

## **CHARACTERISTICS OF FORMATION**

- 1) Active**
- 2) Communal**
- 3) Centered on Jesus Christ and his Gospel**
- 4) Ecclesial**
- 5) Secular**
- 6) Franciscan**
- 7) Joyful**
- 8) Spirit of Simplicity**
- 9) Open-ended**

These must be present in any program of Initial and Ongoing Formation in order for it to be authentic and effective.

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