

Signs that a person MAY have a call to the S.F.O.

1. A person with a sense of concern and compassion for others and has a spirit of dialogue in conversations/discussions.
2. A person who's ambition is service-oriented (not dominating). A person with a good motivation for entering the SFO.
3. A person who chooses to learn from others and realizes his/her need for learning throughout his/her lives.
4. A person with good listening skills who willingly shares his/her ideas and opinions. A person who listens well and shares as is appropriate. A person who is willing to grow in these qualities.
5. A person who is a practicing Catholic.
6. A person with a personal faith-relationship with Jesus, not simply an intellectual knowledge about Jesus. A person who desires to follow Jesus and his Gospel, the heart of Franciscan life.
7. A person who is ready and able to deal with life-issues, both personal and communal, no matter how difficult.
8. A person who is willing to recognize him/herself as imperfect and a sinner in need of conversion. A person who does not judge others but finds ways to help them.
9. A person with a desire to show reverence for all of creation and a sense of courtesy and respect for all people.
10. A person with communication skills and a willingness to dialogue with others. A person with a good sense of humor.
11. A person willing to embrace a counter-cultural stance that is frequently part of SFO life. Secular Franciscans share creative ideas and life stories with one another.
12. A married person with a marriage according to the laws of the Catholic Church. Divorce is not an obstacle for joining the SFO. (However, attempting a second marriage without an annulment would hinder your entrance into the SFO).
13. A person who is a practicing Catholic and is willing to learn about our Franciscan way of life.

**IF THERE IS ANY DOUBT,
THE FRATERNITY RECEIVES THE BENEFIT OF THE DOUBT!!!**

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