



## Studying the Rule of the OFS



### Chapter 2 The Form of Life

9. The Virgin Mary, humble servant of the Lord, responsive to his word and every call, was embraced by Francis with unutterable love. She has been named the Protector and Advocate of his family. \*15 Secular Franciscans bear witness to her by their ardent love, by imitating her unconditional availability and their outpouring of faithful conscientious prayer. \*16

**Footnotes:**

\*15 2C 198 2 FA:ED (p 374)

\*16 Lumen Gentium 67; Apostolicam Actusitatem 4

**Cf. General Constitutions:**

Art 16.1-2

**ENDNOTES:**



**Q.** What does Celano mean by saying of St Francis: ‘He embraced the Mother of Jesus with his inexpressible love, since she made the Lord of Majesty a brother to us’?

**Q.** How realistic is it to expect Secular Franciscans to imitate Mary’s ‘unconditional availability’? Indeed, what might that mean for us in our secular state?