

National Formation Highlights

Visioning Workshop and Plans for the Future

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Visioning: Background

- 2014: Challenge from CIOFS
 - New direction for formation
 - Our response

Visioning: Background

- 2018: The National Formation Visioning Workshop was born
 - Collaboration of the NEC and the NFC

Savior Pastoral Center



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Come Holy Spirit!

Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR,
set the tone.



The Realities of the Order

Mary Stronach, OFS, related fundamental challenges



Visioning: Background



➔ Anne Mulqueen, OFS, explained the visioning process.

The Pivotal Questions

What would the ideal Order look like?

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What is God's direction
for the Order?



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Who does God want us to be?



Saturday Afternoon: Special Interests

- Fraternal life & relationships
- Spiritual life, prayer and contemplation
- Apostolates and outreach: expressing the Franciscan charism



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Saturday Afternoon: Special Interests

- Communications & social media
- Essential documents
- Scripture and Franciscan sources
- Secular identity and the Franciscan charism



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- Commitment to the Order: Time, Talent and Treasure
- Servant Leadership
- Youth

Saturday Afternoon: Special Interests



- Spiritual assistants & their relationship to the OFS
- Discerning the vocation
- Multiculturalism

To be answered:

- What is it going to take to get to the vision?



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To be answered:

➔ What will formation look like?



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National Formation Plans

- NAFRA-FORM
- TIME AND TALENT SURVEY
- COMMISSION AND TASK FORCES
- WEBSITE, FUN Manual, Formation Director Handbook