Acceptance Letter for Rite of Profession

_____________ (date)

Dear _____________,

The Lord give you peace!

“The period of Candidacy, which begins with the Rite of Admission [cf. Ritual, page 11], shall consist of not less than eighteen (18) months and not more that thirty-six (36) months.” (National Statutes, Article 19.2b.) The Fraternity of _________________ celebrated your Rite of Admission on _________________.

“To be admitted to the SFO [O.F.S.] in the United States, a person must be a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church (i.e., having received the Sacraments of Baptism, Chrismation/Confirmation and Holy Eucharist) in addition to being an actively practicing Catholic.” (National Statutes, Article 19.2d.)

“Having completed the time of initial formation, the candidate submits to the minister of the local fraternity a request to make his or her profession. Having heard the master of formation and the assistant, the fraternity council decides by secret ballot on the admission to profession, gives its reply to the candidate, and informs the fraternity.” (General Constitutions, Article 41.1)

Thank you for your letter requesting Profession which you submitted on _______________. The Council reviewed the pertinent information concerning your eligibility for Profession. A secret ballot was conducted on ______________. The Fraternity Council is pleased to inform you that your request for Profession has been accepted and the date is set for ________________.

“Profession by its nature is a permanent commitment. (The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order, Article #23) “The act of profession is registered and preserved in the records of the fraternity.” (General Constitutions, Article 42.5)

“The fraternity accepts your petition and is united with you in your prayer. May the Holy Spirit confirm in you the work he has begun.” (Ritual of the Secular Franciscan Order, p. 21)

Fraternally yours,

_________________________, O.F.S., Minister

_________________________ Fraternity