Rite of Profession Bulletin Template

[If there is one person, you can adapt the following:]

Secular Franciscan Profession at the ___[time] A.M./P.M. Mass on ___[date].

The ___[name of] Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order (O.F.S.) happily shares the news of our upcoming Profession. ___[name of candidate] will make a permanent commitment to the Gospel Life as he/she professes into the Secular Franciscan Order. This Rite of Profession will take place during Mass.

Profession in the Order is the culmination of over three years of initial formation. At his/her Profession the candidate promises to follow the Rule of Life of the Secular Franciscan Order, pledging himself/herself to live the Gospel in the manner of St. Francis by means of this Rule. St. Francis himself wrote the first “Rule of Life” for members of the Secular Franciscan Order. Since Vatican II, that Rule has been updated but remains true to the vision of St. Francis of Assisi. This Rule calls Secular Franciscans to live out their calling to the Franciscan life in a particular way in their homes and families, at work, in their parishes, and in the world.

A light meal and Reception will follow the Profession in ___[place]. All are welcome to join us!

[Adapt as appropriate.]

The ___[name of] Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order was canonically established in ___[date] and began meeting in ___[place]. We gather as a Fraternity on the ___[day of the month] of the month at ___[time] P.M. in the ___[place]. If you would like more information or would like to explore a possible vocation to the O.F.S., please contact our ___ [pertinent information of someone in the Fraternity, e.g. Formation Director, Name O.F.S., email/telephone number or both.]

[If there are two or more people you can adapt the following:]

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