

Visitor to Permanent Profession Chronology

The chronology shown below is the minimum time period for a first time visitor to become a Professed Secular Franciscan. Many fraternities add additional time and activities before final profession. We encourage each fraternity to adjust the schedule to best fit your fraternity capabilities and resources; however do not subtract time from the chronology described below.

The chronology assumes all classes of Initial Formation have been completed and all required documents are submitted at the required time. Council should not approve any rite, Welcome, Admission or Profession, without proper documentation for each step.

ORIENTATION

- First time visitor, get name and address.
- At the second meeting, complete the Visitor Information Sheet (section 2.14.1). The interviewer should fill out the Visitor Information Sheet in dialog with the visitor. In addition, the attendance sheet should be started (section 2.14.4)
- The applicant provides two names to the fraternity council (pastor or spiritual advisor and another member of their parish or member of the fraternity) and a member of the council writes a letter to request a letter of recommendation from this individual.
- After successful completion of Orientation, Welcome Ceremony.

INQUIRY

- First Month, assign a sponsor if possible.
- Half way through Inquiry, an interview with the Spiritual Assistant, Minister, and Formation Director
- Personal Letter from the applicant to the council requesting admission to the Candidate formation phase of formation
- After successful completion of Inquiry, Rite of Admission

CANDIDACY

- It is recommended that every candidate have a sponsor.
- Half way through Candidacy, an interview with the Spiritual Assistant, Minister, and Formation Director
- Three month prior to completion of Candidacy, applicant sends a personal request for profession letter to the fraternity council. A second interview takes place with the Spiritual Assistant, Minister, and Formation Director
- When applicant completes Candidate Formation training and the Fraternity council approves request, the Rite of Permanent Profession takes place at a Mass.

Should a fraternity have an extraordinary circumstance where this schedule cannot be followed the Regional Minister and Regional Spiritual Assistant must be consulted and their approval obtained before a modified course of action is taken.