JUAN DE PADILLA REGION
SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

INITIAL APPLICATION FORM

Name _____ Date _____

Address _____

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Phone (H) _____ E- Mail _____

Occupation _____ Marital Status _____

Date of Birth _____

Name of Parish _____

Address _____

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Religious Education/Faith Enrichment Information

1. What is the extent of your formal Religious Education?

2. Have you continued educating yourself in the faith? Describe:

3. Have you participated in Bible Classes, Days of Recollection, SALT or Weekend Retreats? Explain: How many? When? Where? Recently?

4. Do you or have you ever belonged to a Religious Order? Explain:

5. How are you active in your parish community? Describe your activity:

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Secular Franciscan Order

1. How did you hear of the Secular Franciscan Order?

2. What draws your interest to St. Francis?

3. What do you understand the Secular Franciscan Order to be?

4. What do you expect from the Secular Franciscan Order?

5. What are you willing to bring to the Secular Franciscan Order?

6. What are your hobbies, special interests?

7. Would your family have any objections to you becoming a Franciscan? Explain

8. Can you freely commit your time to become a Franciscan?

9. Describe your understanding of "vocation."

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References:

Please supply name, address & phone number of your references. These are the people you will send a reference form to

- **Pastor and/or Spiritual Director**

- **Character Reference**

Other Forms needed during initial formation

If you do not have official copies of your Baptismal, First Communion & Confirmation certificates/records, please make arrangements to obtain them from the Church/Churches where the Sacraments where received. If divorced, a copy of a divorce decree and if remarried, a copy of a Decree of Nullity.

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Reference/Recommendation Form
Pastor, Spiritual Director &/or Personal

RE: Application to begin formation into the Secular Franciscan Order

Applicant: _____

Dear _____

The above applicant is requesting to begin formation into the Way of St. Francis, the Secular Franciscan Order and our Rule of Life going "from Gospel to life and life to Gospel."

1. How do you know the applicant (pastor, spiritual director, personal), and for how long? Describe

2. based on your knowledge do you believe he/she is sincere in beginning studies into a Secular Franciscan vocation, is capable of benefiting by instruction and training in a spiritual way of life? Explain:

3. do you believe he/she is a practicing Catholic,

4. he/she an active member of your parish community?

5. is a Catholic who normally receives the Sacraments;

6. is a faithful member of the parish;

7. enjoys the reputation of being "peace-loving";

8. is "prudent", i.e., given to a sound spirit of devotion rather than to fads or eccentricities;

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Please feel free to express any additional information about the applicant, which might be pertinent and helpful to his/her potential entry (formation) in this spiritual charism or if you have any concerns that could hinder this type of commitment, please advise us.

_____ _____
Signature Date

_____ _____
Position Address

Please Return To: _____
(Formation Director)

address _____

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Instructions to applicant:

Please provide a pre-addressed, postage stamped envelope to the person you are requesting this reference from. The completed form is to be returned directly to your local Fraternity Formation Director. Please obtain the correct address information form your Formation Director and fill it out in the RETURN TO section of this form prior to giving it to your chosen references.