

# **STRUCTURE OF THE SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER**

## **LOCAL FRATERNITY COUNCIL**

Minister    Vice Minister    Secretary    Treasurer    Spiritual Assistant  
Formation Director (elected)

## **REGIONAL FRATERNITY EXECUTIVE COUNCIL**

Minister    Vice Minister    Secretary    Treasurer    Spiritual Assistant  
Formation Director [elected or appointed]

## **REGIONAL FRATERNITY COUNCIL**

Regional Executive Council    Local Fraternity Ministers    Conference of  
Regional Spiritual Assistants

## **NATIONAL FRATERNITY EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (NAFRA)**

Minister    Vice Minister    Secretary    Treasurer    Councilor    Councilor  
Councilor  
International Councilor (CIOFS)    President-in-turn of Council of National  
Spiritual Assistants

## **NATIONAL FRATERNITY COUNCIL**

National Executive Council    Regional Fraternity Ministers    Conference of  
National Spiritual Assistants

## **PRESIDENCY OF THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL**

Minister General    Vice Minister    Six Linguistic International Councilors  
Councilor representing Franciscan Youth    Four General Spiritual Assistants



should strive to move from the temptation of exploiting creation to the Franciscan concept of universal kinship.

- 19 Mindful that they are **bearers of peace** which must be built up unceasingly, they should seek out ways of unity and fraternal harmony through dialogue, trusting in the presence of the divine seed in everyone and in the transforming power of love and pardon.
- 22 The local fraternity is to be established canonically. It becomes the basic unit of the whole Order and a visible sign of the Church, the community of love. This should be the privileged place for developing a sense of Church and the Franciscan vocation and for enlivening the **apostolic life** of its members.
- 24 To foster communion among members, the council should organize regular and frequent meetings of the community as well as meeting with other Franciscan groups, especially with **youth** groups.

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