



St. Thomas more Region Secular Franciscan Order



REQUEST FOR LAPSED STATUS

(According to Article 18.7 of the Statutes of the National Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order, the following are definitions of an Active or Active/Excused member and a Lapsed member.)

- a. An active fraternity member is one who participates both by attending fraternity meetings and by providing financial support to the community, or whom the fraternity has excused from such obligations.
- b. Those brothers and sisters who neither attend meetings, support the community financially, nor have valid reasons due to health, family, work or distance, and who, after personal invitations to return to fraternity, consciously and deliberately reject or ignore the invitation, will be termed "lapsed" and will not be carried on the fraternity membership roll nor be reported as a member to higher fraternity Councils [cf. General Constitutions, article #53.3]**

I, _____ member of _____
(Member's name) (Fraternity's name)

request that my fraternity consider me a lapsed member for the period of one year or for a shorter period of _____ months.

The reason I cannot meet in community with my Franciscan brothers and sisters at this time is because:

(Member's Signature)

(Date)

(Minister's signature)

(Date)

Please note: The information on this form needs to be recorded in the minutes of your Council meeting. Retain a copy of the filled document in your files and share a copy with the Database Manager.