

Annual Report from the Region to the NEC

Annual Minister's Report for the year ending December 31, 2007

To be completed at a Council Meeting and approved by the fraternity prior to submitting by **June 1, 2008.**

Please mail to: Patrick Mendes, SFO, National Minister, 1645 35th Street, Oak Brook, IL 60523

Demographics:

Name of Region:

Friar Provinces of affiliation:

Please enter the number of:

Active/Inactive Professed:

Candidates:

Inquirers:

Orientation:

Fraternities:

Emerging Fraternities:

Newly Forming Groups:

Youth Groups:

Spiritual Assistants (total):

Friars:

Sisters:

SFO:

Other (specify):

Number participating in the Franciscan Family Connections Program:

Date of last election:

Fraternal Visitation:

Pastoral Visitation:

Note any council member changes not due to an election. Give reason for change.

Formation:

List members of the Formation team (name, address, phone, e-mail):

List *Initial* Formation texts used:

Methods used in the formation process:

Tell about your *Ongoing* Formation: texts, format, participation of whole fraternity... etc

Fraternal life: What are your yearly programs/events? New programs/events?

What is your “presence” in the world and the Church? How does the Regional Fraternity assist with the work of your local bishops?

How do you stay in contact with / take care of “isolated members” (CIOFS uses the broadest interpretation of the word “isolated” to include home bound, nursing home, inactive and far away members)

What are the strengths of the Regional Fraternity? In which areas do the council and/or fraternity see the need for change/growth? What spiritual change/growth has occurred in the past three years?

Spiritual Assistance:

Does your Spiritual Assistant have a copy of the *new* Handbook for Spiritual Assistance to the Secular Franciscan Order, (2005) and a copy of Franciscan Family Connections? (do the Council have a copies also?)

Does the Spiritual Assistant participate in the council and chapter meetings?

What is his/her contribution:
To fraternal life?

To formation?

To the formation of the council?

Franciscan Youth/Young Adults:

How many Franciscan Youth (ages 14-17) groups in your Region?
How many Franciscan Young Adult (ages 18-26) groups in your Region?
Please send any documents concerning these groups.
List contact person(s) name, address, phone, and email:

Please tell of their activities:

Greater View:

What is the region's level of participation in NAFRA events/gathering?

If your Region is not participating, what keeps you away? Has your participation improved in recent years?

How often do you receive a phone call or email from an NEC Councilor?

Does the Regional Formation Director have contact with a NAFRA Formation Commission member?

What is the quality of these contacts? What would improve your Regional Fraternity's relationships with them?

Are all professed members receiving the TAU-USA?

Is there an event or happening in your Region that you would like mentioned in the NAFRA Annual Report to CIOFS?

How may the National Executive Council be of greater service to you?