



REQUEST FOR ADMISSION INTO THE SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

I, _____ (Please type or print Name)

have come to see in the Secular Franciscan Order a way of life that appeals to me. I would like to continue studying this way and learn more about it which in time will lead me to the permanent commitment to live the Gospel life, as Francis of Assisi did, with the help of my fraternity, in communion and harmony with the whole Franciscan family.

Therefore, I request to be received as a Candidate, to experience this way of life more intensely, and prepare for a future life commitment in the OFS.

I understand that my request for admission is subject to the approval of the St. Margaret of Cortona Formation Team. I realize that I may withdraw at any time prior to Profession.

(Please add any thoughts that you would like to share with the Formation team so they may evaluate your request. You may use the back of this page, or another page if necessary)

X _____ (Inquirer's Signature) Date: _____

RECOMMENDATION FROM INQUIRER'S PASTOR (OR OTHER CLERGY MEMBER):

I, _____,

(Name, title and parish name) wish to hereby give assurance that, in my judgement, the applicant named above for Admission to the Secular Franciscan Order:

- Is a Catholic who receives the Sacraments regularly;
- Is supportive of the parish community and its needs;
- Is capable of benefiting by instruction and training in a spiritual Way of Life.

X _____ (Pastor's or other clergy Signature) Date: _____

SPONSORSHIP OF PROFESSED MEMBER:

I, _____ (Please type or print name) agrees to accept the responsibility to share with the Inquirer named above, our love for the Secular Franciscan Order, our willingness to be open to one another and to the prompting of the Holy Spirit while sharing our understanding and love of Saints Francis and Clare. I also agree to listen with a discerning heart to nurture their vocation through a lived experience of Sacred Scripture and a call to service. In short, I promise to accompany them, to the best of my ability during this time of Initial Formation and beyond.

X _____ (Sponsor's Signature) Date: _____

(Please attach a letter of recommendation from a personal acquaintance)