A Day of Reflection Prior to Rite of Profession

General Constitutions, article #40.1: “… formation should be carried out with frequent meetings for study and prayer and with concrete experiences of service and of apostolate. These meetings should be held, as far as possible and opportune, in common with the candidates of other fraternities.”

NAFRA Statutes, article #19.5.c: “Opportunities for fraternities to meet together for the purposes of common ongoing and initial formation shall occur whenever possible at all levels of fraternity.”

The Inquirer is highly encouraged to: attend a Day of Recollection or Retreat (For the Formator 3-23-2011 page 15 of 26 of the FUN Manual)

The Candidate is highly encouraged to: participate with the fraternity on a Day of Recollection or Retreat; spend time in prayer and Scripture reflection; and prayerful reading from the Preface of the Ritual 3.3 on the Rite of Profession. (For the Formator 3-23-2011 page 23 of 26 of the FUN Manual)

Material Content During the Period of Initiation: Encourage attendance at a retreat focused on vocation and discernment of vocation to a secular and Franciscan way of life. (What is Formation 3-23-2011 page 9 of 22 of the FUN Manual)

Material Content During the Period of Formation: Encourage attendance at a retreat or day of prayer focused on commitment and the penitential way of life. Prepare candidates for the Rite of Profession by prayerful meditation on the solemnity of this public and perpetual commitment. (What is Formation 3-23-2011 pages 9 & 10 of 22 of the FUN Manual)

The Gift of the Spirit in the Celebration of Profession: Did you ever think that this was happening at a profession? It makes us wonder why we put up with insipid and banal celebrations of the Rite without practice, good worship aids, good music and a fitting retreat for the candidates before taking this important step in their lives. (Profession 3-23-2011 page 9 of 18 of the FUN Manual)

… many fraternities offer a special retreat experience for the candidate as the day of Profession draws near. (Conversion 3-23-2011 page 7 of 18 of the FUN Manual)

Similarly, at the conclusion of Candidacy and a prayerful retreat time, the Candidate is called to make profession or permanent commitment to the rule of the O.F.S. (Conversion 3-23-2011 page 8 of 18 of the FUN Manual)