



- A RESOURCE FOR ONGOING FORMATION -

Part 6: Life in Fraternity

10. Preparing for Fraternal & Pastoral Visitations

To promote fidelity to the charism as well as observance of the rule and to receive greater support in the life of the fraternity, the minister with the consent of the council, should take care to ask for a regular pastoral visit by the competent religious superiors as well as for a fraternal visit from those higher fraternities, according to the norms of the constitutions. Rule 26

Constitutions art 94

1. The fraternal visit is a moment of communion, an expression of the service and concrete interest of the secular leaders at various levels, so that the fraternity may grow and be faithful to its vocation.
2. Among the various initiatives to achieve the purpose of the visit, the visitor will give special attention:
 - > to the vitality of the formation, both initial and permanent;
 - > to the relations entertained with other fraternities at different levels, with Franciscan youth, and with the entire Franciscan family;
 - > to the observance of the directives and of the guidelines of the International Council of the OFS and other councils;
 - > to the presence of the local church.

“May whoever observes all this be filled in heaven with the blessings of the Most High Father; and on earth with that of his beloved Son, together with the Holy Spirit the Comforter.”



The...



Devotion to the crucified...



The...



The tomb of...

Complete the missing words in the boxes

Constitutions art 95

1. The pastoral visit is a privileged moment of communion with the First Order and the TOR. It is carried out also in the name of the Church and serves to guarantee and promote the observance of the rule and the constitutions and fidelity to the Franciscan charism. The visit is carried out with respect to the organisation and the law proper to the OFS itself.
2. Having verified the canonical establishment of the fraternity, the visitor will give attention to the relations between the fraternity and its spiritual assistant and the local Church...
3. The visitor will promote collaboration and a sense of co-responsibility among secular leaders and the religious assistants...
4. The visitor will give special attention to programmes, methods and experiences of formation, to the liturgical and prayer life, and to the apostolic activities of the fraternity.

Q. What is meant by “the canonical establishment of the fraternity”?



Scripture—

I Cor 14. 26-33, 37-40

What should be done then, my friends? When you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up. If anyone speaks in a tongue, let there be only two or at most three, and each in turn; and let one interpret. But if there is no one to interpret, let them be silent in church and speak to themselves and to God. Let two or three prophets speak, and let the others weigh what is said. If a revelation is made to someone else sitting nearby, let the first person be silent. For you can all prophesy one by one, so that all may learn and all be encouraged. For God is not a God of disorder, but of peace.

Anyone who claims to be a prophet, or to have spiritual powers, must acknowledge that what I am writing to you is a command of the Lord. Anyone who does not recognise this is not to be recognised. So, my friends, be eager to prophesy, but do not forbid speaking in tongues; but all things should be done decently and in order.