

## Contents of *Regional Formation Resource Kit*

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1. January

[7] St. Angela of Foligno (O.F.S.)

[16] St. Berard and Companions (O.F.M.)

2. February

[19] St. Conrad of Piacenza (O.F.S.)

3. March

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4. April

[28] Secular Franciscans: Blessed Luchesio and Buonadonna Modestini (O.F.S.)

[28] The Beginning of the Secular Franciscan Order O.F.S.

5. May

[16] St. Margaret of Cortona (O.F.S.)

6. June

[13] St. Anthony of Padua (O.F.M.)

[22] St. Thomas More (O.F.S.)

[30] Blessed Raymond Lull (O.F.S.)

7. July

[1] St. Junípero Serra (O.F.M.)

[5] St. Elizabeth of Portugal (O.F.S.)

[15] St. Bonaventure: A Prayer After Mass (O.F.M.)

[15] St. Bonaventure of Bagnoregio (O.F.M.)



8. August

- [11] St. Clare of Assisi (Poor Lady)
- [11] St. Clare (Sample Lesson Plan)
- [14] St. Maximilian Kolbe (O.F.M. Conv.)
- [21] Pope St. Pius X (O.F.S.)
- [25] St. Louis IX, King of France (O.F.S.)



9. September

- [4] St. Rose of Viterbo (O.F.S.)
- [17] Stigmata: September 17 (*FUN Manual*)
- [17] Stigmata: September 17 (*Legenda Minor* of St. Bonaventure)
- [17] Stigmatists
- [23] St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina (O.F.M. Cap.)
- [29] St. Michael the Archangel

10. October

- [3] Final Months and Days of Francis of Assisi on Earth (Bret Thoman, O.F.S.)
- [3] Transitus of St. Francis of Assisi
- [3] Transitus Service In One's Own Home (2-19-18)
- [11] Pope St. John XXIII (O.F.S.)
- [20] Blessed Contardo Ferrini (O.F.S.)
- [23] St. John of Capistrano (O.F.M.)

11. November

- [8] Blessed John Duns Scotus (Nov. 2018)
- [9] Feast of the Dedication of St. John Lateran Basilica (St. Francis upholds the Church!)
- [17] St. Elizabeth of Hungary (O.F.S.)
- [19] St. Agnes of Assisi (Poor Lady)
- Embracing Sister Death (Dan Horan, O.F.M.)
- November and Remembering the Deceased (Dave Ream, O.F.S.)

12. December

- [15] Blessed Mary Frances Schervier (O.F.S.)
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- 7. **Catholic Faith Inventory** (Dave & Thérèse Ream, O.F.S.) [updated 10-21-17]
  - Catholic Faith Inventory (Answers)
  - Catholic Faith Inventory

8. **Chronologies**

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- Franciscan Timeline
- History of the *Rules* of the Secular Franciscan Order
- St. Clare's Timeline
- St. Elizabeth of Hungary and St. Louis of France Significant Dates
- St. Francis and St. Clare Important Dates

**9. Clip Art (use flash drive)**

A-Francis; B-Clare; C-Friars; E-Eclectic; F-Eclectic; G-Tau and Eclectic  
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**10. Council Formation**

Council Formation (PowerPoint, 32 slides)  
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Aspects of the Discernment Process  
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**12. Dossals**

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Eucharist in the *General Constitutions*  
Eucharist in the *New Testament*  
Eucharist in the *Ritual*  
Eucharist in the *Rule*  
Eucharist in the Writings about Saint Francis of Assisi  
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**14. Feedback Form**

Feedback Requested (doc & pdf)

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Characteristics of Formation  
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Initial Formation Process [updated 3-1-18]  
Journey to Profession  
Personality Types and Formation  
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Rotating Initial Formation Process (Matt Eppel, O.F.S.)  
Structure of the Secular Franciscan Order



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Formation for the Newly Professed – Outline of a Newly Professed Session  
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Topics for the Newly Professed – Personal Reflection Questions for the Newly Professed

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Peacemaking and St. Francis (Dave Ream, O.F.S.)  
Penance and St. Francis (Dave Ream, O.F.S.)  
Personal Journey of Life  
Prayer and St. Francis (Dave Ream, O.F.S.)  
Scripture and Franciscans

### **16. Franciscan Crown Rosary**

Franciscan Crown Rosary in the *FUN Manual*  
Franciscan Crown or the Rosary of the Seven Joys of the Blessed Virgin  
Franciscan Crown Rosary: Instructions, Reflections and Prayers  
Franciscan Crown Rosary (PowerPoint, 14 slides)  
Origin of the Franciscan Crown Rosary

### **17. Franciscan Family**

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Habits of the First Order Friars & Third Order Regular (PowerPoint, 1 slide)  
Secular Franciscan Noteworthy Individuals [updated 1-24-18]

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### **20. Mary**

Early Titles of Mary  
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Titles of the Blessed Virgin Mary

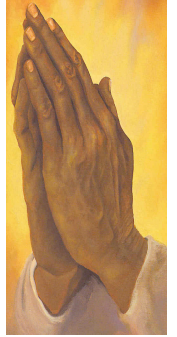
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Feast of the Portiuncula – The Portiuncula Indulgence (Marion Habig, O.F.M.)  
Portiuncula in *Early Documents & FUN Manual*  
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Franciscan Vocation Petitions for Liturgy of the Hours  
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Lenten Reflection: Passion, Suffering and Joy (Linda Howley-Skuby, O.F.S.)  
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Relationship Among Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving and Deeds [Lent]  
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Relationship of Secular Franciscans Within the Church  
Relationship of the Evangelical Counsels and the Secular Franciscan Order (Michael Higgins, T.O.R.)  
Relationship of the First Order and Third Order Regular to the Secular Franciscan Order – Relationship of Those Following the Third Order Regular Rule  
Relationship with Sacred Scripture  
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What is a “Third” or “Secular” Order? (Dec. 2018)

## 24. Rite of Admission

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Acceptance Letter for *Rite of Admission* (doc & pdf)  
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*Rite of Admission* Intercessions (doc & pdf)  
*Rite of Admission* Outline (doc & pdf)







**25. Rite of Profession**

A Day of Reflection Prior to *Rite of Profession*

A Sample Request for *Rite of Profession*

Acceptance Letter for *Rite of Profession* (doc & pdf)

Celebrant Copy of *Rite of Profession* within the Mass [their-black] (doc & pdf)

Celebrant Copy of *Rite of Profession* within the Mass [their-color] (flash drive; doc & pdf)

Part One: Pre-Profession Check List

Part Two: Planning the *Rite of Profession*

*Rite of Profession* Bulletin Template (doc & pdf)

Celebration of the Eucharist . . . *Rite of Profession* Program Template (doc & pdf)

*Rite of Profession* within the Mass (doc & pdf)

Sample *Rite of Profession* Invitation (doc & pdf)

**26. Ritual of the O.F.S.**

*Ritual of the O.F.S.* Outlined (PowerPoint, 24 slides)

**27. San Damiano Crucifix**

A Prayer of Saint Francis Before the Crucifix of San Damiano (1 per page & 2 per page)

The San Damiano Crucifix PowerPoint Text

The San Damiano Crucifix (PowerPoint, 65 slides)

The San Damiano Crucifix (1 page explanation)

The San Damiano Crucifix (8 page explanation)

**28. Sponsor**

Duties of an Inquirer/Candidate Sponsor

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**29. Stations of the Cross**

Origins of the Stations of the Cross

Stations of the Cross (PowerPoint, 57 slides)

**30. Tau Cross**

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**31. Texts**

Correlation Between *Regional Formation Resource Kit* and

*The Franciscan Journey* [created 2-12-18]

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Difference Between *The Franciscan Journey* and the Updated Version

*The Franciscan Journey* and Topics from the *FUN Manual*

*FUN Manual* on Other Devices (Lynn Carter, O.F.S.)

*FUN Manual* Outline

**32. Welcoming Packet**

Welcoming Packet – Smoky Valley Printing

*Called To Follow Closely . . .* (Sample Letter) (Rosanne Roy, O.F.S.)

*Francis of Assisi: Spiritual Father and Guide*

(updated Digest, Thérèse Ream, O.F.S.; 8 other Digests)

**33. Wolf of Gubbio**

Wolf of Gubbio: An Invitation to

Peacemaking (Didacus Wilson, T.O.R.)

