



## Studying the Rule of the OFS



### Chapter 1 The Secular Franciscan Order OFS

3. The present Rule, succeeding *Memoriale propositi* (1221) and the Rules approved by the Supreme Pontiffs Nicholas IV and Leo XIII, adapts the Secular Franciscan Order to the needs and expectations of the Church in the changed conditions of our time. The interpretation of the Rule belongs to the Holy See and its application will be set out in the General Constitutions and particular Statutes.

Footnotes:

Cf. General Constitutions:  
Art 4.3; 5.1-3; 6.1-3; 7

ENDNOTES:



‘the needs and expectations of the Church’

**Q.** What are they?



‘in the changed conditions of our time’

**Q.** Explain the meaning of this