

Reference Material from approved sources

Orientation

- ✚ ["Come and See"](#), by Fr. Lester Bach, OFM Cap. & Teresa V. Baker, SFO

Inquiry and Candidacy

- ✚ ["Come and See"](#), by Fr. Lester Bach, OFM Cap. & Teresa V. Baker, SFO
- ["The Franciscan Journey"](#), by Fr. Lester Bach, OFM Cap
- ["Fully Mature With The Fullness of Christ"](#), by Fr. Benet Fonck, OFM
- ["Imitating the Life of Francis"](#), by Dorothy Henkes, SFO & Fr. Silas Baumann, OFM Cap
- ["To Set Themselves Free, A Continuous Guide to the Life and Rule of The Secular Franciscans"](#) by Teresa Baker SFO (2005)
- ["Pick More Daisies, On going Formation for Secular Franciscans"](#), by Lester Bach OFM Cap (2004) This text looks at our Rule while coordinating it with the General Constitutions and Statutes of the Secular Franciscan Order.
- ["Formation Digests"](#), by NAFRA / USA

Resource Materials for Franciscan Spirituality - Franciscan Institute

Heritage Series

[Heritage Series Volume 1](#) -- Vol. 1: *The Franciscan Intellectual Tradition: Tracing its Origins and Identifying its Central Components*; by Kenan B. Osborne, O.F.M.; Franciscan Institute, St. Bonaventure University, 2003 - \$5.00.

- Historical Overview—30 C.E. to 1300 C.E.
- The Philosophical World of Aristotle
- The Gradual Development of the Franciscan Intellectual Tradition
- Distinctive Features of the Franciscan Intellectual Tradition

[Heritage Series Volume 2](#) -- Vol. 2: *A Franciscan View of Creation: Learning to Live in a Sacramental World*; by Ilia Delio, O.S.F.; Franciscan Institute, St. Bonaventure University, 2003 - \$5.00

- Francis of Assisi: Creation as Brother/Sister
- Bonaventure's Theology of Creation
- John Duns Scotus' Theology of Creation
- Conclusion: What is Ours to Do?

[Heritage Series Volume 3](#) -- **Vol. 3: *The Franciscan View of the Human Person: Some Central Elements***; by Dawn M. Nothwehr, O.S.F.; Franciscan Institute, St. Bonaventure University, 2005 - \$5.00

- Humans—Creatures Beloved of God in Christ: Some Central Elements in Francis and Clare
- Humans—Mediators of God: Some Central Elements in Bonaventure
- Humans—Uniquely God's in Mutual Relationships: John Duns Scotus

[Heritage Series Volume 4](#) -- **Vol. 4: *The Franciscan Vision and the Gospel of John: The San Damiano Cross, Francis and John, Creation and John*** by Michael Guinan, OFM, Franciscan Institute, St. Bonaventure University, 2006 - \$7.50. CD Rom PowerPoint presentation of the San Damiano Cross is included.

[Heritage Series Volume 5](#) -- **Vol. 5: *Trinitarian Perspectives in Franciscan Theological Tradition*** by Maria Calisi, Franciscan Institute, St. Bonaventure University, 2008.

To **order** volumes in this series or other materials, contact the distributor: [Franciscan Institute Publications at St. Bonaventure University](#) or e-mail franinst@sbu.edu

Additional resources in Franciscan Spiritual Tradition

- ***“Franciscan Prayer”*** Ila Delio OSF, St Anthony Messenger Press
- ***“Simply Bonaventure, An Introduction to his Life, Thought and Writings”*** Ila Delio OSF, New City Press, 2nd printing 2003
- ***“The Humility of God, A Franciscan Perspective”*** Ila Delio OSF, St Anthony Messenger Press, 2005
- ***“Scotus for Dunces, An Introduction to the Subtle Doctor”*** Mary Beth Ingham CSJ, Franciscan Institute, 2003
- ***“Crucified Love: Bonaventure’s Mysticism of the Crucified Christ”*** Ila Delio OSF, Studies in Franciscanism, 1998 Franciscan Press
- ***“Finding Francis, Following Christ”*** Michael H. Crosby OFM Cap. Orbis Books, 2007
- ***“Clare of Assisi, Her Spirituality revealed in her letters”***, Clare Marie Ledoux, St Anthony Messenger Press, 2003
- ***“15 days of prayer with Saint Francis of Assisi”***, Thaddee Mature OFM, New City Press, 2009
- ***“Contemplating the Trinity, The Path to Abundant Christian Life”***, Raniero Cantalamessa OFM Cap, The Word Among Us Press, 2007

- ***“Life of the Beloved, Spiritual Living in a Secular World”***, Henri J.M. Nouwen, Crossroad Publishing Co. 1996

Ongoing Formation Texts:

- ***“Gospel Living Every Day of our Lives: A Formation Guide to the Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order”***, by Teresa Baker, SFO
- ***“St. Francis and the Foolishness of God”***, by Marie Dennis, Joseph Nangle, OFM, Cynthia Moe-Lobedo, Stuart Taylor
- ***“Through the Veil of Morning: An Inner Journey in the Pathways of Francis & Clare of Assisi”***, by Liam Francis Costello, OFM
- ***“To Live As Francis Lived: A Guide for Secular Franciscans”***, by Leonard Foley, OFM, Jovian Wiegel, OFM, Pattie Normile, SFO

Critical Texts

- ***“The Misadventure of Francis of Assisi”*** Jacques Dalarun, Franciscan Institute Publications, 2002
- ***“Francis of Assisi in the Sources and Writings”*** Roberto Rusconi, Franciscan Institute Publications, 2008
- ***“St. Francis of Assisi”*** Raoul Manselli, Franciscan Herald Press, 1988
- ***“Francis of Assisi, writer and Spiritual Master”*** Thaddee Matura OFM, St. Anthony Messenger Press, 2005
- ***“Francis of Assisi, the Message in His Writings”*** Thaddee Matura OFM, Franciscan Institute Publications, 2004
- ***“St. Francis and the Third Order”*** Raffaele Pazelli TOR, Franciscan Herald Press, 1982

Secular Franciscan Resource Library -- 6 volumes

1. *"Called to Follow Christ: A Commentary on the Secular Franciscan Rule by the National Assistants Commentary Commission"*, by Benet Fonck, OFM
2. *"Called to Rebuild the Church: A Spiritual Commentary on the General Constitutions of the Secular Franciscan Order"*, by Fr. Lester Bach, OFM Cap
3. *"Called to Live the Dynamic Power of the Gospel: Commentary on the Rule of the SFO"*, By Philip Marquard, OFM
4. *"Called to Proclaim Christ: Short Reflections on the SFO Rule"*, by Benet Fonck, OFM
5. *"Called to Make Present the Charism"* by Benet Fonck OFM, editor
6. *"Called to Build a More Fraternal and Evangelical World, A Concordance to the SFO Rule"* by Benet Fonck OFM

Formation Reference Texts:

- *"Guidelines for Initial Formation in the Secular Franciscan Order of the United States"*, by the National Formation Commission of the National Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order

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- *"Elements of Formation: A Reflection On The Formation Process"*, by the Presidency of the International Council of the Secular Franciscan Order

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- Formation Reference Manual, NAFRA, requires Adobe Reader -- available as free download at:

<http://www.nafra-sfo.org/Formation%20materials/index.html>

Other Basic Texts Devoted to St Francis, the Secular Franciscan Rule and Franciscan Life:

- *"Francis of Assisi, Early Documents"* This is pretty much an updated and expanded Omnibus in 4 volumes: ed Regis Armstrong OFM Cap, J.A. Wayne Hellman OFM Conv, William Short OFM
 - *The Saint* (1999)
 - *The Founder* (2000)
 - *The Prophet* (2001)
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- *"The Way of St. Francis, The Challenge of Franciscan Spirituality for Everyone"* by Murray Bodo OFM (1995)
- *"Clare, A Light in the Garden"* by Murray Bodo (1992)
- *"Tales of St. Francis, Ancient Stories for Contemporary Living"* Murray Bodo OFM (1998)
- *"Praying with Francis of Assisi"* Joseph Stoutzenberger and John Bohrer. From the Companions for the Journey series, this edition explores many of our Franciscan Charisms. (1989)
- *"Praying with Clare of Assisi"* Ramona Miller OSF and Ingrid Peterson OSF. From the Companions for the Journey series, this edition explores the wisdom and spirituality of St. Clare (1994)
- *"Francis and Clare, the Complete Works"* by Regis Armstrong OFM and Ignatius Brady OFM (1982)
- *"Clare of Assisi, Early Documents"* Regis Armstrong OFM (1988)
- *"From Gospel to Life: The Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order with Commentary"* by Benet Fonck, OFM
- *"To Set Themselves Free, A Continuous Guide to the Life and Rule of The Secular Franciscans"* by Teresa Baker SFO (2005)
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Books on the Life of Francis

- *"Francis, A Saint's Way"* James Cowen, Ligouri (2001)

- *“The Road to Assisi, the Essential Biography of St. Francis”* Paul Sabatier, Paraclete Press, 2003
- *“The Passionate Troubadour, a Medieval Novel about Francis of Assisi”* Edward Hays, Forest of Peace, 2004. A totally captivating read, in true Ed Hays mode, this novel will immerse you into the world of Francis as you journey along the road.

Franciscan Tradition:

- *“Greening the Franciscan Tradition”* article The Way of St. Francis, Sept-Oct 2005, Vol 11 Number 5, pages 18-31 If you have high speed internet somewhere in your fraternity, I can email you this article or you can contact The Way for a download link.
- *“The Humility of God, A Franciscan Perspective”* Iliia Delio OSF, St Anthony Messenger Press, 2005
- *“Franciscan Prayer”* Iliia Delio OSF, St Anthony Messenger Press
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- *“Care for Creation: A Franciscan Spirituality of the Earth”* (Paperback) by [Iliia Delio](#) (Author), [Keith Douglass Warner](#) (Author), [Pamela Wood](#) (Author)