

Resources for Formation

1. Recommended Texts for Initial Formation

THE FRANCISCAN JOURNEY (Orientation, Inquiry, and Candidacy) - Fr. Lester Bach, OFM, Cap.

FULLY MATURE WITH THE FULLNESS OF CHRIST (Inquiry & Candidacy) – Fr. Benet Fonck, OFM

Available from the following resources.

- Franciscan Resources, 1-800-772-6910 or franres@wcta.net web site: www.FranciscanResources.com
- Smokey Valley Printing, Box 189, Lindsborg, KS 67456
telephone: 785-227-2364, fax: 785-227-3360 or email lindabce@kans.com

2. NAFRA FUN Manual

The NAFRA FUN Manual contains the following content sections:

Foundational Formation Topics

For the Formator

What is Formation

Basic Catholic Doctrine

Elements of Ecclesiology & Theology of the Laity

The Franciscan Family

Vocation God's Call

Our Identity as a Secular Franciscan

The Nature of the Secular Franciscan Order

The Vocation, Charism & Mission of Secular Franciscans

Franciscan Movement

Part 1: The Journey of Francis; Part 2: Your Own Journey

The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order

Justice, Peace & the Integrity of Creation (JPIC)

St. Francis & His Approach to Divinity

Understanding Franciscan Theology, Tradition & Spirituality

Profession & the Secular Franciscan

Penitence & Conversion

Fraternity as a Fundamental Element of St. Francis Spirituality

Francis & the Blessed Virgin Mary

St. Clare of Assisi

A Brief History of the SFO & its Rule

These sections can be used to generate classes on these topics. In generating a class, based on one of these sections, always check the NAFRA FUN CD for additional information (see below). Also, check the Nafra formation team web site (www.nafraformation.org) for updates to sections.

Summary of topics to be covered in initial formation – Contained in the FUN Manual

Orientation

Determine basic understanding of primary doctrines of the Catholic Church and the basic disposition to Franciscan Charism & life in fraternity

Content:

- Basic Catholic Doctrine
 - The Creed (assigned extra reading)
- Ecclesiology of the Laity
- Introduction to the Franciscan Family

Inquiry

Required additional reading: A Biography of St. Francis of Assisi

Content

- Vocation
- Charism & Mission
- Identity of a Secular Franciscan
- Nature of the SFO
- Franciscan Movement I - Life of St. Francis of Assisi
- Franciscan Movement II – Your Own Journey

Candidacy

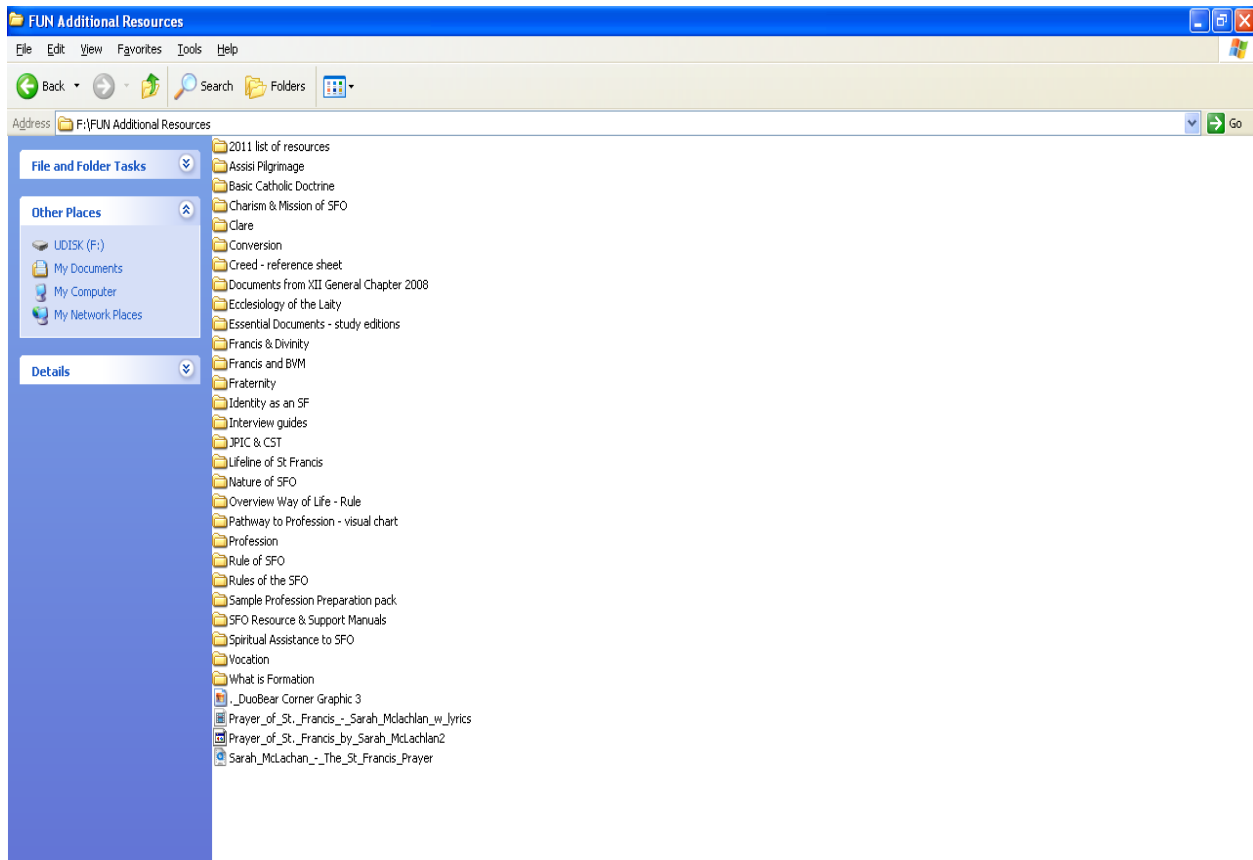
Content

- The Rule of the SFO
- JPIC
- Conversion – penitence
- Francis and His Approach to Divinity (2 sessions)
 - Primacy of the Father
 - Christology
- Profession (2 sessions)
- Franciscan Tradition & Spirituality
 - Trinity (Bonaventure)

- Primacy of Christ (Scotus)
- Fraternity
- Francis & the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Clare of Assisi
 - Gaze, consider, contemplate and imitate
- History of the SFO
- General Constitutions & National Statutes (study guides)
 - Available on the *For Up to Now* USB drive, additional resources folder or online at the NFC webpage: www.nafraformation.org

3. NAFRA FUN CD (USB DRIVE FOLDER: FUN ADDITIONAL RESOURCES)

This additional resource material from NAFRA is contained on the FUN CD and your USB drive that each formation director provided to the Region Formation team to copy the FUN manual electronically. When the FUN manual was electronically copied onto their USB drive in a FUN Manual folder an additional folder was also copied onto the USB drive. This folder labeled FUN Additional Resources contains all the information on NAFRA's FUN CD. The screen below shows the folders on the FUN CD and the USB Drive FUN ADDITIONAL RESOURCES folder. When preparing for a class based on any other the sections from the FUN manual, always check the associated folder for outlines, lesson plans, forms, and/or any other supporting information.



4. SFO Rule, Constitutions and National Statutes

SFO 1978 Rule

2001 SFO General Constitution

2003 National Fraternity Statues

Available from the Nafra Web site: Nafra-sfo.org

5. Catechism of the Catholic Church

6. The Ritual of the SFO – USA version

The Ritual of the SFO is a good source to develop prayer for use in your formation activities along with prayer specifically developed for the individual formation topic/session.

7. SFO Formation Resource Manual (can be found on the National Commission website www.nafraformation.org)

8. SFO Bibliography

On the FUN CD in the folder 2011 list of resources, there is a 2011 SFO Bibliography with a list of Franciscan Sources.

9. Articles from The Herald and Tau-USA.