From the Regional Formation Team (2016 – 2019)

The Regional Formation Team wants to express their sincere gratitude to all of the Formation Directors in the Franciscans of the Prairie Region for accepting the following duties:

a. to co-ordinate, with the help of the other members of the council, the formative activities of the fraternity;

b. to instruct and enliven the inquirers during the time of initiation, the candidates during the period of initiation formation, and the newly professed;

c. to inform the council of the fraternity prior to profession, concerning the suitability of the candidate for a commitment to live according to the Rule. [General Constitutions, article #52.3]

The Regional Formation Team decided to develop this Regional Formation Resource Kit to assist you in fulfilling the duties listed above.

If you have any comments or suggestions, please let one of the Regional Formation Team members know.

Thanks again for being a Formation Director in the Franciscans of the Prairie Region and for your commitment to the Secular Franciscan Order!

May the Lord give you peace!

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Then he said to his brothers: “I have done what is mine; may Christ teach you what is yours!”  
In the Name of Christ. Amen!

Recognizing the supreme importance given to Formation in the life of the Secular Franciscan Order, we, the undersigned members of the Regional Executive Council, at our March 12, 2017 meeting, express our profound gratitude to the Regional Formation Team members for their work in producing this Regional Formation Resource Kit. All Local Formation Directors and Formation Team members of the Fraternities in Franciscans of the Prairie Region will be united in a common vision of “going from Gospel to life and life to the Gospel” (The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order, article #4) by utilizing the materials held within this Resource Kit, helping to make each of our Fraternities “the privileged place for developing a sense of Church and the Franciscan vocation and for enlivening the apostolic life of its members” (The Rule, article #22).

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