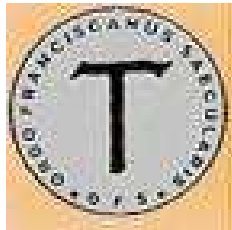


What is "Formation" ?  
- an introduction



Do not be conformed to this world but be **transformed**  
[metamorpho - undergo a change of form; metamorphosis]  
by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the  
will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.  
[Rom 12.2]

#### Definitions—

“ form ” - noun: shape, visible aspect  
[ ‘ conditions of a thing ’ s existence by knowing  
which we can produce it ’ Francis Bacon]  
- verb: to fashion, to mould ( includes develop a  
habit/contract an alliance )  
“ transform ” - noun: undergoing change, metamorphosis  
- verb: to make a change in the character/  
dispositions  
“ conformity ” - likeness to

#### Formation involves—

“ transformation ”  
  
“ conformation ”  
  
“ information ”

United by their vocation as “ brothers and sisters of pen-  
ance ”, and motivated by the dynamic power of the Gospel,  
let them **conform their thoughts and deeds to those of Christ**  
by means of that radical interior change which the Gospel  
itself calls “ conversion ”.  
[Rule, 7]

The **journey of formation**, which should develop throughout  
life, begins with entrance into the fraternity. Mindful that the  
Holy Spirit is the principal agent of formation and always at-  
tentive to collaboration with him, those responsible for for-  
mation are: the candidate, the entire fraternity, the council  
with the minister, the master of formation, and the assistant.  
[Constitutions, 37.2]

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ  
Jesus,... [Phil 2.5]  
...those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he  
justified he also glorified. [Rom 8.30]  
The mind of the righteous ponders how to answer...  
[Prov 15.28]