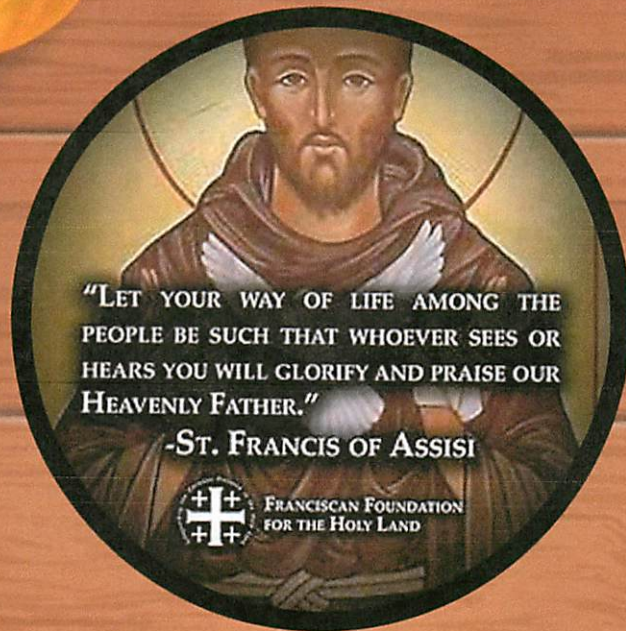


**ST MARY OF THE ANGELS FRATERNITY
ORDER OF THE SECULAR FRANCISCAN
THE ANGELUS * OCTOBER 13, 2019**



"Keep a clear eye toward life's end. Do not forget
your purpose and destiny as God's creature.
What you are in his sight is what you are and nothing
more. Remember that when you leave this earth, you
can take nothing that you have received...but only
what you have given; a full heart enriched by honest
service, love, sacrifice, and courage."
—St. Francis of Assisi



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OUR OCTOBER MEETING

WELCOME, PRAYERS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRESENTATIONS

Opening Prayer

3 Hail Marys In Honor Of Our Lady of Fatima's Feast Day and to further the Triumph of Mary's Immaculate Heart

Elections! We Need You! By Genie and Sonia

Greg Davis has transferred and given us a very generous donation!

Report on Our Fraternity Banner and Lilian's Offer

Report on Christmas Party at Lilian's Party Room

Report on the Franciscan Saint Naming Ceremony and Regional Picnic at the Shrine of St. Anthony by Genie

October 12th Pilgrimage to the Grotto Of Our Lady of Lourdes Emmittsburg MD

Lilian's Presentation on Chapter 7 of "Live Like Francis"

Naming Ceremony of those not named in September who would like to take a Franciscan Saint's Name, by Genie and Susan

CHRISTIAN PRAYER Led by Tom

Pornography and Human Trafficking and What We Can Do, By Susan

TOM'S ONGOING FORMATION



October 12th Pilgrimage to the
Grotto Of Our Lady of Lourdes Emmittsburg MD

Arrive by 9:00 AM

Mass at 9:30 at St. Mary's Chapel by Father Michael Briesse

Rosary For The Triumph of Mary's Immaculate Heart in Front of St. Francis Statue

Private Prayer and Reflection

Meet in parking lot at 11:30 to provide Father Michael with our collected winter coats,

Depart at 11:30 AM for the Mountain Gate Restaurant

Noon— Lunch Mountain Gate Restaurant, 133 Frederick Rd, Thurmont, MD 21788

Please bring your own funds for lunch as we will have separate checks.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO BRING COATS FOR FATHER MICHAEL'S MINISTRY TO THE POOR

PLEASE BE ON TIME AS OUR MASS HAD TO BE SCHEDULED AT 9:30 NOT 10 AM.

Monthly Mass, Birthdays, Five Year Profession Anniversaries, & Prayer Intentions,

Submitted by Genie

Family, our monthly Mass for the living and deceased members of our Fraternity will be
Friday, October 4th, 2019 at 9:00 a.m. at the Shrine of St. Jude Church, Rockville, Md

HAPPY OCTOBER BIRTHDAY !

21 – Frank Barletta

25 – Carmencita Fiesta

31 – Irma Jean-Baptiste

No Five Year Professions this month.

Prayers Please:

Alfio Mazzaglia is facing cancer surgery soon. Rose Mary is ill with the flu.

Alina Zygmunt's newborn baby grandson Luke

Alina and Lilian as they both struggle with grief and the many estate issues that accompany
a passing.

Prayers for the needs and intentions of all fraternity members.

Father Michael as he serves the poor of Southern Maryland.

Our Fraternity members who provide meals for the Dorothy Day Shelter.

Our Fraternity members who pray with the 40 Days For Life Campaign outside of Leroy Car-
hart's Late Term Abortuary

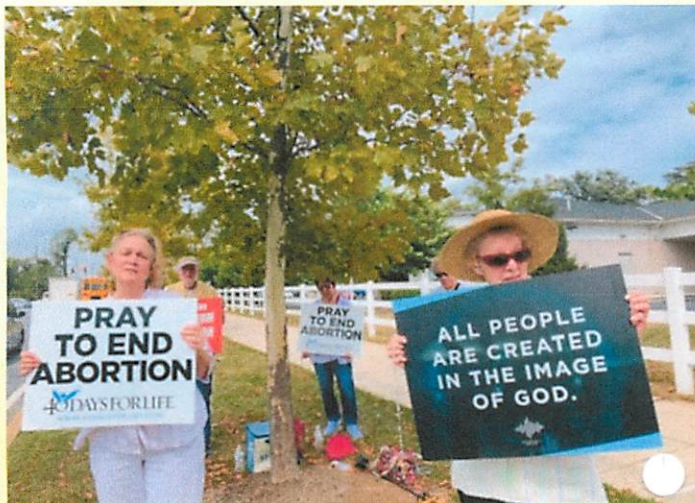
And Members and family with on-going health issues:

Frank, Hazel Cummings' husband Marty; Rose Mary & Alfio Mazzaglia, Tap Nguyen; Peggy
Nicholson's friend Patricia; Joyce Routh and husband Jim; Carol Smith; Mary Badjo's neph-
ew Ethan, Connie's Mom, Susan's Mom, & Susan's premie grandson Ian,

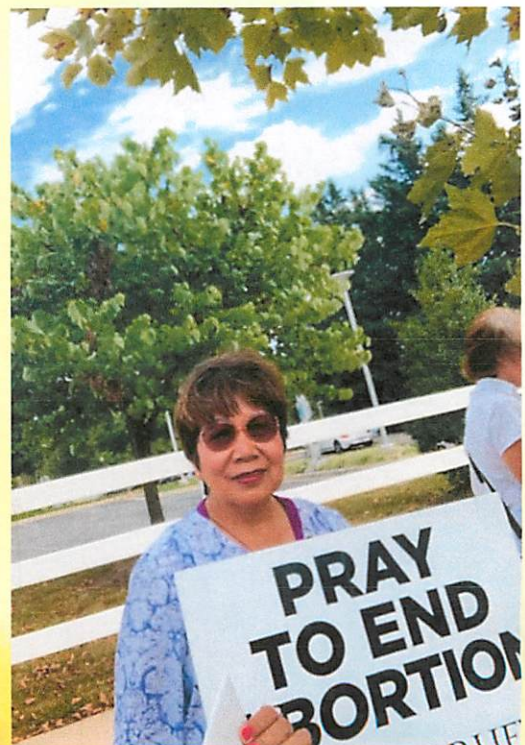
Some Notable Fraternity Moments...



Our Franciscan Naming Ceremony at the Shrine of St. Anthony



40 Days For Life— Our Prayerful and Peaceful
Witness to the Sanctity of Life



The very last (but certainly not least) of our articles of our Rule states:

"As a concrete sign of communion and responsibility, the councils on various levels, in keeping with the constitutions, shall ask for suitable and well-prepared religious for spiritual assistance.

They should make this request to the superiors of the four religious Franciscan families, to whom the Secular Franciscan Fraternity has been united for centuries.

To promote fidelity to the charism as well as observance to the Rule and to receive greater support in the life of the fraternity, the minister or president, with the consent of the council, should take care to ask for a regular pastoral visit by the competent religious superiors as well as higher fraternities, according to the norm of the constitutions."

Our 26th and last article of our Rule discusses with us about the ultimate importance to us of spiritual assistance of both our Franciscan Family clergy members as well as our fellow seculars who have been, like myself, well-trained to be suitable in administering this service. It assures that the friars share their fellowship and their vocational responsibilities with their secular brothers and sisters. Three points are emphasized here. Because we are a lay order, the laity themselves are responsible for our own spiritual growth and have the duty to obtain the proper support to this end. Secondly, spiritual assistants, both clergy and lay, are to have a sufficient background and knowledge in the Franciscan way of life and all of its aspects and how to practice it. It also helps to have a good working background of knowledge in the documents of Vatican II (especially on the apostolate of the laity) and the willingness to share their own vocation with the OFS community. Thirdly, in every official visit to the fraternity, both a pastoral and fraternal roles are done for the main purpose of seeing to it that the fraternity has the maximum means to spiritual growth. This pastoral visitation is done by a member of one of the four clergy orders or a secular delegate authorized by one of the clergy orders. The fraternal part of the visitation is done by a member of the higher lay leadership: usually a member of the regional or provincial council.

"May whoever observes all this be filled in heaven with the blessing of the most high Father, and on earth with that of His Beloved Son, together with the Holy Spirit, the Comforter."

----Blessing of Saint Francis from the "TESTAMENT"

This concludes my series of commentaries on the Rule of our Order. Starting next month, we will look into the histories of our past Rules (1221, 1223, 1883, etc.). I will begin next month sharing excerpts of writings I have done on the OFS Rules as part of my training for spiritual assistance from 2013 to 2015.

In Christ's peace,

Mike



- 1. "You don't have to be worthy, you only have to be willing."**
- 2. "God will never permit anything to happen to us that is not for our greater good."**
- 3. "God will always give us more than we deserve."**
- 4. "Serve the Lord with laughter."**
- 5. "Pray, hope, don't worry. Worry is useless. God is merciful and will hear your prayers."**

Five Particularly Inspiring and Memorable Quotes by Padre Pio, as mentioned with some brief discourse at The Catholic Company website: <https://www.catholiccompany.com/getfed/5-quotes-padre-pio-6138>

Which is your favorite? No 1 ? . Which is your most challenging> No 2 or No. 4?



Minister's Message, by Susan

Last week my son lost one of his best friends to an accident which was completely avoidable— avoidable if his friend had cared about his own life. He didn't. It really saddened me and made me wonder how many people who cross my path are living lives of quiet desperation. We can not be sure that the person we meet today who checks out our groceries, or runs the local burger drive thru or even a close friend or relative is not suffering in an epic and life-endangering way. Many times those who are closest and most beloved to us are beyond our aid in all ways except for our prayers despite out best efforts. Such is the reality of mental illness.

I read about a man who was determined to commit suicide and just before, he decided to eat lunch first at the local Wendy's and the lady in the truck ahead of him bought him lunch in the drive-thru. He was moved and decided to stop her in her truck and ask her why she had done this. She spent time talking to him and encouraged him to the point that he changed his mind and gave his life another chance. I imagine that his family and friends may have noticed his depression (but maybe he had hidden it from them) and had tried many tactics to protect and support him but they were not successful— only a stranger was allowed that privilege and grace.

Let us try harder to be kinder to everyone in our path. I know I am preaching to the choir here! Let us reach out to those who we know have addictions or depression or chronic health problems. Let us try to wish everyone a good day with a smile and really mean it. Let not add to anyone's burden but instead try to lighten it. This of course is far easier said than done and I for one completely blow this with periodic moments of impatience or preoccupation with my busy life. But that just means I have to try harder, not that I have to give up. We are truly loving Jesus when we love the suffering person in our path, the stranger, as well as the friend. We honestly don't know what our smile might mean to someone.... or our frown. So let us try harder to put our best foot and smile forward. God bless.

LOVE YOU GUYS!

LETS REALLY CELEBRATE THESE AMAZING OCTOBER FEAST DAYS!

Submitted by Lilian Soriano

"Near us is a celestial spirit, who from the cradle to the tomb, does not leave us for an instant, guides us, protects us as a friend, a brother; will always be a consolation to us especially in our saddest moments." PADRE PIO

October 2 - The Holy Guardian Angels - the mission of the Guardian Angels is to serve the future heirs of salvation (according to St. Paul). Every kingdom, diocese, church and religious order has its protecting Guardian Angels. So has every person. Our Guardian Angels is given to us at the moment of our birth, stays with us all through life, comforts us in purgatory, and escorts us, if we are saved, into Heaven. The greatest joy to give to our Guardian Angel is to receive the Holy Communion and make our breast a tabernacle of the Eternal God before adore. In every difficulty, danger, and temptation, St. Bernard, urges us to invoke our Guardian.

October 3—Transitus of St. Francis, a remembrance of his passing from this life to our Lord.

October 4 - Saint Francis of Assisi- was born in Assisi, Italy, the son of a rich cloth merchant, abandoned a life of luxury for a life of devote Christian. He cared for the poor and sick, he preached sermons to animals and praised all creatures as brothers and sisters under God. He heard the gospel in which Christ sends his disciples, telling them to take no sack for the journey, or a second tunic, or sandals, or walking stick. immediately, Francis went to preach on the streets of Assisi as Christ instructed.. His fervor attracted other young men who became the first Friar Minor. At the end of his life, he received the stigmata, a sign of intimate union with the Savior. He is the patron saints of animals and ecology.



October 7 - Our Lady of Rosary - to pray the rosary is to hand over our burdens to the merciful heart of Christ and his Mother. It does mark the rhythm of human life, bringing it into harmony with the rhythm of God's own life. , in the joyful communion of the Holy Trinity, our life's destiny and deepest longing.

October 13 - Our Lady of Rosary at Fatima - Mary revealed to the children and to pray the rosary everyday and found another type of miracle might even call the true Miracle of the Sun with estimated crowds of 100,000 eyewitness of the sun broke through the clouds and it "danced" in the sky.

October 17 - St. Ignatius of Antioch - a Syrian, served as the third bishop of Antioch for forty years until he was arrested and escorted to Rome where he died for sport in the amphitheater. The seven letters he composed on this journey inspired generations of persecuted Christians - let me be the food for the wild beasts," he begged his brethren in Rome, "for they are my way to God. I am God's wheat and shall be ground by their teeth so that I may become Christ's pure bread. Pray for me that the animals will be the means of making me a sacrificial victim for God".

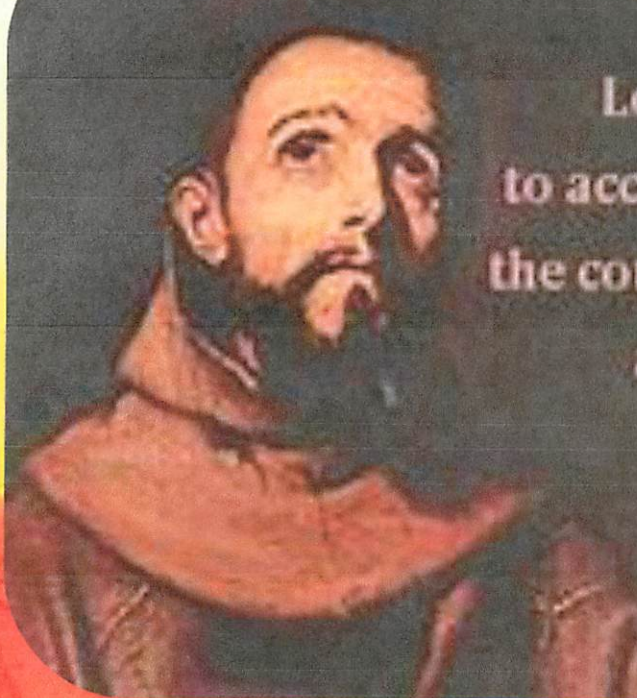
OCTOBER FEAST DAYS continued....

October 18 - St. Luke, the Evangelist - joined Paul in his missionary work, and then became an Evangelist. He made his living as a physician. His gospel and its "companion volume", the Acts of the Apostles, give evidence to Luke's classical education and careful attention to detail. Luke shows a particular sensitivity to the hidden movements of the heart, his is the only gospel to relate the parables of the Good Samaritan and the prodigal son..

October 19 - St. John de Brerbuf and eight companions - Jesuits associates, were among the first missionaries to the native people of North America..whose works were seen little progress while they lived and blamed by the natives the "blackrobes" for every misfortunes. . The mission grew and watered by their blood which was spilled in various massacres. In the year that follows, many of the remaining natives accepted Christ, most notably, St. Katera Tekakwitha, ,who was born in the same village near Auriesville, New York, where three of the martyrs attained their crowns.

October 28 - Saints Simon and Jude - were among the 12 men Jesus chose to lead His church. The two met in Persia , where they suffered martyrdom on the same day and become the pillar and the mainstay of the truth . Jesus said that he was sending them just as the Father had sent him.

The Serenity Prayer



Lord, grant me the strength
to accept the things I cannot change,
the courage to change the things I can,
and the wisdom to know
the difference.

Saint Francis of Assisi

www.irelandcalling.ie/saint-francis-of-assis-quot



Reflection and Prayer, Genie Dutton

SOLDIER OF CHRIST
BEARER OF HIS WOUNDS
WHERE ARE YOU TODAY?

WHERE ARE OUR WOUNDS?
WHERE ARE THE POOR, THE LONELY, THE GASPING FOR
FREEDOM FROM APPALLING ABUSE?
WHY ARE WE HERE? WHY ENJOY OUR COMFORTS, DIRECTLY
PROVIDED FOR FROM THE KING OF KINGS
AT HIS CRUCIFIXION?

CAN WE DO MORE?
WILL WE?
CAN I CALL UPON MY WARRIORS IN THIS AGE FOR LOVE AND
COMFORT AND CARE?
WILL YOU STEP OUT INTO THE DISCOMFORT OF MY CHILDREN?
I AM CALLING YOU.

I AM FRANCIS

The Fraternity Council

Article 49

1. The council of the local fraternity is composed of the following offices: minister, vice-minister, secretary, treasurer, and master of formation. Other offices may be added according to the needs of each fraternity. The spiritual assistant of the fraternity forms part of the council by right.³²
2. The fraternity, meeting in an assembly or chapter, discusses questions regarding its own life and organization. Every three years, in an elective assembly or chapter, the fraternity elects the minister and the council in the way established by the Constitutions and statutes.

Article 50

1. It is the duty of the council of the local fraternity:
 - to promote the initiatives necessary for fostering fraternal life, for improving the human, Christian, and Franciscan formation of its members and for sustaining their witness and commitment in the world;
 - to make concrete and courageous choices, appropriate for the situation of the fraternity, from among the numerous activities possible in the field of the apostolate.
2. The duties of the council are also:
 - a. to decide on the acceptance and admission to profession of new brothers and sisters;³³
 - b. to establish a fraternal dialogue with members in particular difficulties and to adopt consequent measures;
 - c. to receive the request for withdrawal and to decide on the suspension of a member from the fraternity;
 - d. to decide on the establishment of sections or groups in conformity with the Constitutions and the statutes;
 - e. to decide on the destination of available funds and, in general, to deliberate on matters concerning financial management and the economic affairs of the fraternity;
 - f. to assign duties to the councilors and to the other professed members;
 - g. to request from the competent superiors of the First Order and the TOR suitable and prepared religious as assistants;
 - h. to perform such other duties as are required by these Constitutions or which are necessary to carry out its proper purposes.

The Offices in the Fraternity

Article 51

1. While firmly upholding the co-responsibility of the council to animate and guide the fraternity, the minister, as the primary person responsible for the fraternity, is expected to

³² See *Constitutions* 90,2.

³³ See *Constitutions* 39, 3; 41, 1.

make sure that the directions and the decisions of the council are put into practice and will keep the council informed about what he or she is doing.

2. The minister also has the following duties:
 - a. to call, to preside at, and to direct the meetings of the fraternity and council; to convoke, every three years, the elective chapter of the fraternity, having heard the council on the formalities of the convocation;
 - b. to prepare the annual report to be sent to the council of the higher level after it has been approved by the council of the fraternity;
 - c. to represent the fraternity in all its relations with ecclesiastical and civil authorities. When the fraternity acquires a juridical personality in the civil order, the minister becomes, when possible, its legal representative;
 - d. to request, with the consent of the council, the pastoral and fraternal visits, at least once every three years.
 - e. to put into effect those acts which the Constitutions refer to his or her competence.

Article 52

1. The vice-minister has the following duties:
 - a. to collaborate in a fraternal spirit and to support the minister in carrying out his or her specific duties;
 - b. to exercise the functions entrusted by the council and/or by the assembly or chapter;
 - c. to take the place of the minister in both duties and responsibilities in case of absence or temporary impediment;
 - d. to assume the functions of the minister when the office remains vacant.³⁴
2. The secretary has the following duties:
 - a. to compile the official acts of the fraternity and of the council and to assure that they are sent to their respective proper recipients;
 - b. to see to the updating and preservation of the records and the registers, noting admissions, professions, deaths, withdrawals, and transfers from the fraternity;³⁵
 - c. to provide for the communication of the more important facts to the various levels and, if appropriate, to provide for their dissemination through the mass media.
3. The master of formation has the following duties:
 - a. to co-ordinate, with the help of the other members of the council, the formative activities of the fraternity;
 - b. to instruct and enliven the inquirers during the time of initiation, the candidates during the period of initiation formation, and the newly professed;
 - c. to inform the council of the fraternity prior to profession, concerning the suitability of the candidate for a commitment to live according to the Rule.
4. The treasurer, or bursar, has the following duties:

³⁴ See *Constitutions* 81,1.

³⁵ Each local fraternity is to have at least a register of enrollments (admissions, professions, transfers, deaths, and every other important annotation relative to the individual members), the register of minutes of the council and the register of administration.

- a. to guard diligently the contributions received, recording each receipt in the appropriate register, with the date on which it was given, the name of the contributor, or the one from whom it was collected;
 - b. to record in the same register the items of expense, specifying the date and the purpose, in conformity with the directions of the fraternity council;
 - c. to render an account of his or her administration to the assembly and to the council of the fraternity according to the norms of the national statutes.
5. The provisions regarding the rights and duties of the vice-minister, the secretary and the treasurer apply, with the appropriate adaptations, to all levels.

Participation in the Life of the Fraternity

Article 53

1. *Rule 24* The fraternity must offer to its members opportunities for coming together and collaborating through meetings to be held with as great a frequency as allowed by the situation and with the involvement of all its members.
2. *Rule 6; 8* The fraternity should come together periodically, also as an ecclesial community to celebrate the Eucharist in a climate which strengthens the fraternal bond and characterizes the identity of the Franciscan family. Where, for whatever reason, this particular celebration may not be possible, they should participate in the celebration of the larger ecclesial community.
3. Insertion into a local fraternity and participation in fraternity life is essential for belonging to the OFS. Appropriate initiatives should be adopted according to the directives of the national statutes, to keep those brothers and sisters united to the fraternity who — for valid reasons of health, family, work, or distance — cannot actively participate in community life.
4. The fraternity remembers with gratitude its brothers and sisters who have passed away and continues its communion with them by prayer and in the Eucharist.
5. The national statutes can indicate special forms of association with the fraternity for those who, without becoming a member of the OFS, want to participate in its life and activities.

Article 54

1. In cases where the fraternity of whatever level has property or real estate at its disposal, the procedures necessary for that fraternity to acquire a juridical personality in the civil order must be followed in conformity with the national statutes.
2. Based on the respective civil legislation, the national statutes must establish precise criteria regarding the purpose of the juridical person, the administration of its material goods and the relevant internal controls. They must also contain instructions so that the establishing document may provide for the disposal of its property in case the juridical person ceases to exist.

3. The national statutes must also set up precise criteria for local fraternities that possess or administer property or real estate, so that the respective council, before its term of office is finished, has the fraternity's financial and real estate situation audited either by an expert who is not a member of the council or by the fraternity's board of examiners.

Transfer

Article 55

If a brother or sister, for any reasonable cause, desires transfer to another fraternity, he or she first informs the council of the fraternity to which he or she belongs and then makes the request, including the reasons for the transfer, to the minister of the fraternity to which he or she wishes to belong. The council makes its decision after having received the necessary information in writing from the fraternity of origin.

Temporary Provisions

Article 56

1. *Rule 23* Members who find themselves in difficulty may ask, with a formal act, temporary withdrawal from the fraternity. The council will evaluate the request with love and prudence, after a fraternal dialogue between the minister and the assistant with the person concerned. If the reasons appear to be well founded, after the brother or sister in difficulty has been given time to reconsider, the council agrees to the request.
2. The repeated and prolonged default in the obligations of the life of the fraternity and other conduct in serious opposition to the Rule have to be discussed by the council in dialogue with the person at fault. Only in the case of obstinacy or relapse may the council decide, with a secret vote, to suspend someone. It communicates its decision in writing to the person concerned.
3. Voluntary withdrawal or the provision for suspension must be noted in the registers of the fraternity. It involves exclusion from the meetings and activities of the fraternity, including the right of active and passive voice, but membership in the Order itself is not affected.

Article 57

1. In the case of voluntary withdrawal or of suspension from the fraternity, the Secular Franciscan may ask to be readmitted by addressing an appropriate written request to the minister.
2. After examining the reasons offered by the person involved, the council evaluates whether the causes which led to the withdrawal or suspension can be considered as overcome. If the conclusion is affirmative, it readmits him or her and the decision is recorded in the proceedings of the fraternity.

Definitive Provisions

Article 58

1. The brother or sister who intends to withdraw definitively from the Order, communicates so in writing to the minister of the fraternity. The minister and the assistant of the local fraternity, with charity and prudence, discuss the matter with the person concerned and keep the Council informed. If the brother or sister confirms the decision in writing, the Council takes notice and communicates it in writing to the person concerned. The definitive withdrawal is recorded in the register of the fraternity and communicated to the council of the higher level.
2. In case of serious causes, provided that they are external, imputable, and juridically proven, the minister and the assistant of the local fraternity, with charity and prudence, discuss the matter with the brother or sister concerned and keep the council informed. The brother or sister is given time to reflect and to discern, eventually with the help of an external and competent expert. If the time set aside for reflection passes without any result, the council of the fraternity requests the council of the higher level to dismiss the brother or sister from the Order. The request must be accompanied by all the documentation relative to the case. The council of the higher level will issue the decree of dismissal after having collegially examined the request with the relative documentation and having verified observance of the directives of the Law and of the Constitutions.
3. The brother or sister who publicly rejects the faith, or defects from ecclesiastical communion, or upon whom an excommunication is imposed or declared, by the fact itself ceases to be a member of the Order. This does not mean, however, that the council of the fraternity should not discuss the matter with the person concerned or offer fraternal help. The council of a higher level, upon request of the council of the local fraternity, collects the proofs and officially declares that the person has ceased to be a member of the Order.
4. The decree of dismissal or the declaration that the person has ceased to be a member of the Order, in order to become effective, must be confirmed by the national council to whom all the documentation will be sent.

Article 59

If anyone is convinced that he or she has been wronged by a measure adopted, that person may appeal within three months to the council above the one that adopted the decision in question and, in successive cases, to further levels all the way up to the Presidency of the International Council of the OFS and, in the final instance, to the Holy See.

Article 60

What is said in these Constitutions with respect to the local fraternities is valid, to the extent that it is applicable, for the personal fraternities also.