



Initial Formation Program of the OFS of Canada



Workshop #1: The Nature of the OFS and the Franciscan Secular Vocation

Welcome	
Opening Prayer/Song	From the Ritual, or the Liturgy of the Hours, or the Prayers of Saint Francis...
The Word Of God /Sharing	John 15, 16; 1 John 3,18; P 1, 10-11
Articles of the Rule (Life Project) and of the General Constitutions	Articles 1, 2, 3 Articles 1.2 and 1.3 For Article 3 of the Rule: General Constitutions articles 4.3 and 5.1
Contents of the Formation taken from the CIOFS Formation Manual Sharing	CIOFS Manual of Formation: see section THE NATURE OF THE SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER: the nature of the OFS; the Franciscan trilogy; the OFS, as an International public Association...in the world Note : this section can also be found on the CD, in Power Point
Franciscan Writings	Saint Bonaventure, Major Legend of St. Francis, Ch. 2, v.1 [The Prophet - book II pg 536]
Pause	
Other References such as Videos, CDs, DVDs, Films	Acquire / read a life of saint Francis and of saint Clare; view a Video (CD; DVD) such as : Brother Sun , Sister Moon (Zefferelli) or Francis of Assisi (Michael Curtiz) or any other Visit the Internet, search for articles on the lives of saints of the Franciscan family
<u>Optional</u>: News/Announcements Info. on the Church and Order	Announce, celebrate the feasts of saint Francis; saint Clare; of the Portioncula, etc.
Formation Follow-up	Ask the candidates to answer, in a Journal , the questions prepared by the director of formation. Have them note their comments, reflections and inquiries that could be used during the sharings Encourage the candidates to visit the following sites : www.ofsnational.ca/ ; www.ofm-canada.org/fra/franciscains/tiers_ordre.htm
Prayer/Parting Song	