

MISSION STATEMENT
of the National Formation Commission of the
National Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order -
U.S.A.

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The mission of the National Formation Commission is to advise and consult with the National and Regional leadership on all matters concerning Formation in the Secular Franciscan Order in the U.S.A. Paying particular attention to those articles in the SFO Rule of 1978, concerning growth in personal spirituality (conversion) and “love for the brothers and sisters” (ministry), the National Formation Commission endeavors to facilitate the formative process whereby those called by the Spirit to a Secular Franciscan life may attain full membership in the Order and those who have professed its Rule of Life may grow in holiness through the ongoing movement of the Spirit.

This process may be accomplished by but not limited to the following:

GOALS

Goal 1: To identify Franciscan Spirituality which has primacy of place in the formative process and to develop the qualities and skills needed to make this goal a reality in the agents of formation. Cf. *Elements of Formation*, (Synopsis, Chapter 3).

Goal 2: To support and serve the efforts of Secular Franciscan Regional Fraternities in developing their own formation efforts.

Goal 3: To act as a resource group in all matters concerning formation to Secular Franciscan Regional Fraternities.

Goal 4: To review and coordinate existing and future formation materials which articulate Franciscan Spirituality in both initial and ongoing formation in the United States.

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