

IS GOD CALLING YOU TO THE



SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER ?

"They shall have been made living members of the Church in Baptism. Therefore, they shall go forth as witnesses and instruments of her mission among all people proclaiming Christ by their life and words".

Article 6 Secular Franciscan Rule

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The process of becoming a professed Secular Franciscan is a journey that involves three separate stages and culminates in a lifelong commitment to live the Gospel following the example of Saint Francis of Assisi.

The formation unfolds in regularly scheduled formation sessions during which the home study material is thoroughly discussed.

The first stage **ORIENTATION** provides time for dialogue and developing relationships. During orientation you will be introduced to the lives of Saint Francis and Saint Clare and share in Franciscan prayer life.

The second stage **INQUIRY** is the formal period or initiation. It is a time of In-depth study of St. Francis, St. Clare, the Rule and the Constitutions.

The third stage **CANDIDACY** is the final formal period of initiation. It is a time of review and prayerful discernment as well as preparation for permanent commitment by immersion into fraternity life.

After Profession of the Rule and permanent commitment to the Gospel Way of Life, the newly professed member joins the rest of the fraternity in ongoing formation.

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