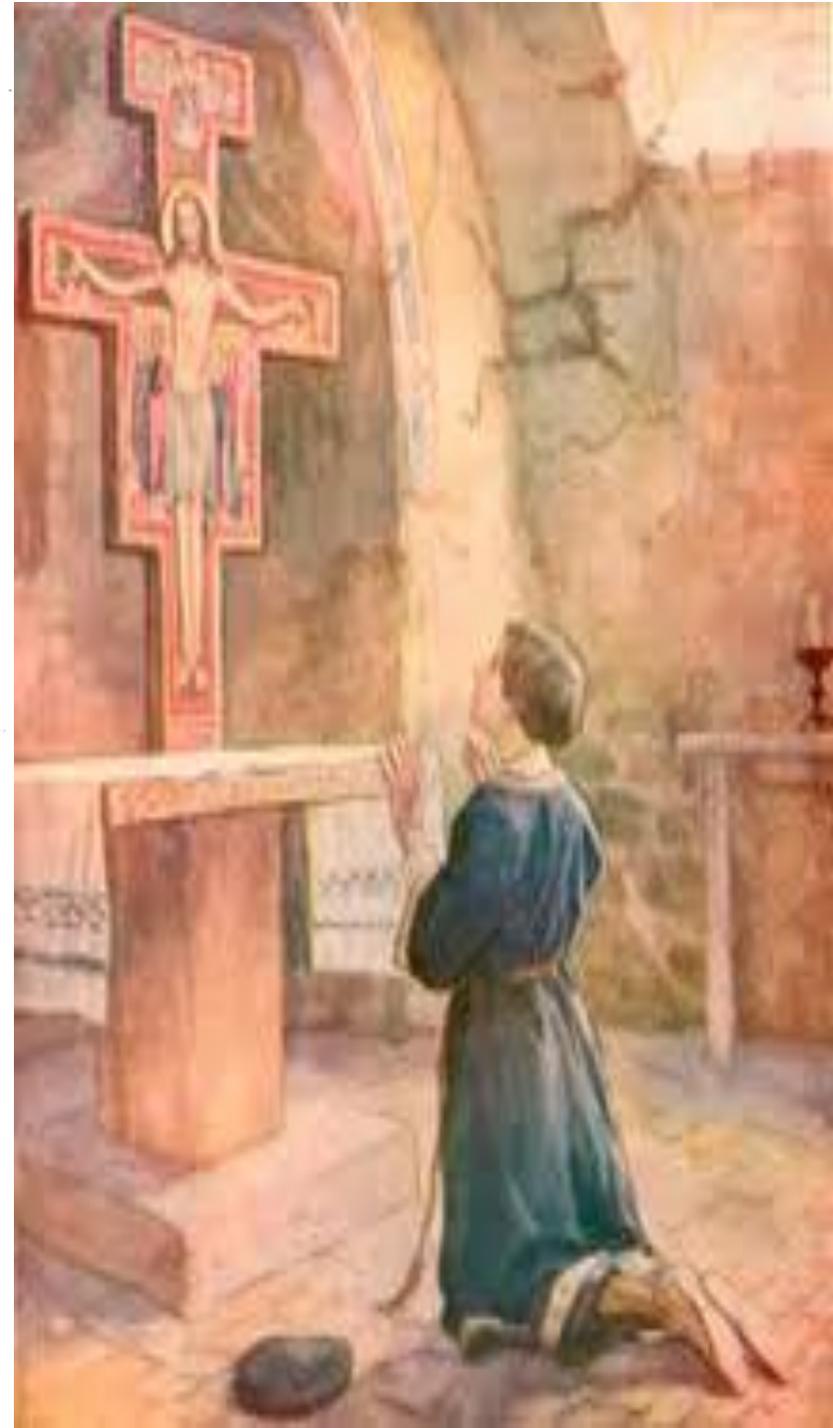


**A PRAYER OF
SAINT FRANCIS
BEFORE THE CRUCIFIX
OF SAN DAMIANO**

**Most High And Glorious God,
Bring Light
To The Darkness Of My Heart!
Give Me Right Faith,
Certain Hope,
And Perfect Charity.
Lord, Give Me Insight
And Wisdom
So I Might Always Discern
Your Holy And True Will.**



Prayer Table





There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone.

To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit. [1 Cor. 12:4 – 7]

“Lying like this on the ground stripped of his sackcloth garment, he lifted up his face to heaven in his accustomed way, and wholly intent upon that glory, he covered with his left hand the wound in his right side, so that no one would see it. And he said to his brothers: **‘I have done what is mine; may Christ teach you yours.’**”

[The Major Legend of Saint Francis by Bonaventure of Bagnoregio. Francis of Assisi: The Founder: Early Documents. p. 642]

Council



Personality Types

- Extraverts – Introverts

(get our energy)

Rule of thumb is that introverts don't speak until they know what they think, whereas extraverts don't know what they think until they speak!

- Thinkers – Feelers

(process information)

Thinkers: logical thinking

Feelers: personal value system

Our fraternities need
all four types!



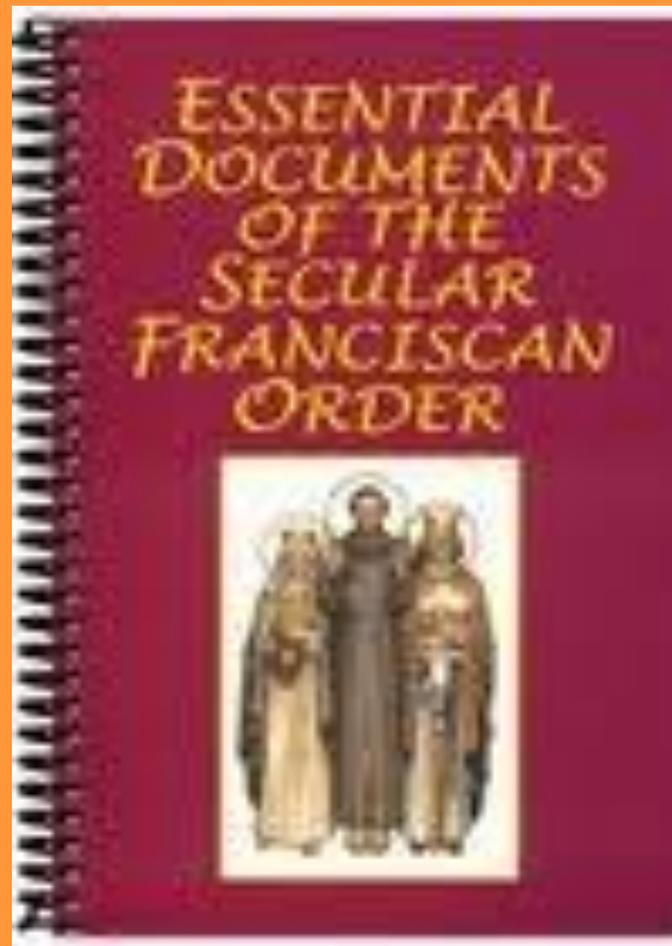
Vary the content
of your monthly program.

Adult Learners (Andragogy)

- Based on 5 assumptions:
 - 1. adult learners are self-directed
 - 2. their experiences are a resource for learning
 - 3. learning is linked to the responsibilities of everyday life
 - 4. adult learners are able to apply their learning immediately to life
 - 5. adults learn in different manners: visual, auditory, kinetic and experiential



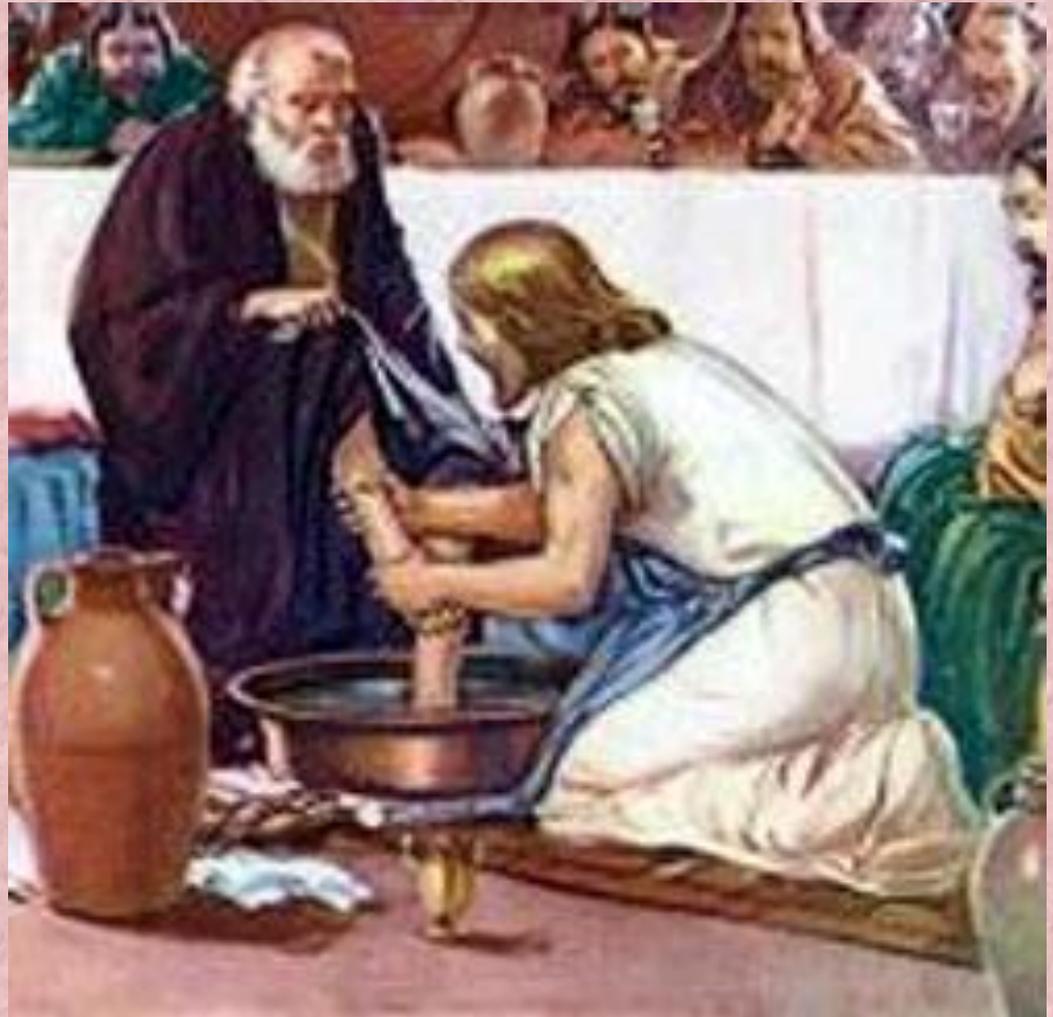
The Local Fraternity Council
appoints its own
Spiritual Assistant.



Local Minister's Orientation upon Election

Handbook For Secular Franciscan Servant Leadership

(2010 edition)



Part I – Foundational Ideas

- Jesus, Francis, Clare as Leaders – Our Models
- Franciscan Servant Leadership:
 - Call, Commitment, Vision
 - Willing Instruments – Based in Prayer
 - Leader Relationships – Lived in Dialogue
 - Shared Leadership
 - Different Gifts
 - Tasks of Servant Leaders
- Leadership Styles
- We respond as Secular Franciscan Servant Leaders

Part II – Leader Guides (15)

Format is: Need-Sources-Goal-Means

- 1: Initial Formation
- 2: Spiritual Significance
- 3: Ongoing Formation
- 4: Agenda for Council
- 5: Candidate Readiness
- 6: Meetings Missed
- 7: Apostolate
- 8: Franciscan Life
- 9: Servant Leadership Roles
- 10: Fraternity Prayer
- 11: Elections
- 12: Animating Gatherings
- 13: International Scope
- 14: Common Fund
- 15: Cultural Diversity

Part III – Fraternity Management

- Index to the *General Constitutions*
- Questions to Consider

Part IV – Practical Aids

Brainstorming

Communication Overview

- Communicating
- Listening
- Responding
- Engaging in Dialogue

Some Roadblocks to Communicating

- Criticizing
- Advising
- Threatening
- “You should . . .”
- “You ought to . . .”
- Labeling someone
- Dictating, ordering
- “Wouldn’t you agree that . . .”
- “Don’t you think . . .”
- “If I were you, I would . . .”

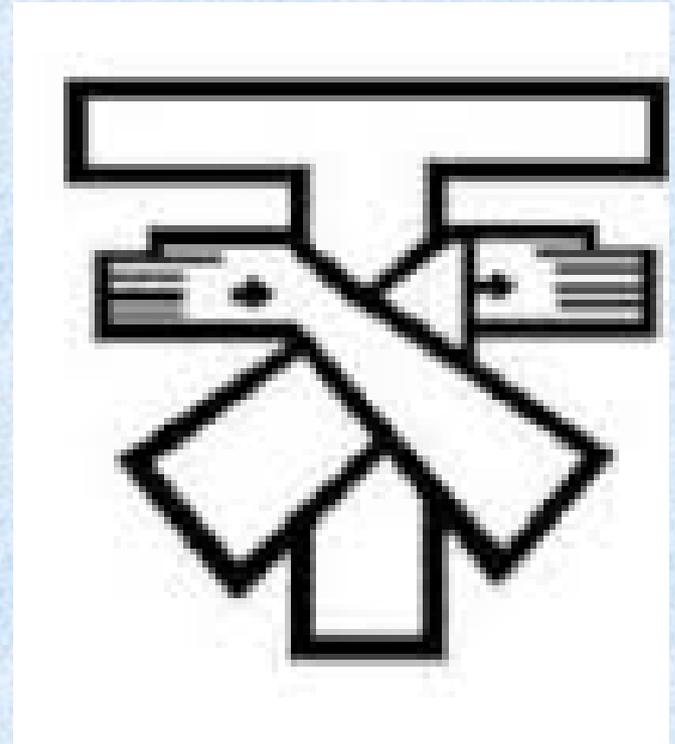


Practical Aids continued:

- Decision-making Using Consensus
- Fraternity Planning
- Preparing Presentations
- Problem-solving
- Reconciling Differences
- Enhancing Self-esteem
- Becoming a Servant Leader
- Franciscan Resource Information

Responsibilities According to Office

- Minister
- Vice-Minister
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Formation Director
- Councilor



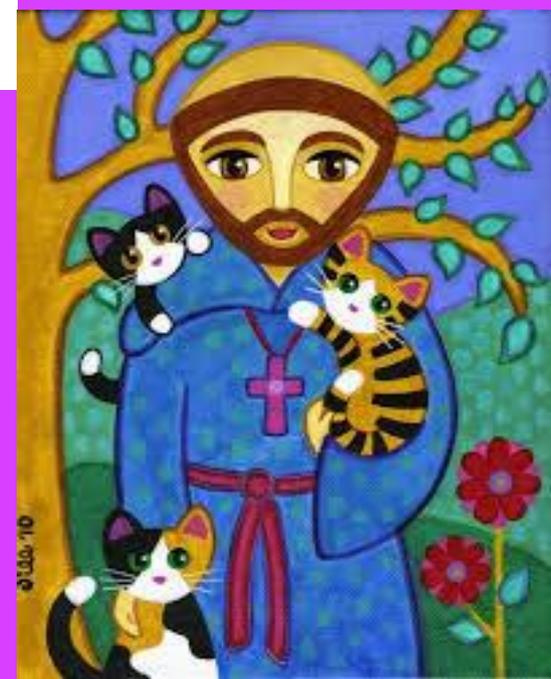
There are no obstacles
just
Opportunities
to be
Creative 😊

Ongoing
Formation
for the
Fraternity Council!

Any
Questions?



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Attracting new people 😊

- What image are we projecting to others about our Fraternity?
- What about enthusiasm?
- Are we inviting others to “Come and See?”
- Are we inviting people to local, regional and national activities?

How does the Council/Fraternity keep in contact with the Shut-ins?

- Telephone contacts
- Visits
- Cards
- Share handouts or notes
- Make sure that Holy Communion is available
- Newsletter (local, regional, national)
- Regional (*The Portiuncula*)
- National (*TAU-USA*)

What are some ways to get to know our brothers and sisters?

- Personal Witness & Lived Vocation
- Eating meals together
- Getting together for games
- Church activities
- Carpooling

- *The Ritual*
- *Liturgy of the Hours*
- *Office of the Passion*
- *Franciscan Crown* (with Scripture reflection)
- *Stations of the Cross*
- *Transitus*
- *Day of Reflection*
- *Meditation*
- *Lectio Divina*
- *Guided imagery*

**Prayer
Experiences:**

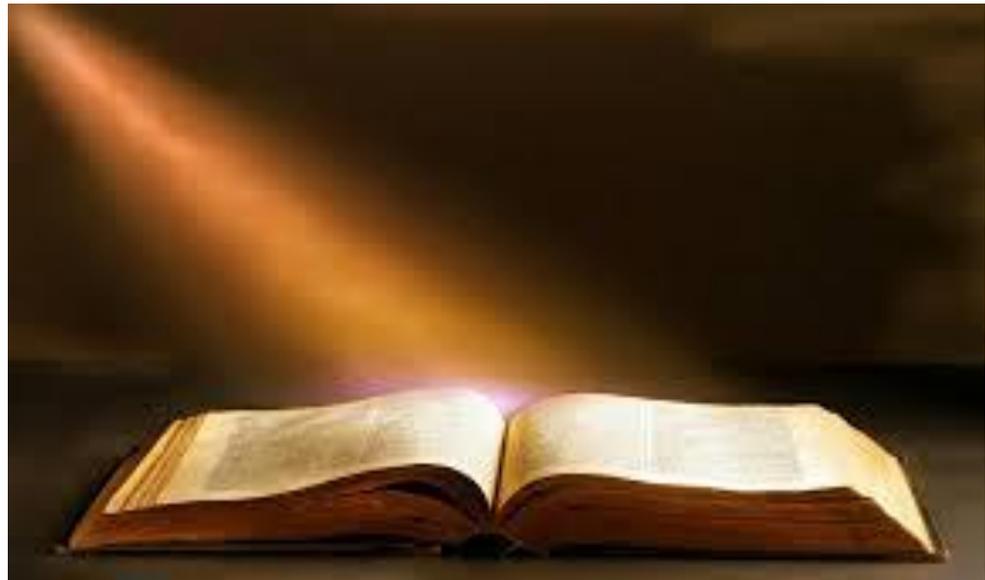
The Local Fraternity Minister
should review the Regional
Fraternity Council Minutes and
discuss any relevant information
with the Local Fraternity Council
and/or with the entire Local
Fraternity!

Work collaboratively with other
Fraternities.



How do we guide our
Fraternities
“going from Gospel to life
and life to the Gospel”?

[The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order, article #4]



“Placed on the ground and stripped of his sackcloth garment, he lifted up his face to heaven as usual, and, totally intent upon that glory, he covered the wound on his right side with his left hand, so no one would see it. Then he said to his brothers: **‘I have done what is mine; may Christ teach you what is yours!’**”

[The Remembrance of the Desire of a Soul by Thomas of Celano, Francis of Assisi: The Founder: Early Documents. p. 386]



“Secular Franciscans,
together with all people
of good will, are called
to build a more fraternal
and evangelical world
so that the kingdom of
God may be brought
about more effectively.”

[The rule of the Secular Franciscan Order, art. 14]