

**XIV Ordinary General Chapter and  
VI Elective Chapter  
Secular Franciscan Order (OFS)**

**Assisi, Italy  
November 1-8, 2014**

**PROGRAM**

**Saturday, November 1**

Arrival and welcome of participants

- 17:00 Opening Mass and Consecration of Order to Mary (Santa Maria degli Angeli)  
(Presider: Monsignor Domenico Sorrentino, Archbishop of Assisi – to be confirmed)
- 18:30 Greetings from the Presidency (Domus Pacis)  
- Presentation of participants  
- Announcements
- 20:30 Dinner
- 21:30 Rest

**Sunday, November 2**

- 07:00 Morning Prayer / Eucharist  
(Presider: CAS)
- 08:00 Breakfast
- 09:00 Preliminary matters  
- Designation of the Chapter Secretary and Scrutineers  
- Roll call  
- Election of moderators  
- Commission to draft conclusions  
- Approval of the Program and of Regulations of the Chapter
- 10:45 Break
- 11:15 Report of the Minister General
- 13:00 Lunch and rest
- 15:00 Report of Conference of General Spiritual Assistants  
Demographics Report  
Financial Report  
Current areas of responsibility of the 7 Presidency Councillors  
Presentation of nominations received by the Secretariat  
Organization of and indications to work groups
- 17:00 Break
- 17:30 Group work on the Minister General's Report and the activity of the Presidency during the past 6-year mandate and consideration of the financial situation
- 18:45 Plenary Assembly to present the conclusions of the group work, requests for clarification and dialogue
- 19:30 Evening Prayer
- 20:30 Dinner
- 21:30 Fraternal Evening

## Monday, November 3

- 07:00 Morning Prayer / Eucharist  
(Presider: CAS)
- 08:00 Breakfast
- 09:00 Plenary Assembly:  
Roll call  
Voting on:  
- Minister General's Report  
- Financial Report
- 10:00 Presentation of the Central Theme of the Chapter:  
"How to Manage an International Order like the OFS"
- 11:00 Break
- 11:30 Plenary Assembly  
Continuation of the Chapter Theme:  
"How to Manage an International Order like the OFS"
- 12:30 Dialogue with the presenters
- 13:00 Lunch and rest
- 15:00 Group work on Central Theme
- 17:00 Break
- 17:30 Plenary Assembly to present the conclusions of the group work and further dialogue with speakers
- 19:30 Evening Prayer
- 20:30 Dinner
- 21:30 Fraternal Evening

## Tuesday, November 4

- 07:00 Morning Prayer / Eucharist  
(Presider: CAS)
- 08:00 Breakfast
- 09:00 Plenary Assembly  
Moving Forward in Managing the Order – What needs to change?  
Development of Concrete Proposals
- 10:00 Work Groups
- 11:00 Break
- 11:30 Plenary Assembly to present the conclusions of the group work and concrete proposals for moving forward
- 13:00 Lunch and rest
- 15:00 Round Table  
- The Importance of Family for the OFS and the Franciscan Youth.  
- Life of Union with God in our Secular Life.  
- Life in Fraternity – Gift to the Church and to the World.
- 17:00 Break
- 17:30 Group work on the presentation of the Round Table
- 18:45 Plenary Assembly to present the conclusions of the group work and dialogue with Round Table speakers
- 19:30 Evening Prayer
- 20:30 Dinner
- 21:30 Fraternal Evening

## Wednesday, November 5

- 07:00 Morning Prayer / Eucharist  
(Presider: CAS)
- 08:00 Breakfast
- 09:00 Plenary Assembly – Communication
  - Holy Land
  - GGCC Art. 36
  - Franciscan Youth
  - Postulation of the Cause of Saints
- 11:00 Break
- 11:30 Presentation of the Areas of Responsibility of the 7 Presidency Councillors
- 12:00 Group work (Areas and Proposal of Candidates)
- 13:00 Lunch and rest
- 15:00 Group work (continued)
- 16:30 Break
- 17:00 Plenary Assembly  
Voting on the Areas
- 18:00 Conclusion of Presidency's Service  
Presentation of Candidates (Fr. Nicholas Polichnowsky, General Minister, TOR)
- 20:00 Evening Prayer
- 20:30 Dinner
- 21:30 Free Time

## Thursday, November 6 Elective Assembly of the General Chapter

- 07:30 Morning Prayer
- 08:00 Breakfast
- 09:00 Plenary Assembly:  
Intervention of Fr. Nicholas Polichnowsky, General Minister TOR
- 09:30 Elective Assembly presided by Fr. Nicholas Polichnowsky, Minister General TOR,  
delegate of the Conference of Ministers General of the First Order and TOR.
  - Roll call
  - Introduction
  - Prayer
  - Election of the Minister General and Vice-Minister General
- 11:00 Break
- 11:30 Roll call  
Election of Presidency Councillors
- 13:00 Lunch and rest
- 15:00 Continuation of voting
  - Roll call
  - Voting
- 17:00 Meeting with Conference of the Franciscan Family
- 17:30 Departure for Sacro Convento
- 18:30 Thanksgiving Mass and Installation of the newly elected Presidency  
at Sacro Convento (Presider: Fr. Nicholas Polichnowsky, Minister General TOR)
- 20:30 Dinner and Fraternity Evening to celebrate the newly elected CIOFS Presidency

## **Friday, November 7**

- 07:00 Morning Prayer / Eucharist
- 08:00 Breakfast
- 09:00 Plenary Assembly presided by the new Minister General  
Notices and communications
- 10:15 Group work to establish the priorities for the next six years
- 11:00 Break
- 11:30 Continuation of group work
- 13:00 Lunch
- 15:00 Plenary Assembly  
Presentation of group work on the priorities for the next six years
- 16:00 Free Time / Conclusions Commission finalizes its work
- 19:15 Evening Prayer
- 20:00 Plenary Assembly  
Presenting and voting on the priorities of the 6-year term  
Presenting and voting on the Conclusions of the General Chapter
- 21:00 Dinner

## **Saturday, November 8**

- Visit to La Verna
- Concluding Mass  
(Presider: Fr. José Rodríguez Carballo, Secretary of the CIVCSVA)
- Official Photo of General Chapter

## **Sunday, November 9**

- 07:30 Morning Prayer / Eucharist
- 08:00 Breakfast, farewell, departures

