

RITUAL
of the
SECULAR
FRANCISCAN
ORDER

**PRAYERS FOR
THE
PASTORAL
AND
FRATERNAL
VISITATION**

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The Constitutions: Title VI

Article 92 (Rule, Art. 26): Purpose

PASTORAL OR FRATERNAL VISIT

1. The purpose of both the pastoral and fraternal visit is to

- revive the evangelical Franciscan spirit,*
- to assure fidelity to the charism and to the Rule,*
- to offer help to fraternity life,*
- to reinforce the bond of the unity of the Order, and*
- to promote its most effective insertion into the Franciscan family and the Church.*

The Flow or Movements of the Introductory Prayers

Remembering Our Purpose

Renewal

Invoking the Holy Spirit

Petitions for the visitation

Goal of the visitation

Reflection: Scripture
or from Life of St. Francis

PASTORAL

OR

FRATERNAL

VISIT

REMEMBERING
OUR PURPOSE

Praise and thank you
our Lord for your love
and wisdom have
called us to holiness.



Through the Franciscan way of life.

REMEMBERING
OUR PURPOSE



Through your grace and inspiration

REMEMBERING

OUR PURPOSE



You have provided us
with the means to
promote fidelity to the
Franciscan charism

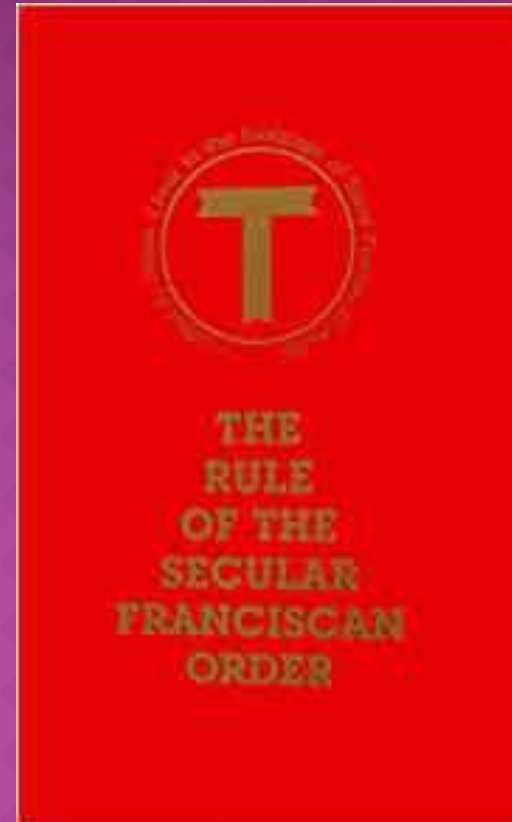
REMEMBERING

OUR PURPOSE



To observe the Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order

REMEMBERING
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And to receive greater support in the life of the fraternity.

REMEMBERING
OUT PURPOSE



By the power of the
Holy Spirit...

RENEWAL



in order to evaluate
our efforts

RENEWAL



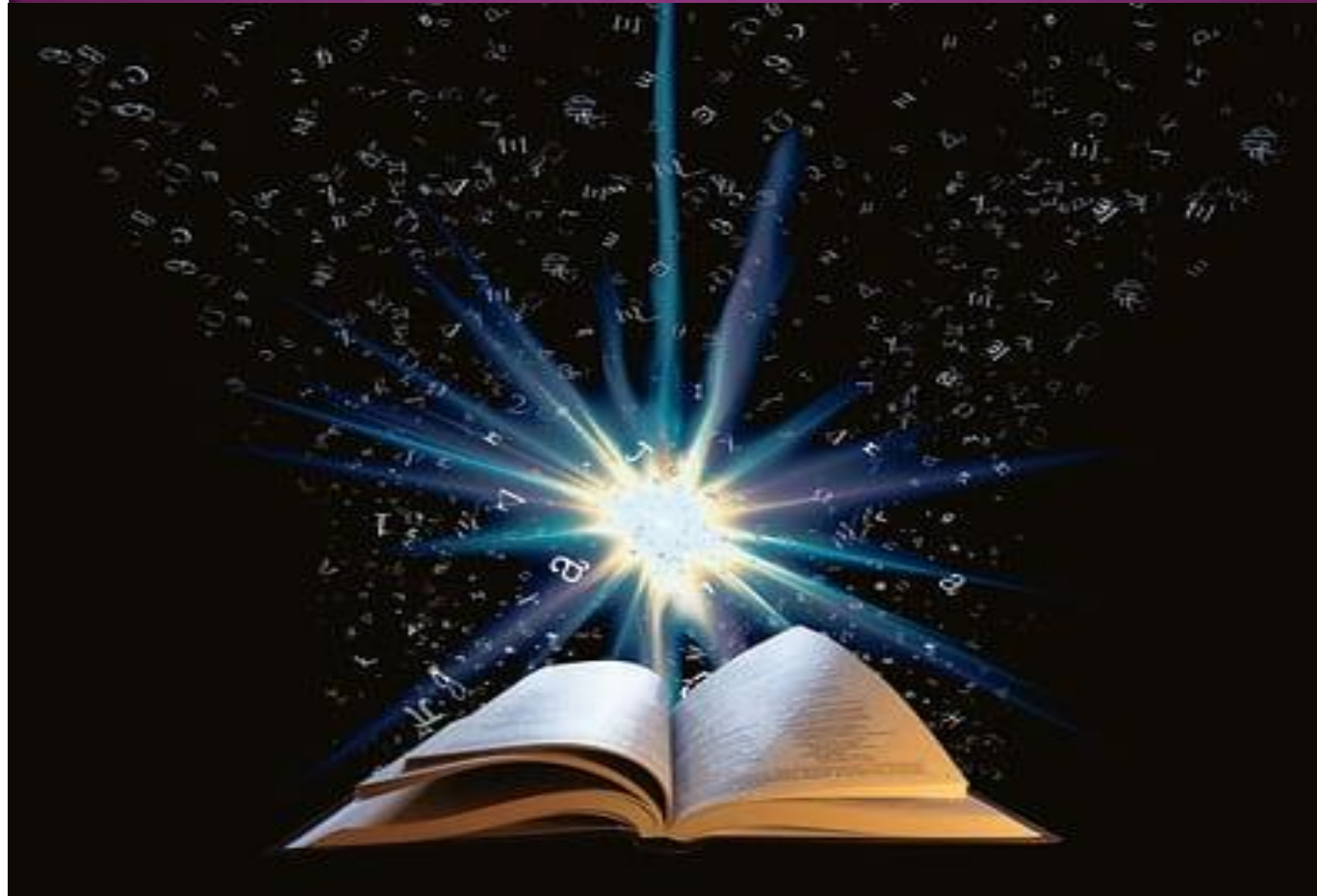
to renew our
dedication

RENEWAL



To live the gospel of
our Lord Jesus Christ

RENEWAL



In the footsteps of St Francis

RENEWAL



We ask for your
blessing and guidance

INVOKE THE
HOLY SPIRIT



INVOKE THE HOLY SPIRIT

To appreciate our vocation more deeply, embrace it more enthusiastically and to share it more fully with one another and with all people,



Give us the fullness of your Spirit,
Take possession of our hearts;
Root out of them attitudes of
selfishness and false fear.

INVOKE THE
HOLY SPIRIT



Give us the will to persevere, as
followers of St. Francis in the
contemporary world

PETITIONS
FOR THE
VISITATION



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in rebuilding the Church and
proclaiming the Good News of
salvation



Where we have faltered or even failed, give us the strength to begin anew.

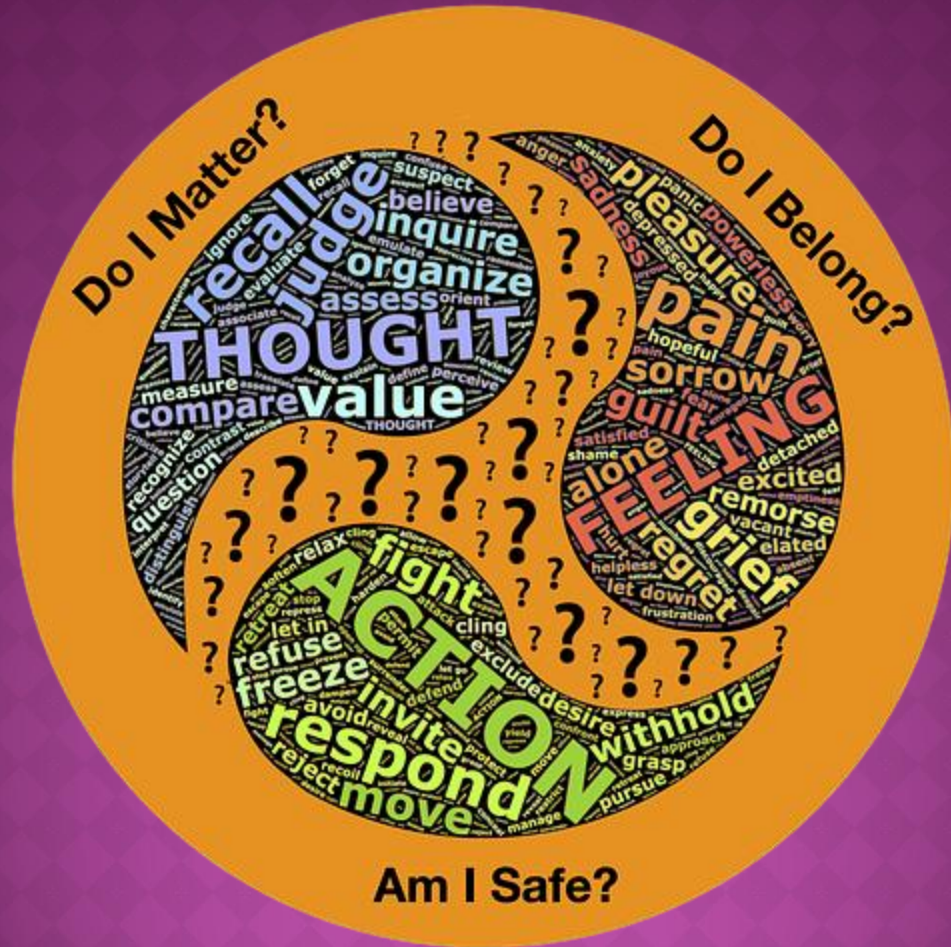
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My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.
In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good,
I have sinned against You Whom I should love above all things,
I firmly intend, with Your help, to do penance,
to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.
Our Saviour Jesus Christ, suffered and died for us.
In His name, my God, have mercy. Amen.



the light to discover our true meaning and purpose

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FOR THE
VISITATION



and the courage to move forward
with conviction and humility

PETITIONS
FOR THE
VISITATION

*If not
now
when?*

“May the power of your love, O
Lord, fiery and sweet as honey,

PETITIONS FOR
THE VISITATION



Wean our hearts from all that is
under heaven

PETITIONS FOR
THE VISITATION



So that we may die for love of
Jesus' love, who was so good to
die for love of our love.

GOAL



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