Formation Project

• Recommendations of SFO General Chapters 2002 & 2008
  – 1st Priority is Formation
  – Forming the Formators
    • CIOFS Manual

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
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

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
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

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 INDENTITY OF THE SECULAR FRANCISCAN
  ▪ I-6 DISCUSS - BIOGRAPHY OF FRANCIS
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

Phase 3 -- cross referencing

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