

## Formation Project

- Recommendations of SFO General Chapters 2002 & 2008
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Priority is Formation
  - Forming the Formators
    - CIOFS Manual

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## Focus of CIOFS

- Current : Forming the Formators
- Newly elected International Presidency
  - Formator formation
  - Initial formation – recommended topics
  - On-going formation – recommendations on line
  - All else – Minister General

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## Phase 1 -- 2009 & 2010

- NFC tasked to develop/adapt the CIOFS Material for use in the US
  - In conjunction with current and former SFO Formators
  - Core list of essential (CIOFS) formation topics - tool to help future writers
  - Promote understanding of our identity as SFO and awareness of the Nature of the Order.

- **Sample Chapter**

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## CIOFS essential topics (workshop)

### Doctrinal Course

- Fundamental elements of Christian Doctrine
- Fundamental elements of Franciscanism & Fundamental elements on the SFO
- ELEMENTS OF ECCLESIOLOGY AND OF THEOLOGY OF LAITY

### Formation

- **THE VOCATION, THE CHARISM, THE MISSION of Secular Franciscans**
- **PROFESSION IN THE SFO**
- **THE NATURE OF THE SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER**
- HISTORY OF THE SFO AND OF ITS RULES
- **FRANCIS OF ASSISI AND HIS APPROACH TO DIVINITY**
- **CONVERSION-PENANCE & FURTHER ELEMENTS ON CONVERSION**
- **FRATERNITY AND SAINT FRANCIS**
- **WHAT IS FORMATION ? - & elements of learning**
- **FRANCISCAN YOUTH**
- SPIRITUAL AND PASTORAL ASSISTANCE TO THE FRANCISCAN YOUTH

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## Phase 2 National Workshop 2011

- possibly 2-3 workshops  
West, Central, East
- Distribution of new FD Manual based on the CIOFS “Forming the Formators”
- **Chapter of the month**

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### Suggested Orientation

- O-1 CREED from CCC (IN BRIEFS)
- O-2 ECCLESIOLOGY OF THE LAITY (BAPTISM)
- O-3 THE FRANCISCAN MOVEMENT

### Suggested Inquiry – assign reading

- I-1 VOCATION & Discernment **C**
- I-2 CHARISM OF THE FOUNDER / MISSION OF THE ORDER **C**
- I-3 FUNDAMENTAL ELEMENTS OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE/SCRIPTURE **C**
- I-4 NATURE OF THE SFO - STRUCTURE & GOVERNANCE **C**
- I-5 **IDENTITY** OF THE SECULAR FRANCISCAN
- I-6 DISCUSS - BIOGRAPHY OF FRANCIS

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#### Candidacy

- C-1 – 3 RULE of The SFO (3-sessions)
- C-4 & 5 JPIC (2-sessions) APOSTOLIC ACTIVITY – LIVED RULE
- C-6 CONVERSION – PENANCE [CIOFS] **C**
- C-7 FURTHER ELEMENTS ON CONVERSION [CIOFS] **C**
- C-8 & 9 PROFESSION (2-sessions) **C**
- C-10 **FRATERNITY** AS FUNDAMENTAL ELEMENT OF ST FRANCIS **C**  
**Belonging**
- C-11 FRANCIS AND DIVINITY [CIOFS] **C**
- C-12 & 13 SPIRITUALITY OF ST FRANCIS
- C-14 FRANCIS AND THE BLESSED MOTHER
- C-15 ST. CLARE
- C-16 HISTORY OF THE SFO AND ITS RULE
- C-17 FRANCISCAN SAINTS – SFO
- C-18 GC & National Statutes
- C-19 Franciscan Youth/FYYA
- C-20 Pastoral/Spiritual Assistance

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## Phase 3 -- cross referencing

- NFC to develop a cross reference to existing (approved) formation materials
- Revitalizing the annotated bibliography
- DVD – YouTube - website

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