**What is a Formation Director?**

**Slide 1 What is a Formation Director?**

**1 Wouldn’t it be great if I could just give you a paragraph to**

 **Describe this**

**2 SORRY!! We got to think about this.**

**3 I know….Responsibilities**

**Slide 2 Responsibilities**

**1 Renew your commitment to your OFS life.**

**2 Be a model of living your profession.**

**3 Be informed, take advantage of all the OFS Resources.**

**4 Become very familiar with all our documents**

**5 Especially the Guidelines for Initial Formation in the OFS in the**

 **USA.**

**6 Long Range Planning, Goals and Objectives**

**7 Being aware of Resources, Updates and Workshops**

**8 And Relationships with…..**

**Slide 3 Relationships**

**1 The Fraternity Minister**

**2 The Fraternity Council**

**3 The Fraternity Spiritual Assistant**

**4 The Fraternity Formation Team**

**5 The Entire Region Executive Council**

**6 Communication with all the OFS family that will keep you**

 **Informed through**

 **Personal contact.**

**7 AND a whole lot more**

**Slide 4 What does this FORMATION stuff mean?**

**1 When the OFS talks about Formation it means:**

**2 Helping the members learn the full realization of Christian**

 **development**

**3 Fostering the members maturation of faith that brings them to**

 **Jesus**

**4 Facilitating their experience of church within a community of**

 **Love, and**

 **Remaining faithful to their secular state of life**

**Slide 5 Does this Formation have Characteristics?**

**1 YES!! It must be part of the Formation Program for every**

 **Secular**

**2 Active…drawn and directed from life’s experiences that are**

 **interactive**

**3 It must happen as Communal small groups sharing their faith**

 **experiences**

**4 Centered on Jesus Christ and His Gospels, that we live**

**5 Ecclesial so it creates a vision of the church which is dynamic**

 **and inspiring**

 **As indicated in Vatican !! continued on slide 6**

**Slide 6 Characteristics continued**

**1 The OFS tended to operate out of a “religious life” model.**

 **Vatican II exhorts us to develop a lay-secular spirituality.**

**2 Contain, portray and re-inforce the basic value-system of a**

 **Franciscan style of Gospel living**

**3 Virtue that was important to St. Francis and he desired all his**

 **Followers to cultivate this virtue as well**

**4 Open-ended, to prepare the person to live out their vocation in**

 **a practical way in the real world, and recognize the sign of the**

 **times. Formation cannot be detached from real life situations.**

**5 It must grow out of our daily living and contribute to our**

 **Quality of life**

**Slide 7 Agents of Formation**

**1 Holy Spirit who calls and prompts humans to holiness, to follow**

 **And draws us to the Franciscan Family, and is the primary**

 **Agent of formation.**

**2 Every Formation activity revolves, is the candidate. It is the**

 **Development of the total human personality and spirit.**

**3 The Local Fraternity, because the entire community is engaged**

 **in the growth process by its own manner of living.**

**4 Fraternity Council, this is where concern and discernment**

 **Confirms the vocation of all Candidates.**

**5 Fraternity is the Formation Director and Formation Team. They**

 **Are the catalyst, enablers, and facilitators guiding the**

 **Candidates to profession.**

**6 The Spiritual Assistant, whose living witness, assisting and**

 **Sharing of their OFS life.**

**7 Of Formation is the Sponsor, who walks with the candidate**

 **Through studies and activities giving personal attention during**

 **Candidacy.**

**8 The Higher levels of Fraternity. Region has the responsibility to**

 **Guide the Local Fraternities on their journey. NAFRA and**

 **CIOFS are also involved.**