

CONTINUING FORMATION MATERIAL OVERVIEW

This section contains one to two page articles written to serve as the basis for discussion at a fraternity meeting. The hope is that they are brief enough that they can be read “on the spot” yet still serve as a springboard for engaging dialogue.

The first nine articles form a series. Their basis is Article 16 of the Secular Franciscan Rule: “Let them esteem work as a gift and as a sharing in the creation, redemption and service of the human community.” The series attempts to provide an in-depth understanding of this brief article and its meaning to us as Secular Franciscans. Ed Zablocki, SFO is the author.

Next are articles by Ed that were written for TAU-USA on topics suggested by the Formation Commission.

Heartfelt reflections on the reality of work in our lives are provided by Mary Zablocki, SFO in *In The Trenches*. These reflections contain many thought-provoking insights and challenging statements that are sure to get conversation started as individuals share the challenges of their lives.

Spirituality of Work by William Droel and Gregory Pierce provides an accessible, down-to-earth approach to this important topic considered from the perspective of the laity and includes questions for dialogue.

Please note that Terry McCarthy Sr.’s articles on the Catholic social justice tradition were also developed as on-going formation material. They are found in the next section – *Work, Evangelization & Social Justice* – where they best belong based on the subject matter they address.