

Initial Formation [Candidate]

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Candidates will already have been introduced to the Rule of the OFS as Enquirers (Initiation: Chapter 3). The Preamble traces the development of the Rule from Francis' time to the present. The importance here is to understand the place of 'development' in the Order. The study starts by defining 'penance' itself, before moving on to examine subsequent developments, and concludes by showing the precise relationship between Rule, Constitutions & National Statutes – illustrated by reference to *formation* itself.

MAJOR & MINOR MODULES (Cf. *Guidelines for Formators*, p.3 in Overview folder for an explanation of 'Major'/'Minor')

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