

## **Signs that a person may NOT have a call to the S.F.O.**

1. A person who is individualistic and lacks a sense of community or who is extremely competitive and must “win” in every situation.
2. A person who is self-absorbed, always trying to “get ahead” of others. A person who is over-extended and exhausted by too much involvement in all kinds of projects and issues.
3. A person who is self-righteous and needs to be “right” in every situation.
4. A person who seeks to control and manipulate others. A person who expects service but never serves anyone else.
5. A person who has serious difficulties in inter-personal relationships.
6. A person who talks-talks-talks and rarely listens or a person who is too quiet and never reveals their real ideas and opinions. A person who is overly serious or overly flippant.
7. A person who already belongs to a religious Order or another Third Order. An individual may not belong to more than one public association of the faithful.
8. A person who is a non-Catholic.
9. A person with serious inter-personal problems, has serious problems with relationships, or someone who simply wants to escape family or work problems by joining the SFO. We are NOT a therapy group!
10. A person with extreme personal devotions who tries to force them on others. Dominating personalities will disrupt fraternity life.
11. A gossipy person or someone with unbending opinions who is prejudiced, arrogant or irresponsible in family or work life is NOT a good candidate for the SFO.
12. A person who is rigid, domineering, a know-it-all, or uses violence, power or prestige to get his/her way will find our sense of dialogue and concern impossible to follow.
13. A person who is simply a “professional” joiner of every kind of group is not a good candidate for the SFO.
14. A person who is extremely selfish or self-centered will find community life difficult if not impossible.
15. A Catholic person who is divorced and re-married without the benefit of a church annulment.

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

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