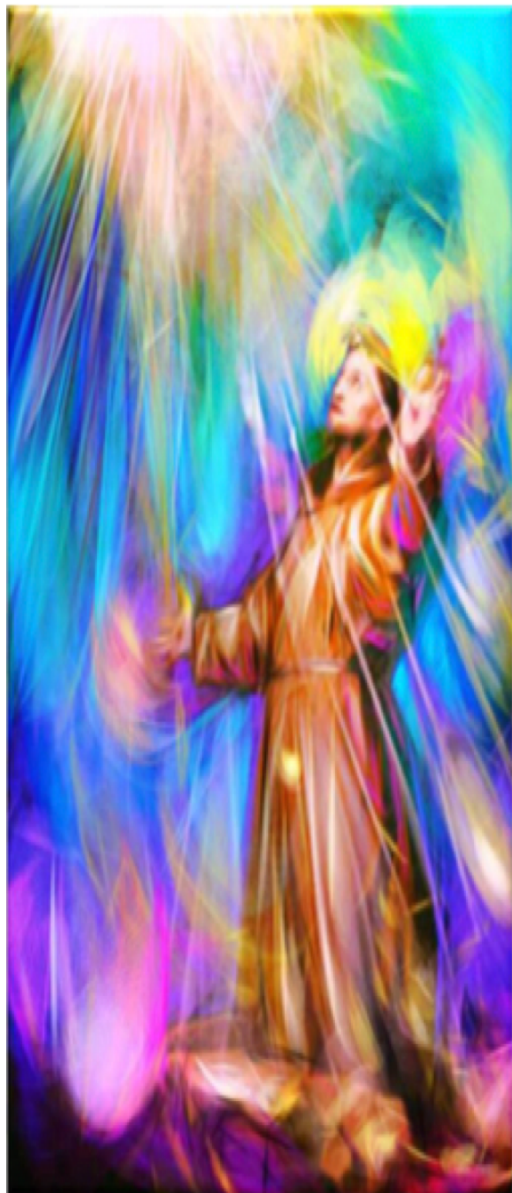


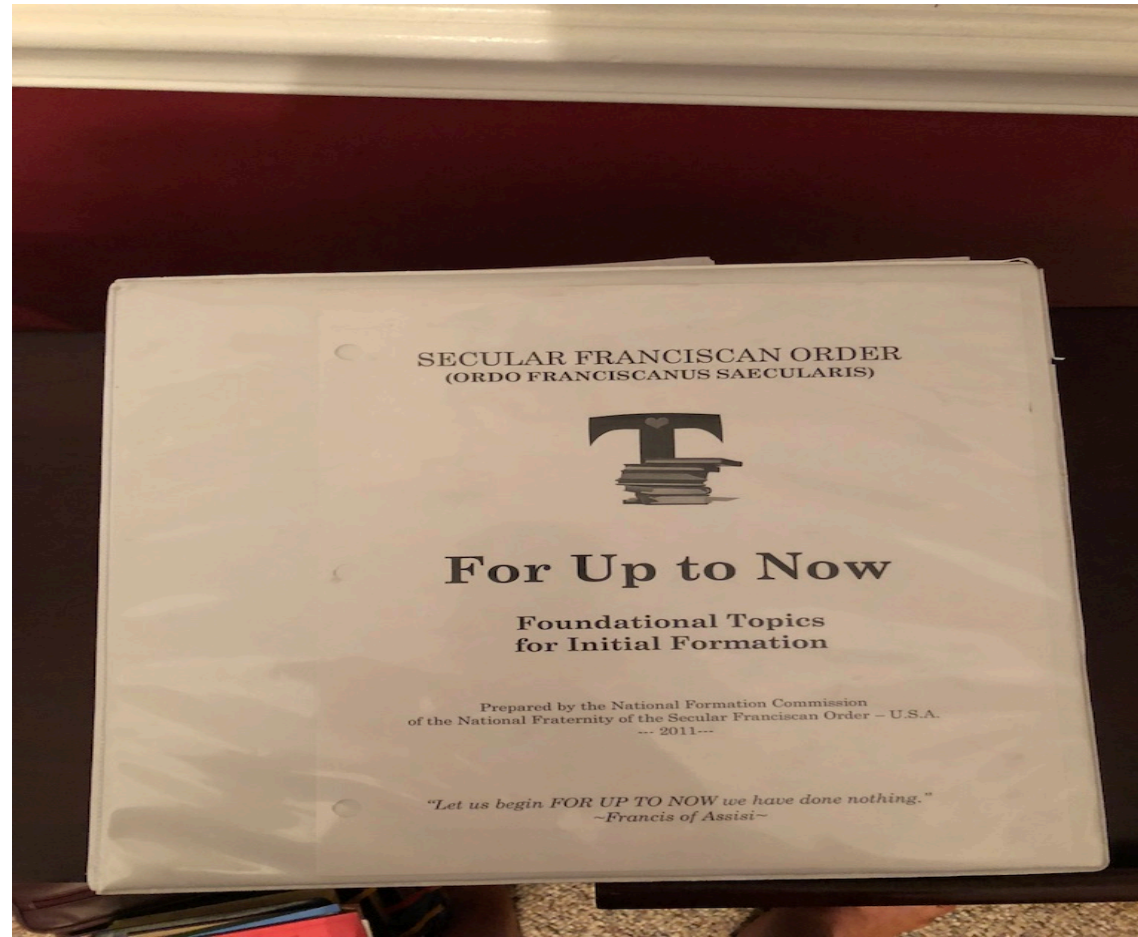
National Pray for Vocations to the Secular Franciscan Order

- **O good and gracious God, God of mercy, compassion, generosity, and love, as we live our lives today in the model of St. Francis, choosing daily to live the Gospel life, help us to help others hear your call. Help us to help others recognize their vocation as a Secular Franciscan that You have already planted in their heart. Help us, so that together we all may work to bring the Gospel to life. Amen!**

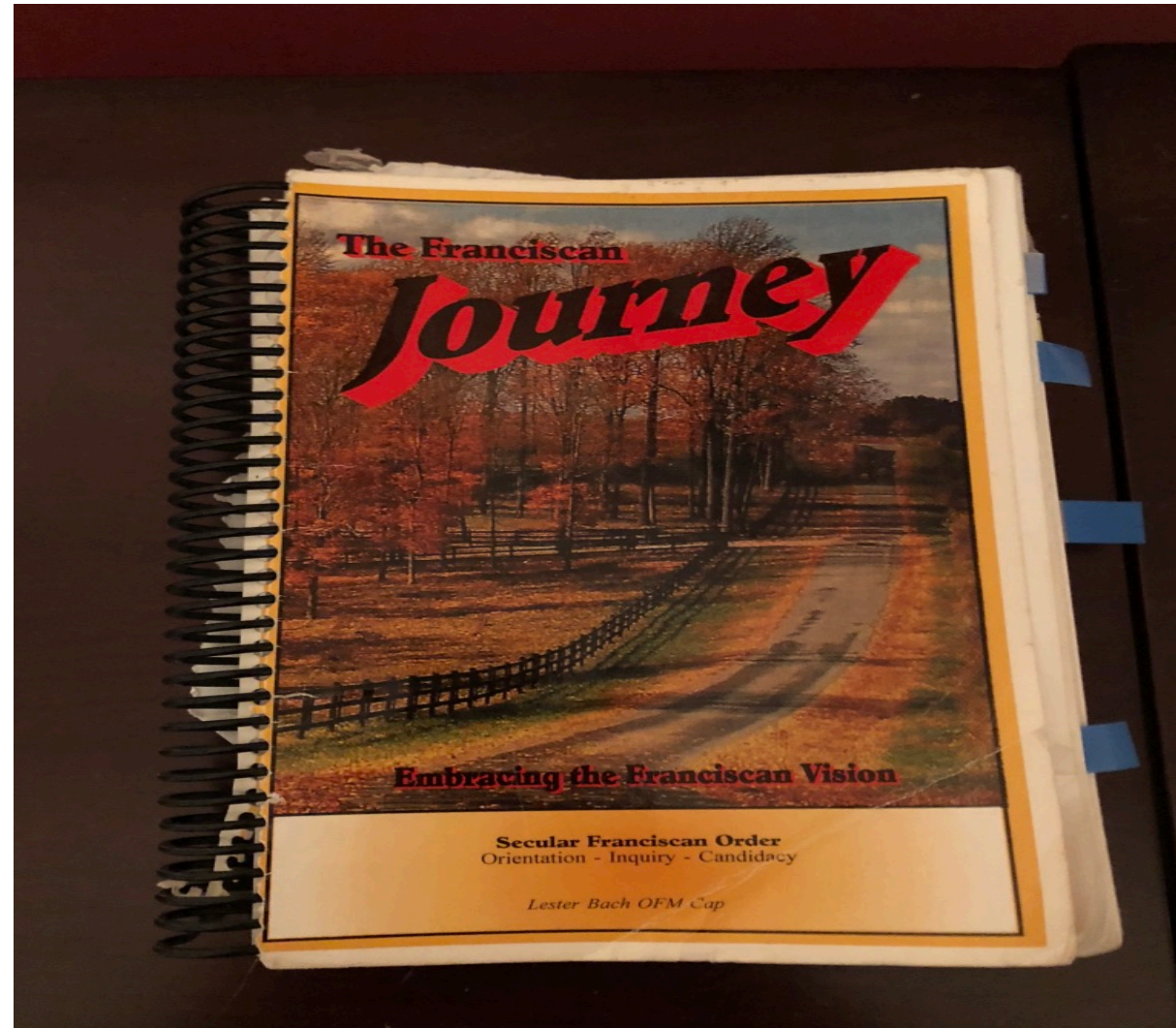


What Should be in your TOOLBOX

For Up to Now Manual



The Franciscan Journey: Embracing the Franciscan Vision



Franciscan Journey: Additional Readings

- FRANCISCAN JOURNEY Additional Readings - Chapter 1
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- *Franciscan Prayer – First paragraph – page 109 - Ilia Delio, OSF; Used by permission*
- The Heart Turned Toward God
- There is a mail order firm by the name of “Heart Matters” that sends me catalogs every month hoping that it can inspire my heart or that of someone else through note cards, CDs and “Precious Moments” figurines. Sometimes I think we clutter our hearts with a lot of stuff that we think “matters” but in the end it is simply a lot of stuff. What matters to the heart is more than things (although “things” may, indeed, inspire it at times). The heart thrives on the life-giving spirit of love. Friendship is a matter of the heart. It is the heart’s desire to share life with another person. The heart (cor) is the center of the whole personal life of the human person. It is the seat of intellectual and spiritual life of reason and will, and the inner movements of experiencing life (or the lack of it). The heart is the place of encounter, where God reveals himself to us. As Jesus tells us in the Gospel, “where your treasure is, there will your heart be also” (Luke 12:34). Francis believed that the heart was the seat of the will, the root of sin and the place of conversion. The heart is made for God and is the proper dwelling place of the most blessed Trinity; it is the place of encounter between person and Creator. In the heart the person receives the life-giving awareness of God; it is where one comes to know God. The human heart is created to be the home of the Spirit of the Lord through whose life-giving power relationship with God becomes reality. To surrender the “heart” is the fundamental act of following Christ.
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- *The Saint – Earlier exhortation, Chapter I, - pp. 41-42*
- Earlier Exhortation to the Brothers and Sisters of Penance
The First Version of the Letter to the Faithful (1209-1215)
- The earliest manuscript of this writing, located in the Guarnacci Library in the Italian city of Volterra, introduces it with these words: “These are words of life and salvation. Whoever reads and follows them will find life and draw from the Lord salvation.” While Kajetan Esser entitled it “The First Version of the Letter to the Faithful,” it has been more correctly seen as an exhortation given to the first penitents who came to Francis desiring to share in his Gospel way of life. Since 1976, when Kajetan Esser brought the text into prominence, it has served as the Prologue to the Rule of the Secular Franciscan Order.
- In the Name of the Lord!
[Chapter One]
Those Who do Penance

Chart Franciscan Journey to FUN to Rule and Constitutions

(Read *The Journey and the Dream*)

#1 Orientation and Introduction to the Franciscan Family

Themes: Some Requirements, Periods of Formation, Three Orders, Structure of SFO, Franciscan Symbols, Discernment

<p><u>The Franciscan Journey</u> (Ch 1) Orientation in the SFO (Ch 2) Three Orders, Structure, Discernment</p>	<p><u>Other</u> The Journey and the Dream Pathway to Profession Diagram (from FUN)</p>	<p><u>For Up to Now</u> For the Formator What is Formation? Anne Mulqueen SFO The Franciscan Family, a Brief Introduction- Bob Fitzsimmons pp. 1-12</p>
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#2 The Church, the Layperson and Lay Spirituality

Themes: Discernment, The Church and Its Mission, Baptism, Trinity, Lay Order, Lay Spirituality

<p><u>The Franciscan Journey</u> (Ch 2) Discernment (Ch 5) Lay Secular Spirituality</p>	<p><u>Other</u> The Journey and the Dream Summary of FUN article (Fr. Trezzi) Lumen Gentium (Chap. 4)</p>	<p><u>For Up to Now</u> Elements of Ecclesiology and Theology of the Laity-Ron Pihokker SFO pp. 1-14</p>
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#3 Basic Catholic Doctrine, Francis and Clare

Themes: Francis, Clare, Scripture, The Creed (Trinity, Christology, Church, Mary, Sacraments, Eucharist)

<p><u>The Franciscan Journey</u> (Ch 3) Francis, Clare, Catholic Doctrine</p>	<p><u>Other</u> The Journey and the Dream</p>	<p><u>For Up to Now</u> Basic Catholic Doctrine- Edward Shirley SFO pp. 1-14</p>
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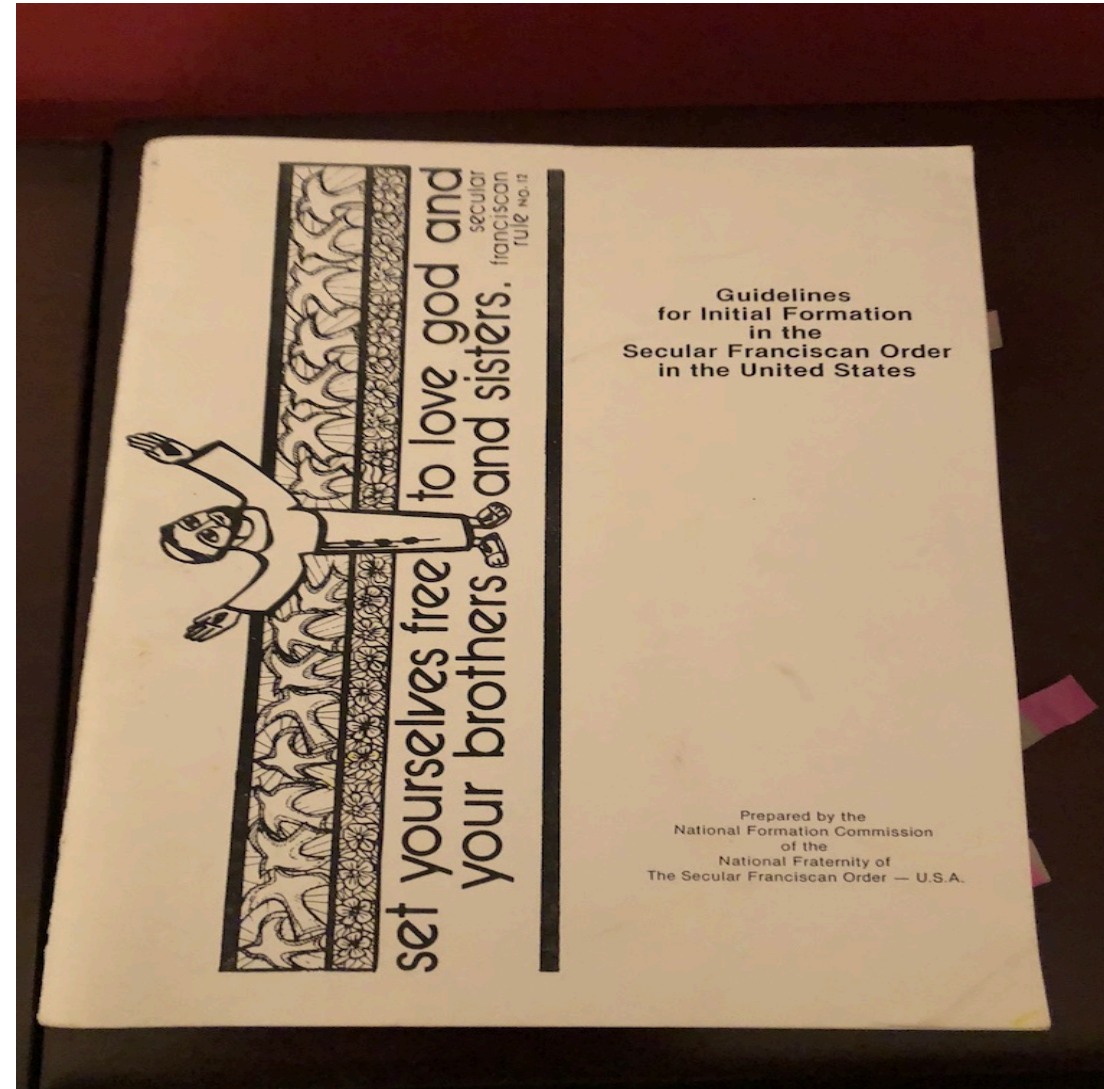
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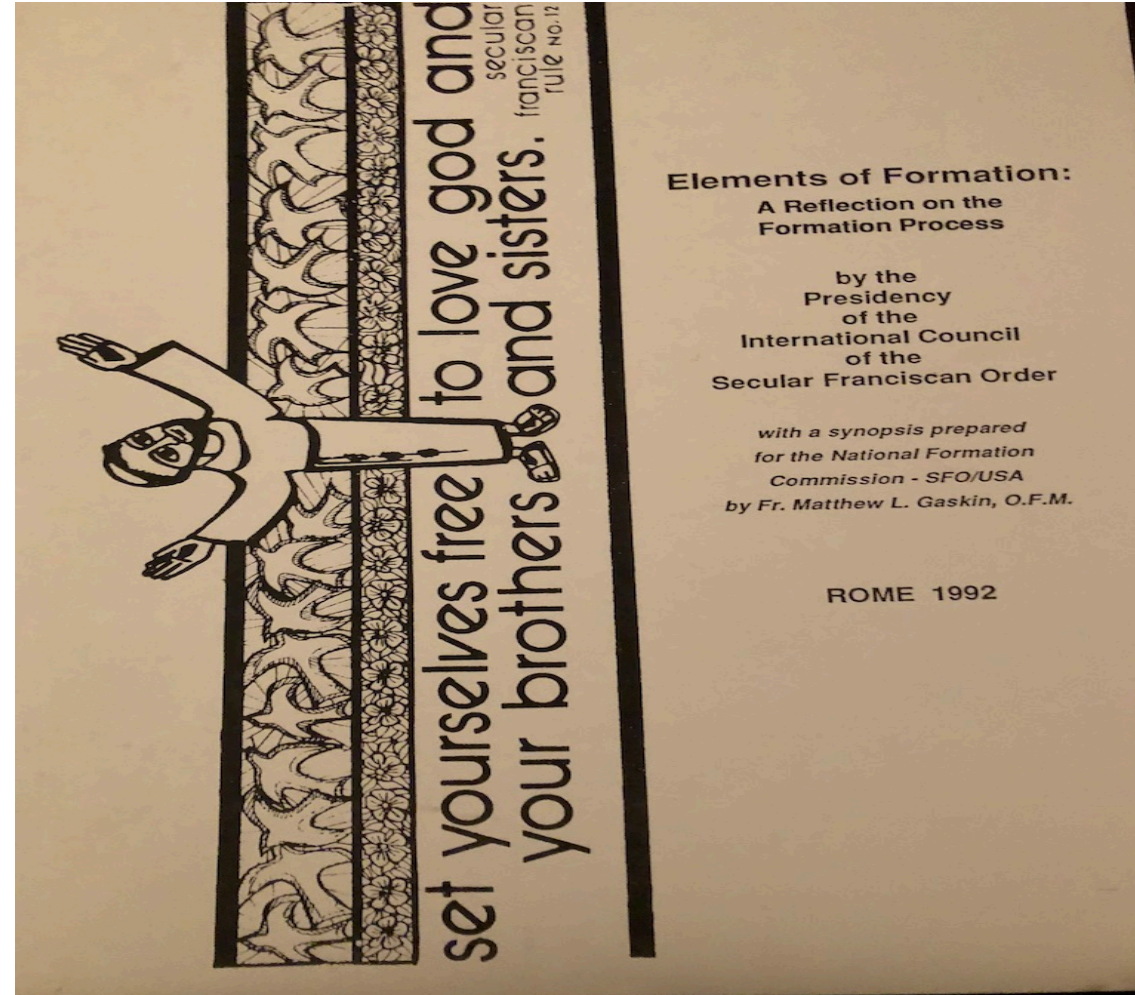
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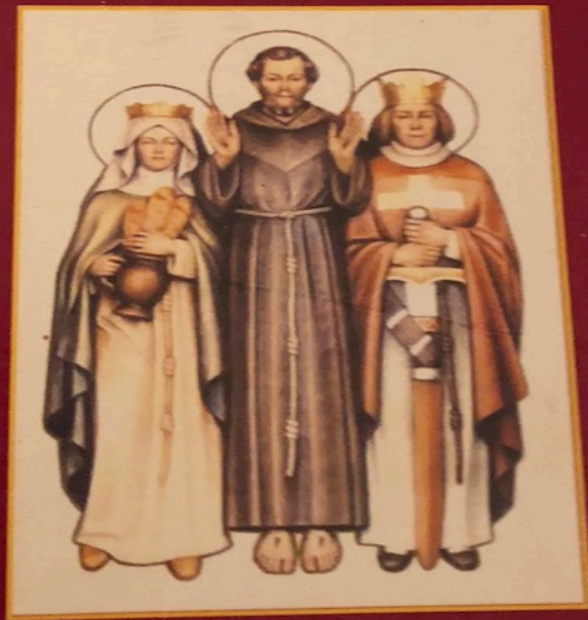
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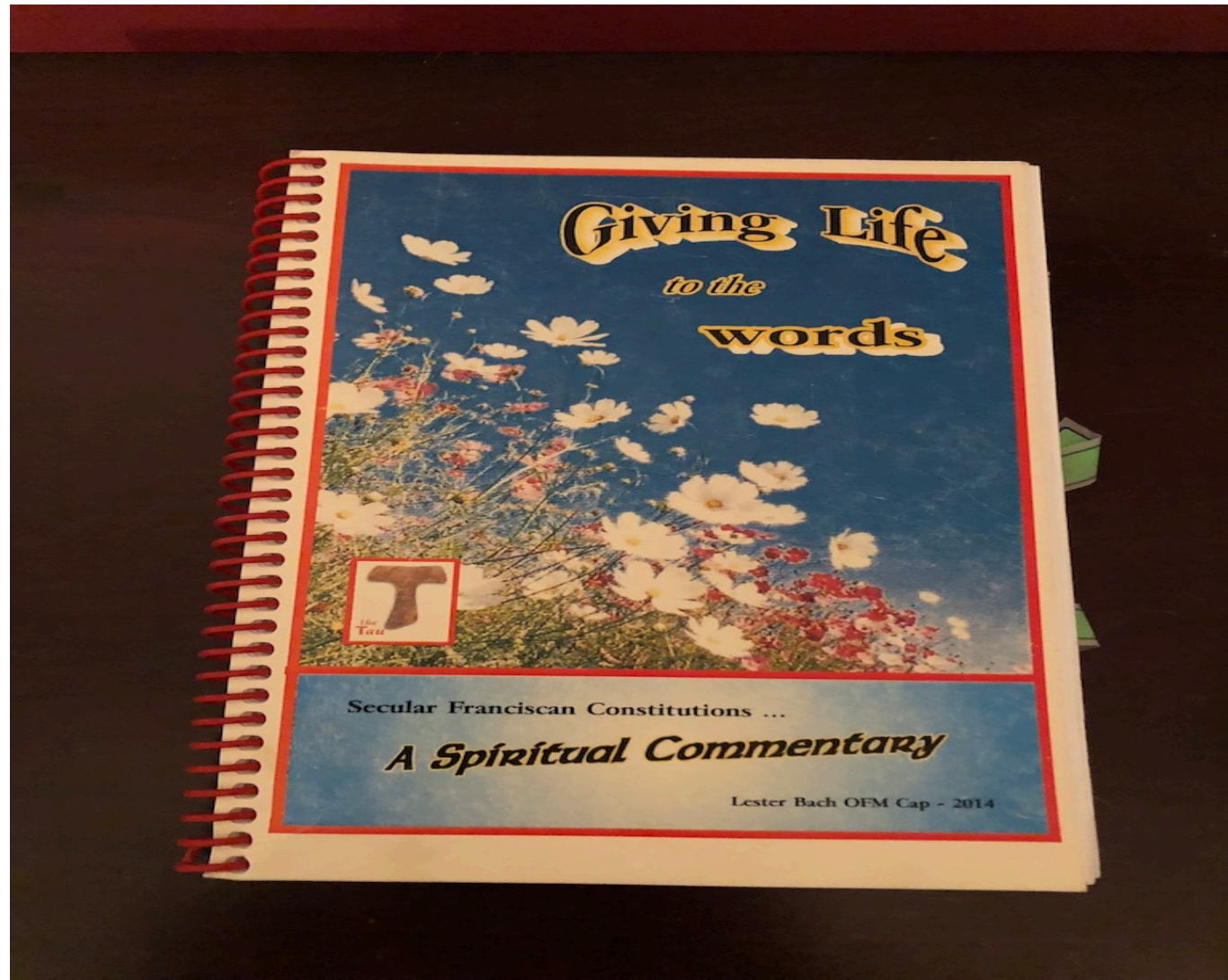


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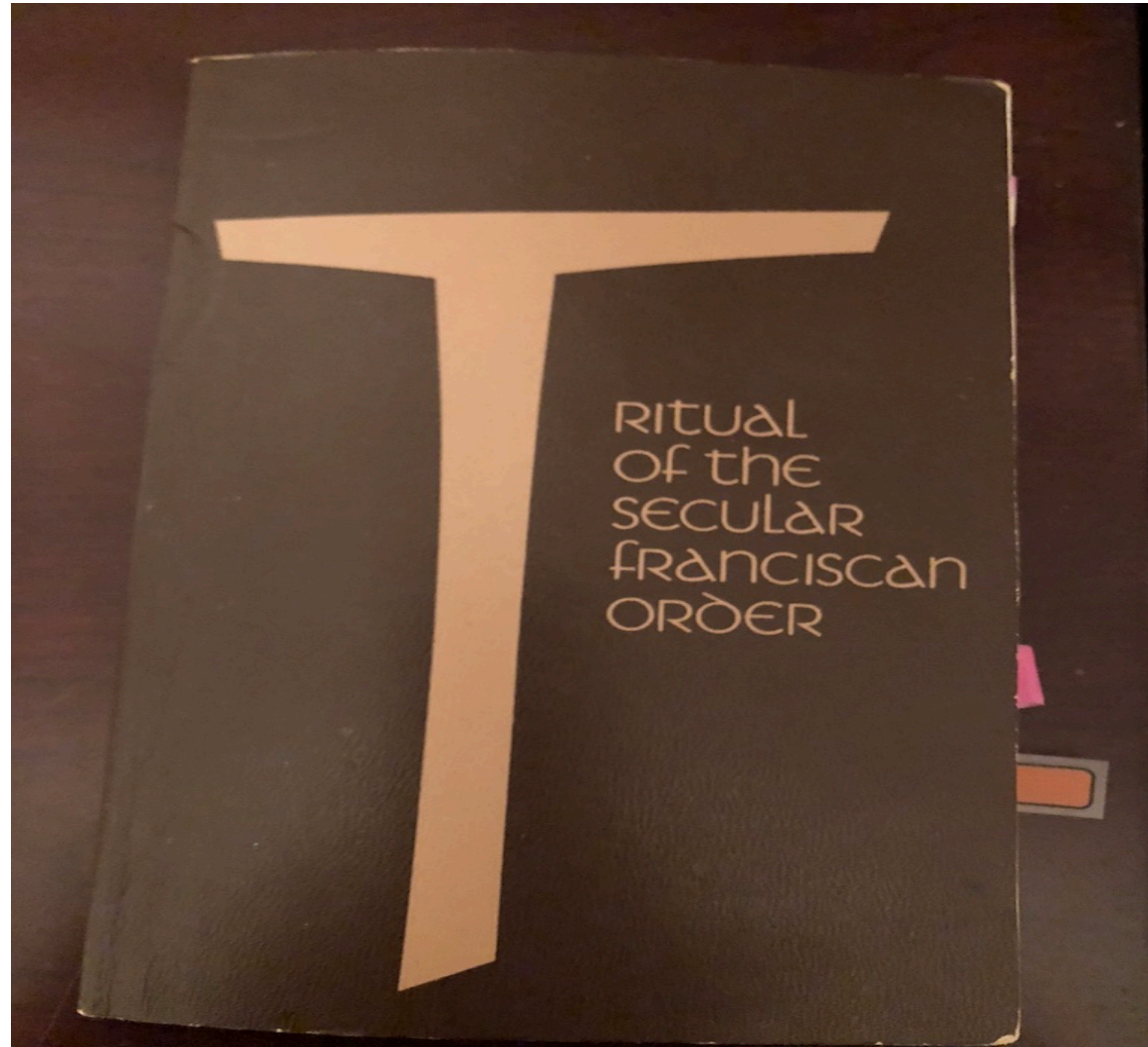


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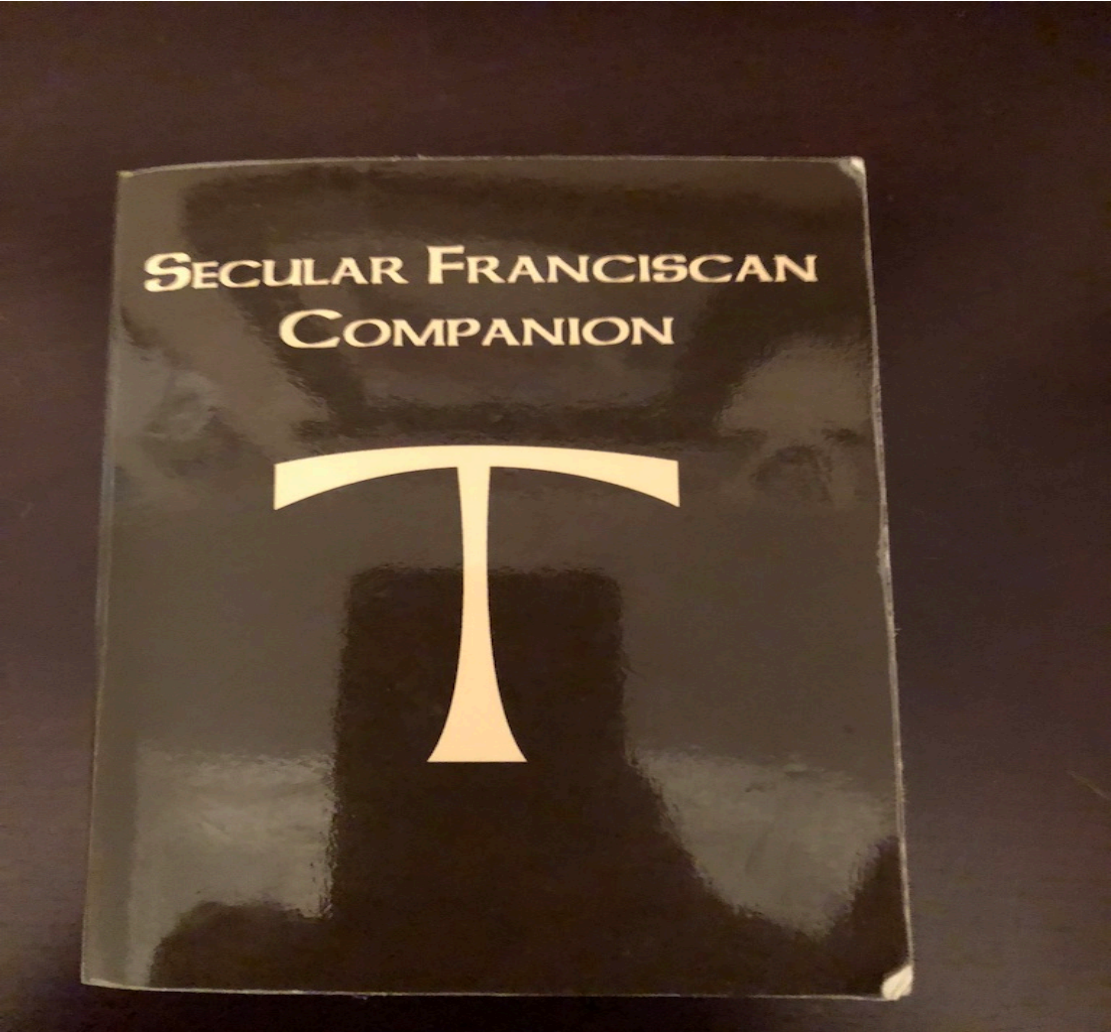
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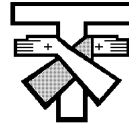
Secular Franciscan Companion



Come And See Packet From National

- *The Tool Kit to help us promote vocations to the Secular Franciscan Order is now available on the National Fraternity website at: <http://www.nafra-sfo.org/forms/>*
- *It includes an introductory document, prayer cards, Come and See session outline, customizable promotional brochure with amazing graphics, powerpoint presentation*
- *including taking points, testimonial questions, and more!*
- *Most of the documents are available in English, Spanish and Korean!*
- *How exciting to provide these “tools” for your use. Please forward on to others.*
- *The items in the Tool Kit are examples. Hopefully you will find the right tool or combination of tools*
- *to help you with any “job!”*
- *Feel free to customize for your situation.*

BSSF Formators Guidelines For Orientation and Initial Formation

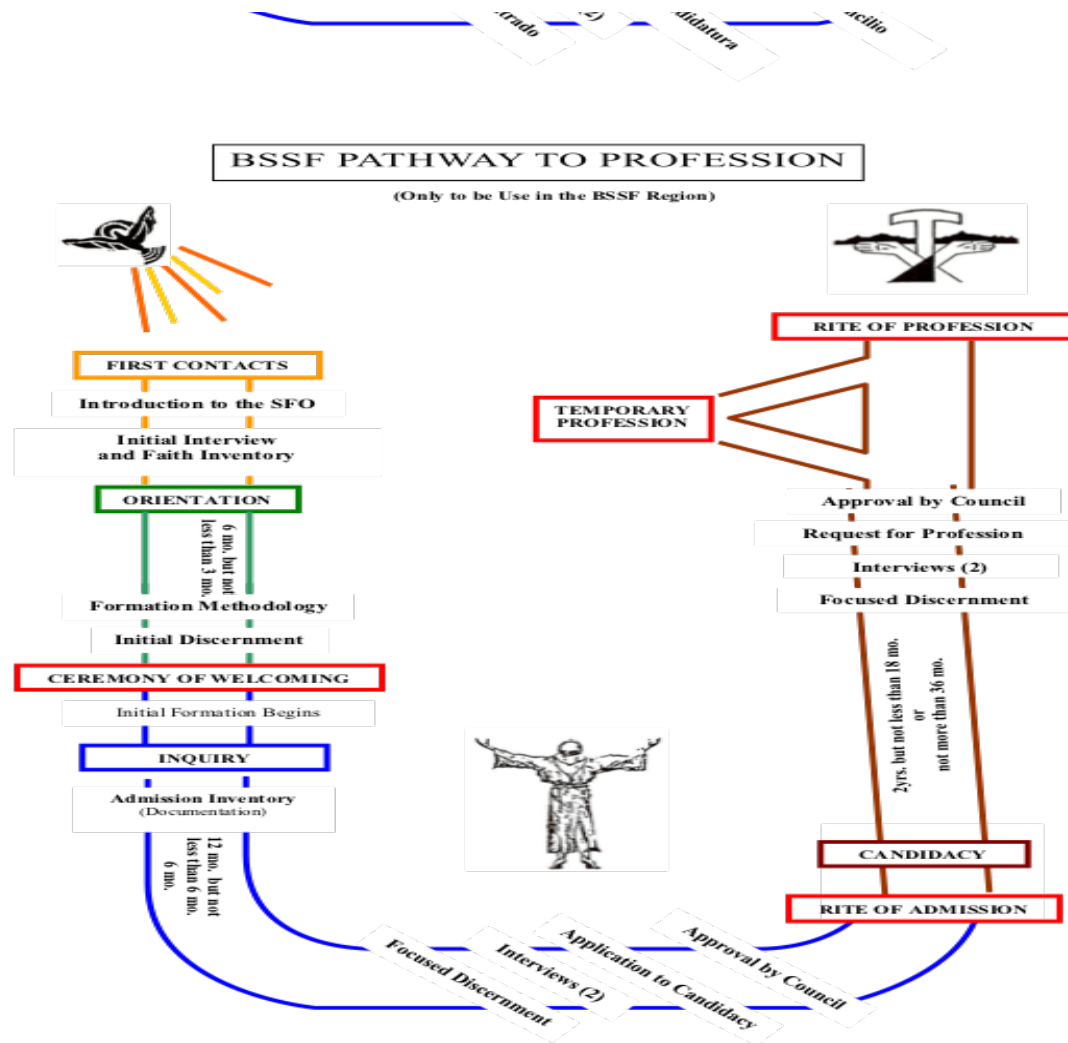


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**BSSF Regional FORMATORS' Guidelines
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BSSF Pathway to Profession



Come and See interview



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“COME AND SEE” VISITOR’S INITIAL INTERVIEW

This conversation is an opportunity to share who we are as Secular Franciscans and for the Visitor to share who they are . . . and what they are seeking.

Date: _____ Interviewer _____

VISITOR INFORMATION

Name: _____

Address [include zip code]:

Home phone number _____ cell number: _____

E-mail address, if applicable:

Single _____ Married: _____ Name of Spouse: _____

Widow/Widower: _____ Divorced: _____ Remarried _____

Names and ages of children, if applicable

Emergency Contact Person Information, if applicable

Name of parish:

Address of parish [include zip code]:

Name of Reference: Ideally, your pastor is your reference. Please make him part of your SFO journey - from the beginning.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

If you wish to learn more about the SFO and enter Orientation, you will be asked to provide us with copies of your Sacramental Certificates. All copies will be returned.

Baptism____ Eucharist____ Confirmation____ Matrimony____ Copy of Decree of nullity____, if you are divorced and remarried, and Holy Orders _____ (if diocesan priest or deacon)

Up to this time - within your parish community, in what service or ministries have you been involved (e.g. choir, sacristan, altar server, lectors)?

If you have participated in other faith formation organizations, classes, etc. (e.g. R.C.I.A., formal Bible study, “Why Catholic?”, other Third Orders), please tell me about those experiences.

What else would you like to share that would help us to understand what you are seeking?

SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER

What prompts you to inquire about Secular Franciscan Order [SFO]?

Have you any familiarity with the SFO? If so, what are your impressions?

Have you come to know any Secular Franciscans? If so, what are your impressions?

Our journey as SFO members introduces us to rich spiritual opportunities to cultivate a life of virtue. Do you currently have any ideas to what you would like to achieve spiritually?

How do you think the SFO might help you achieve these goals?

How willing and able are you to participate in the monthly formation process and monthly fraternity gatherings?

How supportive is your family of your decision to explore the possibility that you may have a calling to the SFO?

Should you decide to journey with us, you . . .

1. Will be asked to reflect upon your understanding of the Church and its teachings. These teachings, which form our belief system, were most fundamental and of paramount importance to St. Francis of Assisi. We Secular Franciscans are to mirror St. Francis by embracing the Church's teachings.
2. Will have opportunities to experience, interiorize, and integrate gospel values as we seek to go from gospel to life and life to gospel - as exemplified by Sts. Francis and Clare of Assisi.
3. Will be introduced and expected to become familiar with our Franciscan history and spirituality - especially St. Francis and St. Clare.
4. Will study the Rule and General Constitutions of the SFO.
5. Will experience different forms of Franciscan prayer.
6. Will come to deepen and understand our call to Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation.

You will also be introduced to and become familiar with The Four Pillars, which are the foundation on which our Secular Franciscan "way of life" is based. These pillars are **Spirituality, Formation, Fraternity, and Apostolate.**

What else would you like to ask about our formation process, our fraternity, our Order?

Four Pillars of BSSF Region

- SPIRITUALITY
- FORMATION
- FRATERNITY
- APOSTOLATE

THE SPONSOR AS AN AGENT OF SECULAR FRANCISCAN FORMATION

- WHAT ARE THE QUALIFICATIONS NECESSARY TO BE A SPONSOR?
- A love of your own Secular Franciscan vocation and a desire to share it
 - A willingness to be open to the Holy Spirit and to another
 - A desire to share God's goodness in your life with another
 - An openness to share your understanding and love of Saints Francis and Clare
 - A listening, discerning heart
 - A prayerful spirit
 - A sense of nurture for another's vocation
 - A lived experience of Sacred Scripture
 - A call to service
 - An appreciation of creation

Interview to Enter Into Candidacy

- REFLECTION QUESTIONS—
- PURPOSE—“Knowledge seeks to form.” Four Pillars
Before one can truly internalize and integrate the Franciscan Charism, it is important that the Inquirer has a basic understanding of our General Constitution, the SFO Rule, and the Four Pillars.
- SOURCES FOR REFLECTION QUESTIONS:
- THE RULE OF THE SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER
GENERAL CONSTITUTIONS OF THE SECULAR FRANCISCAN ORDER,
2000 THE FOUR PILLARS

Pre Profession Retreat

- Pre Profession Retreat is done once Person enters into Candidacy
- This can be done with formation team members and/or formation director with Candidates.
- The following are examples of documents you may use
- Produced by Audrey Binet, OFS and Janet Hulsholf, OFS and from The FUN Manual

This can be done anytime before person is interviewed for Profession

A Heart Ready to Profess

- PART 1

Our Vocation Calls Us to A Love Relationship with Our Lord

Part II

Let us Look Briefly at Article 2 in Our Rule

Part III

Guided Meditation on the Rite of Profession

Excellent Article

- **Profession on the SFO: Gift and Commitment**
- By Br. Felice Cangelosi, OFM Cap.

Excellent YouTube Video

- [Significance and Power of Profession Part 1](#)
- [Significance and Power of Profession Part 2 -](#)
- Presented By Fr. Richard Trezza, OFM

REFLECTION QUESTIONS – Candidacy Phase

- Purpose—“Practice of knowledge more deeply roots the elements that transform.” Four Pillars Candidacy is a time to internalize and integrate the Four Pillars into ones life.
- These questions give the Candidate and the council the opportunity to reflect upon h/her readiness to profess our Rule.

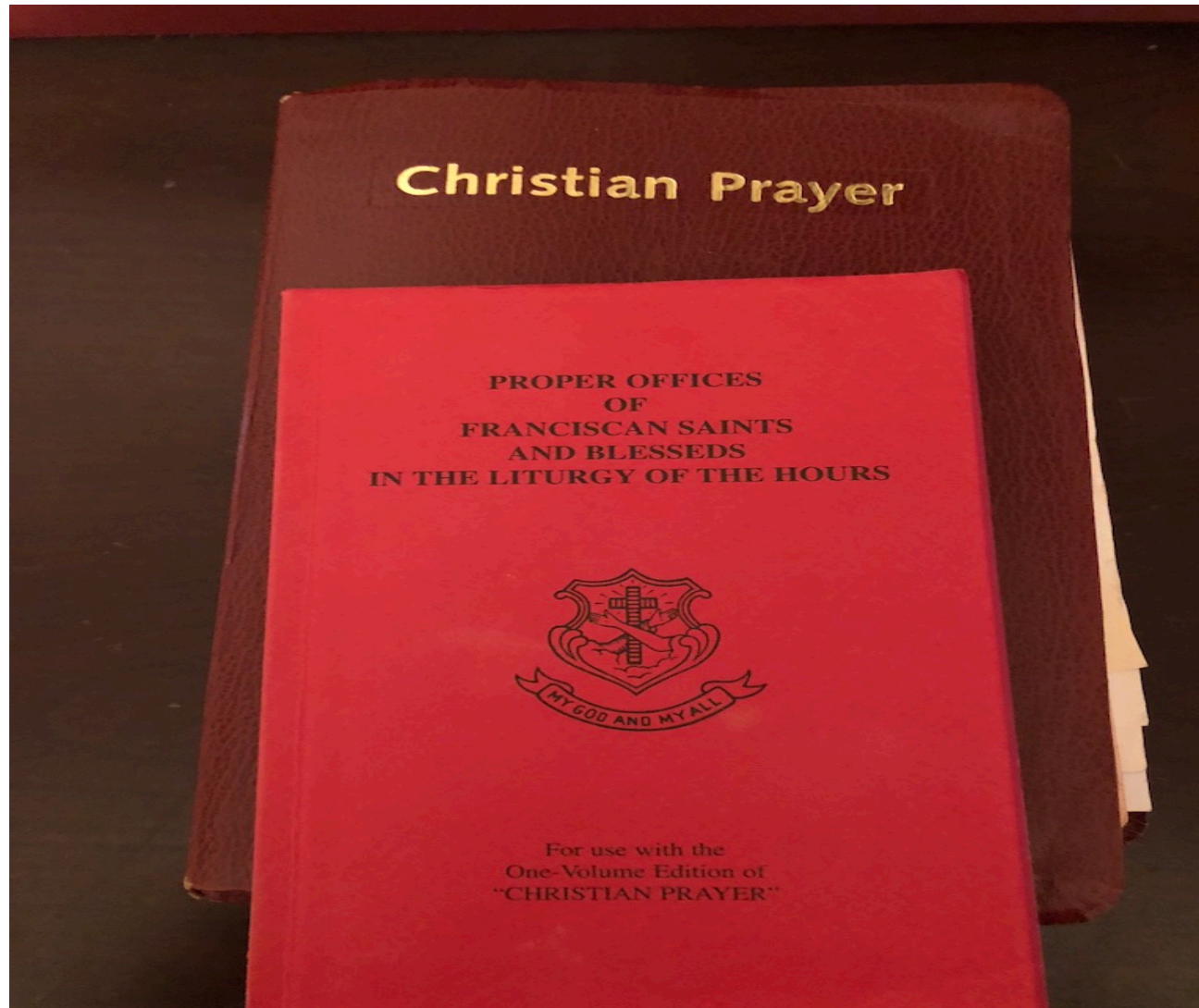
- **ROLE OF SPIRITUAL ASSISTANT IN FORMATION**

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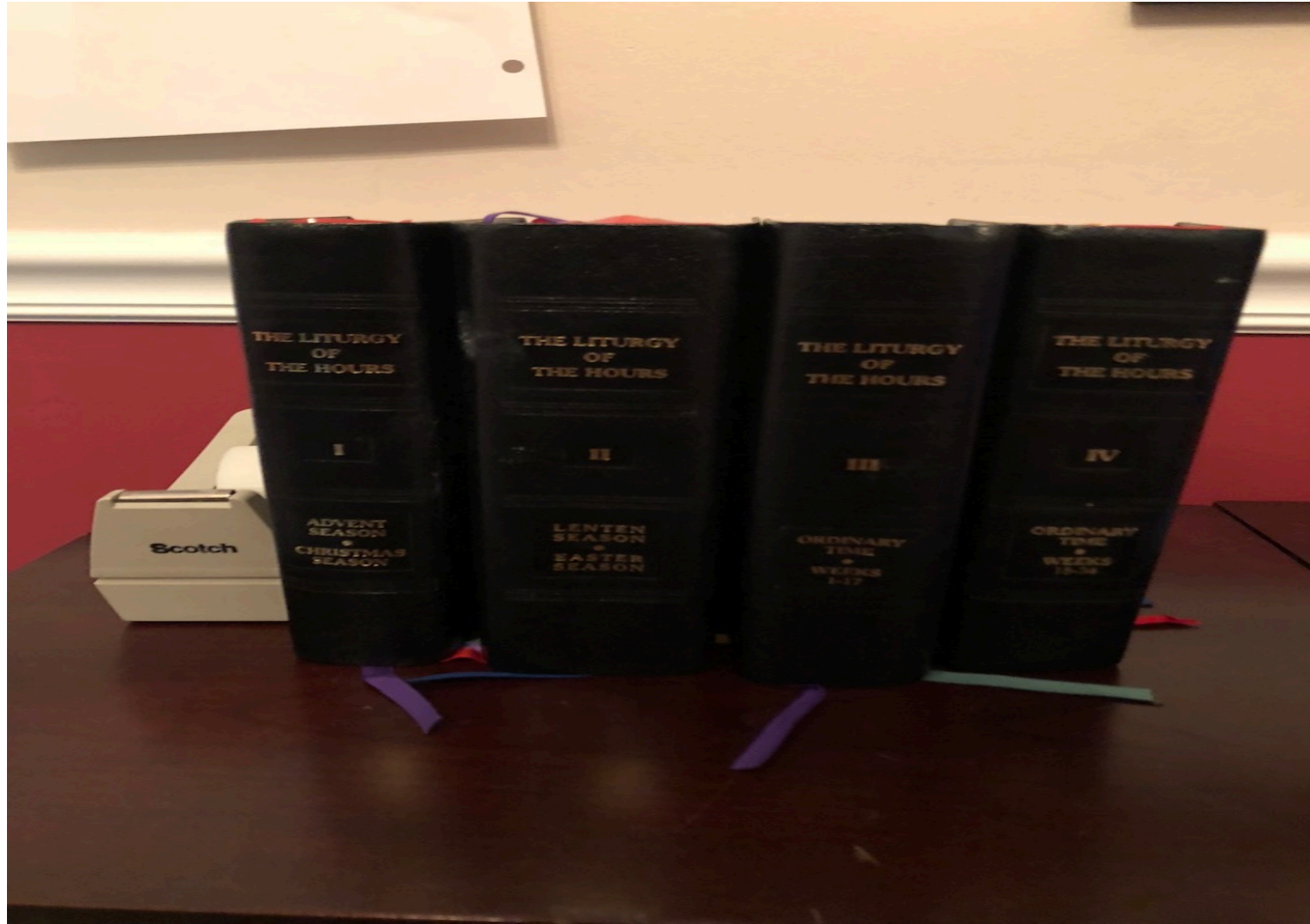
- Presider:
 - +God, come to my assistance
(All: Sign of the cross)
 - Community: Lord, make haste to help me.
 - Presider: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
 - Community: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.
 - Amen.
Alleluia. (Omit during Lent)
- HYMN
 - Introduces the Hymn.
- PSALMODY (All Sit)
Recites Antiphon and introduces the Psalm or Canticle by praying the first line.
- Continues praying the Psalm or Canticle by alternating strophes between side one and side two.
- Concludes (unless otherwise indicated) Psalm or Canticle by alternating lines: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- Recites Psalm-prayer after the Psalm.
Repeats Antiphon after Psalm-prayer or Canticle.
- READING (Reader Stands)
Proclaims the Word of God after introducing the scripture with: A reading from... Pause for silent reflection on the Scripture Reading.

- RESPONSORY
- Reader: Recites verse one, verse two and Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit (o
- Community: Responds at the red line after verse one, verse two and the Glory to the Father... GOSPEL CANTICLE (All Stand)
- Antiphonarian: Community: Community:
- Community:
- Presider: Community: Presider: Community: Presider:
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- +Recites Antiphon and the first line of the Canticle. (All: Sign of the Cross)
- Continues praying the Canticle by alternating strophes between side one and side two.
- Concludes the Gospel Canticle by alternating lines:
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.
- Repeats Antiphon.
- INTERCESSIONS
- Introduces the intercession.
Responds with the italicized response.
- Continues with the intercessions. Responds at the red lines.
- Invites intentions.
Since the Prayer is of the whole Church and for the whole Church,
- universal intentions should take precedence. Personal intentions follow.
- Responds to each of these intentions with the italicized response.
- OUR FATHER
Introduces the Lord's Prayer.
- Continues the Lord's Prayer in unison.
- CONCLUSION
- Prays the Concluding Prayer. Responds with Amen.
- DISMISSAL
- (All: Sign of the Cross)
+If a priest or deacon is presiding, he dismisses the community with a blessing.
- Or the hour concludes with:
+May the Lord bless us, protect us from all evil and bring us to life everlasting. Amen.

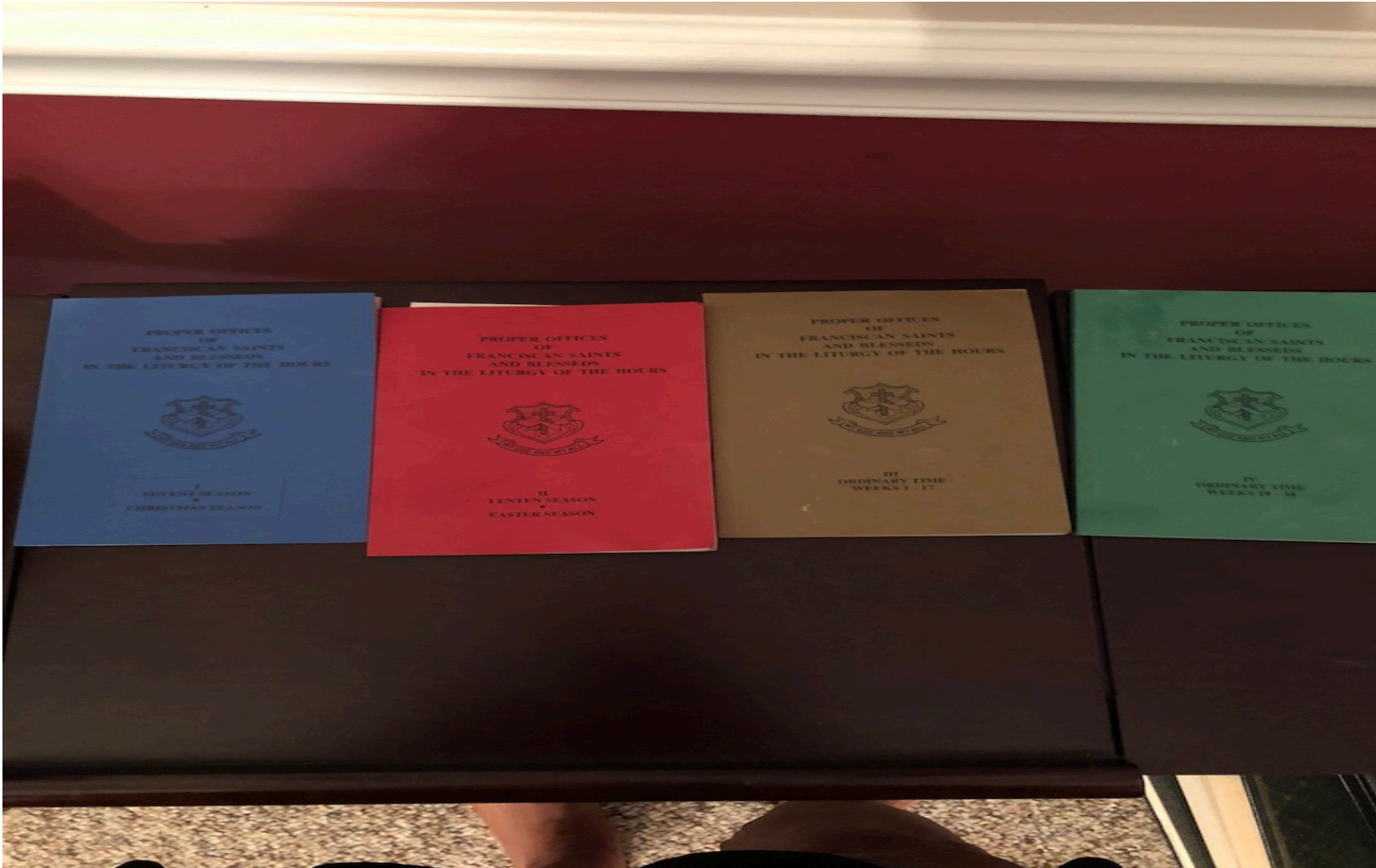
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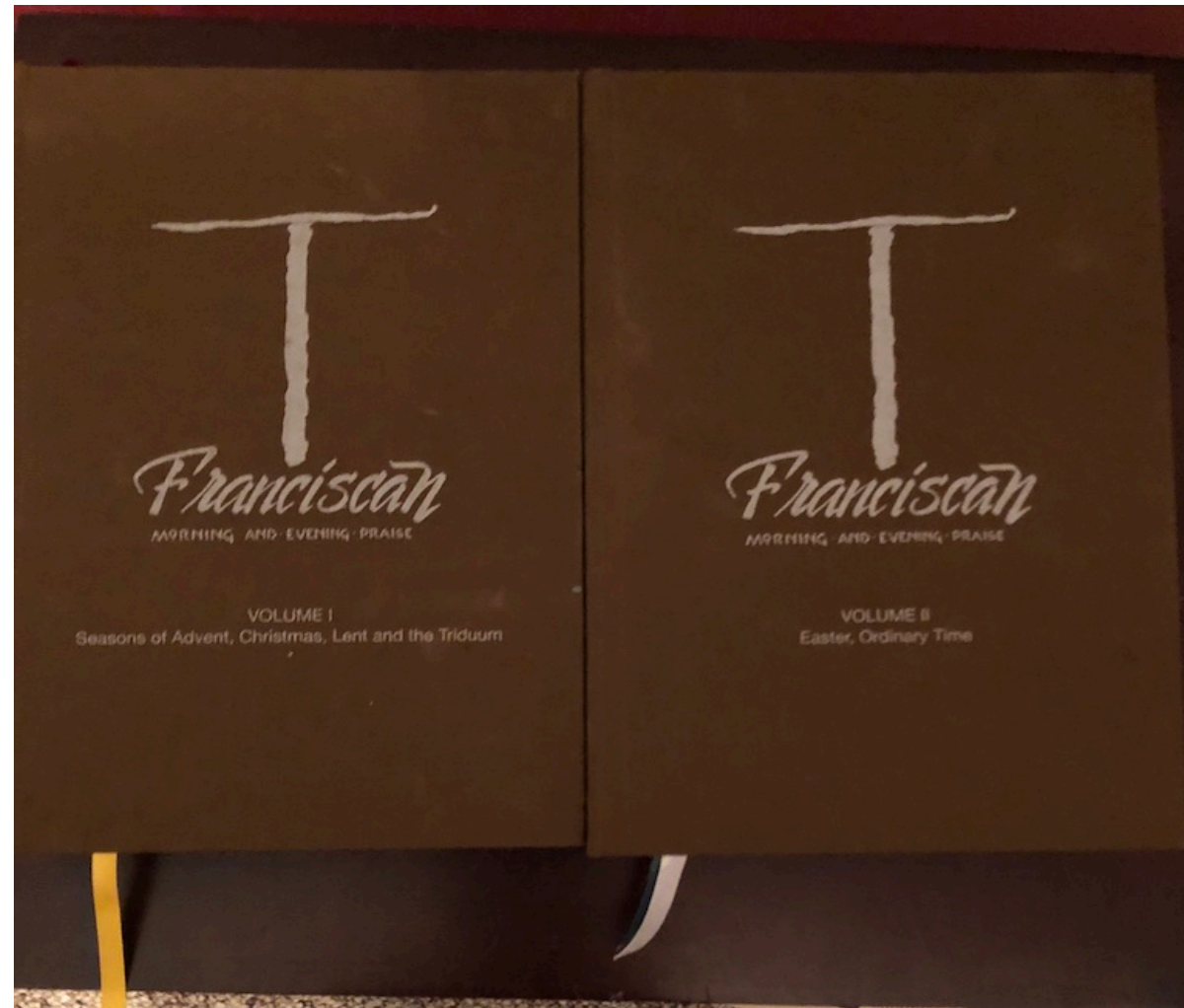
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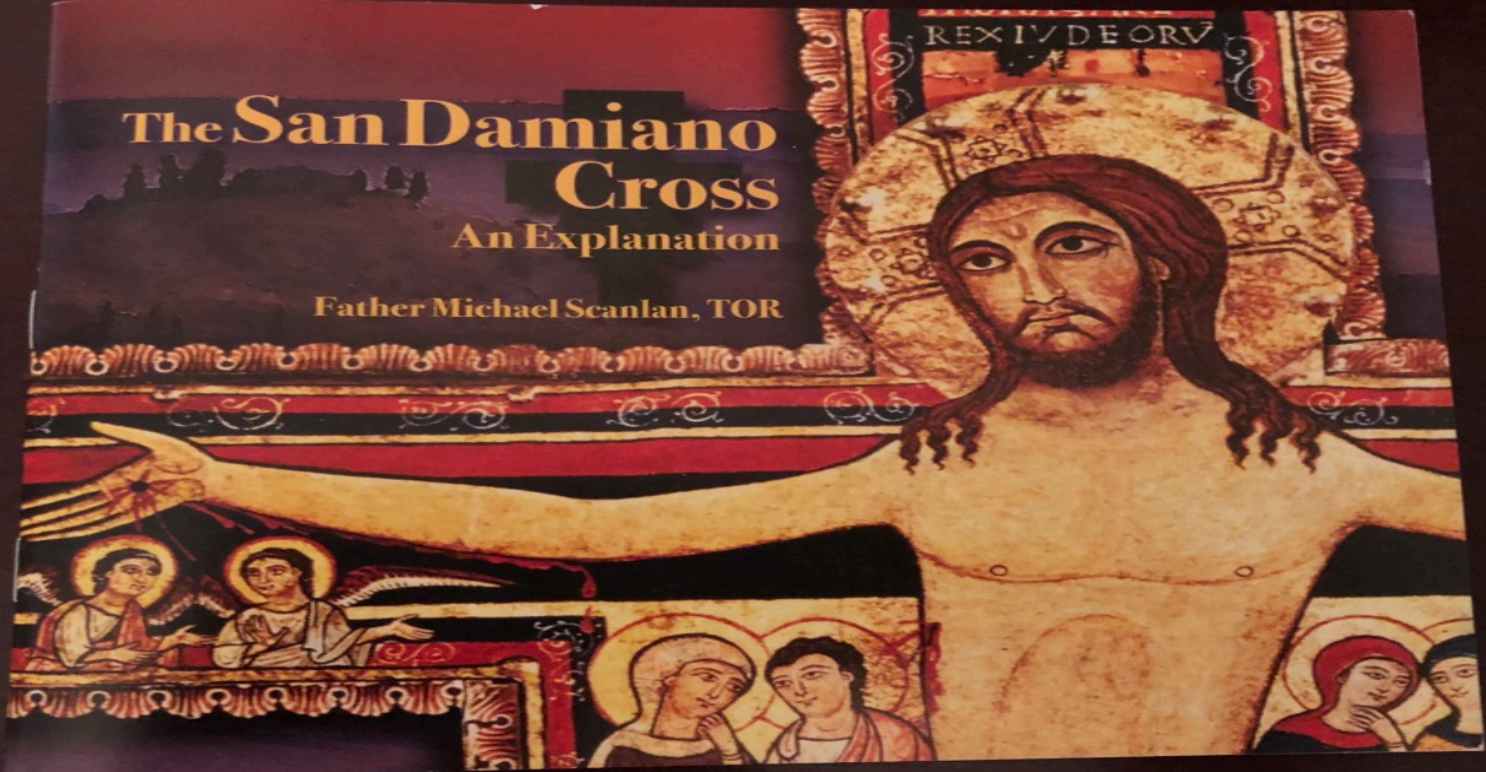
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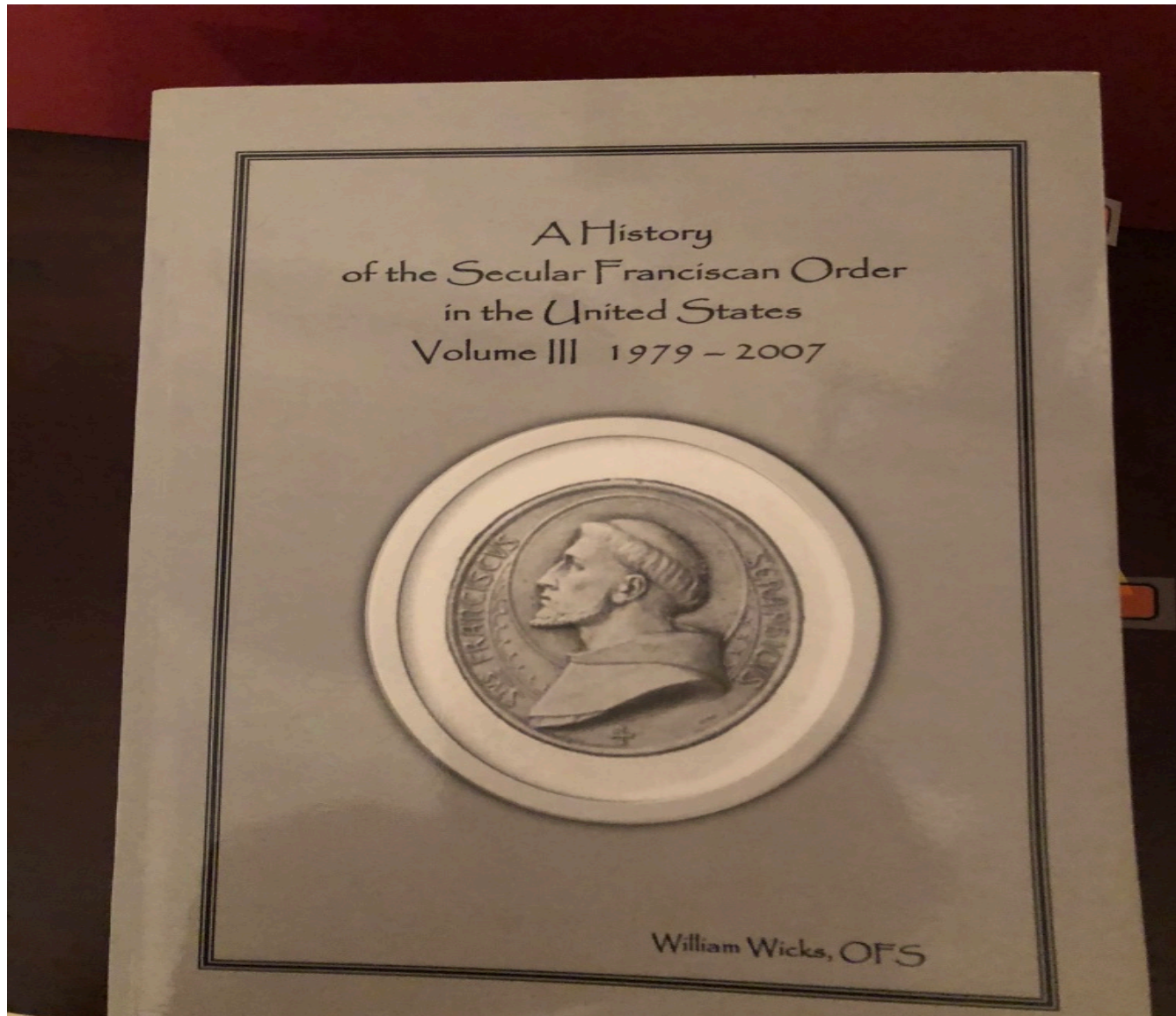
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The Saints:
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Early Female Tertiaries -
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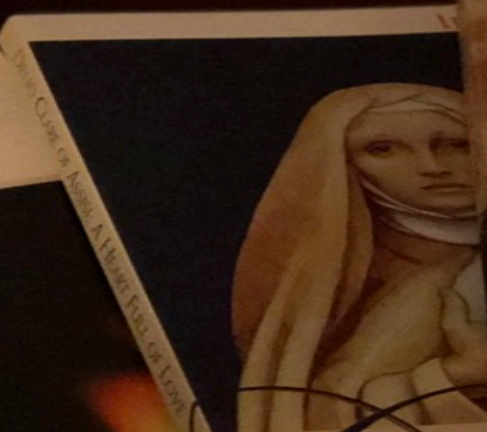
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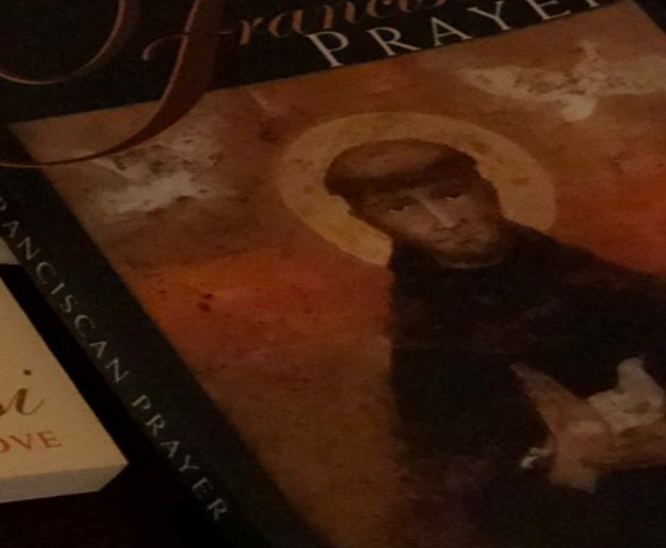


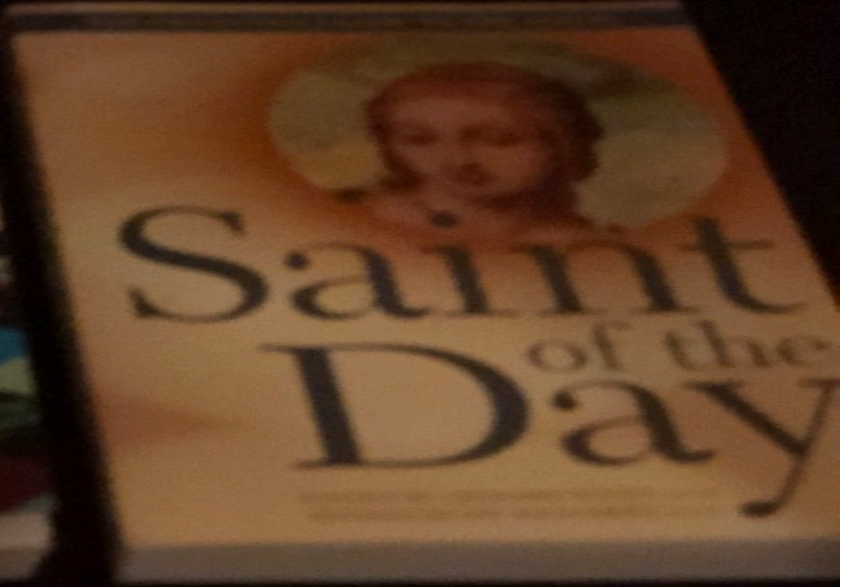
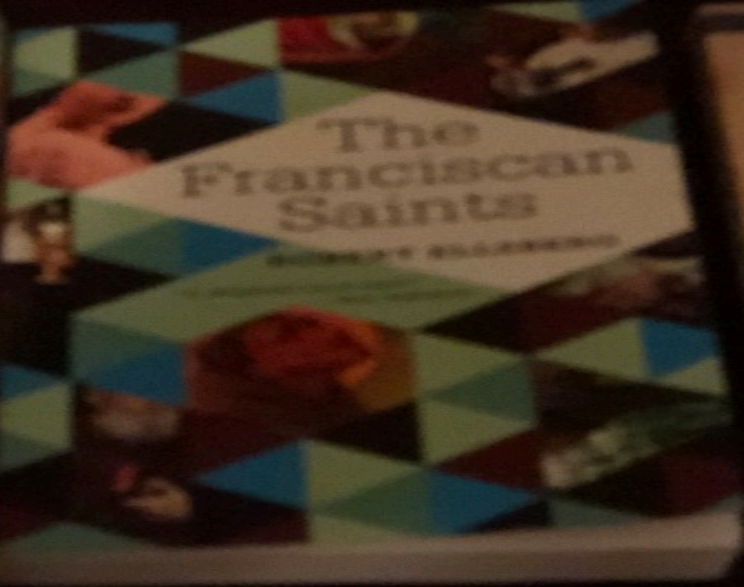
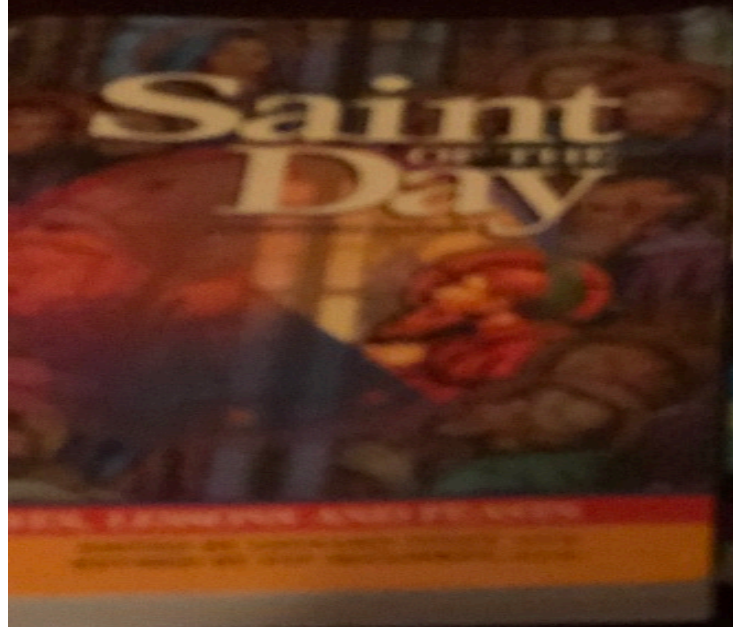
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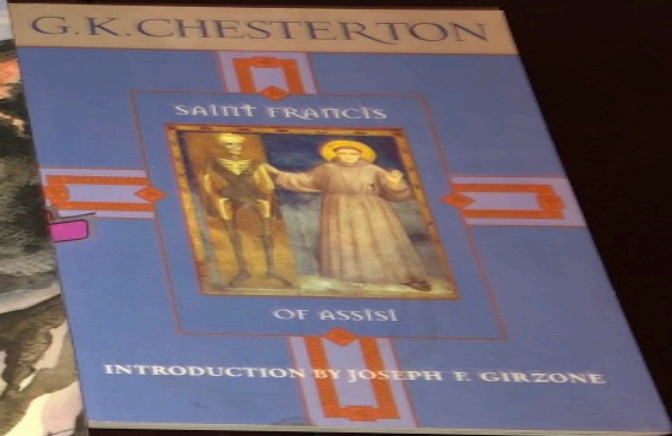
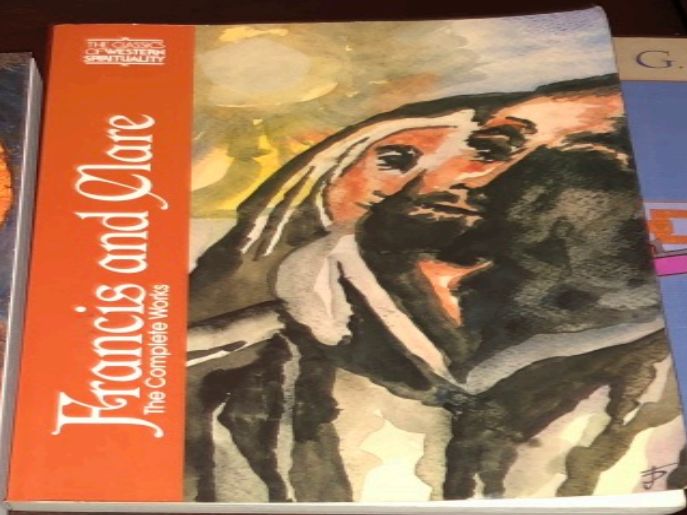
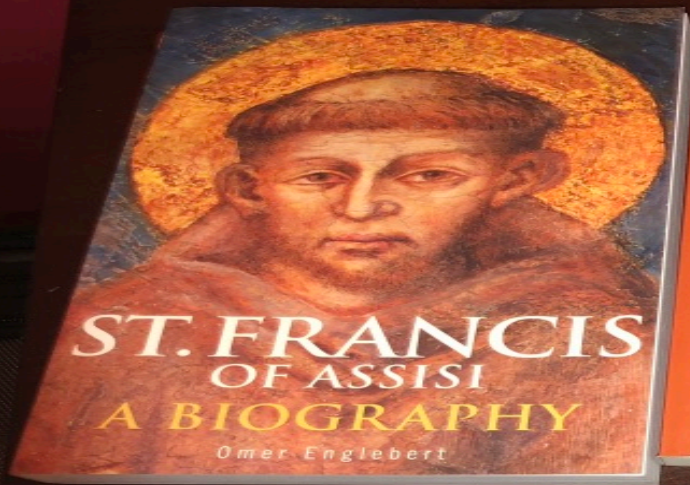
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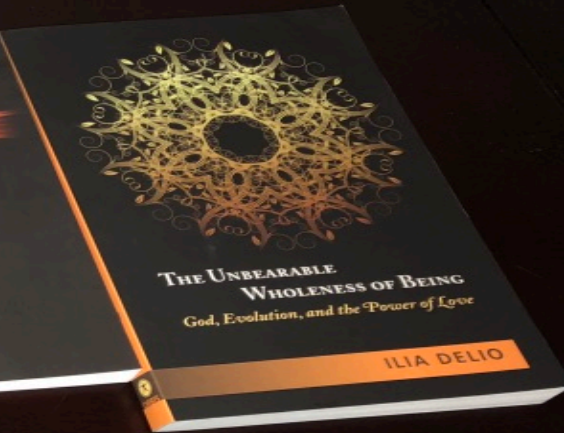
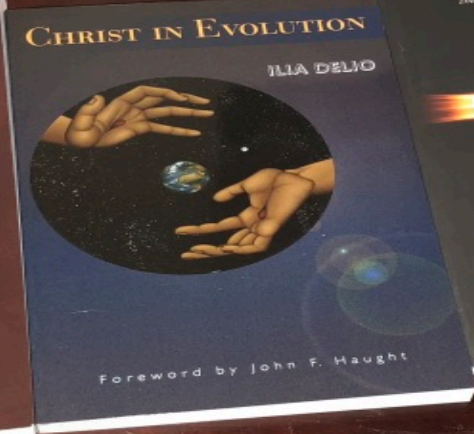
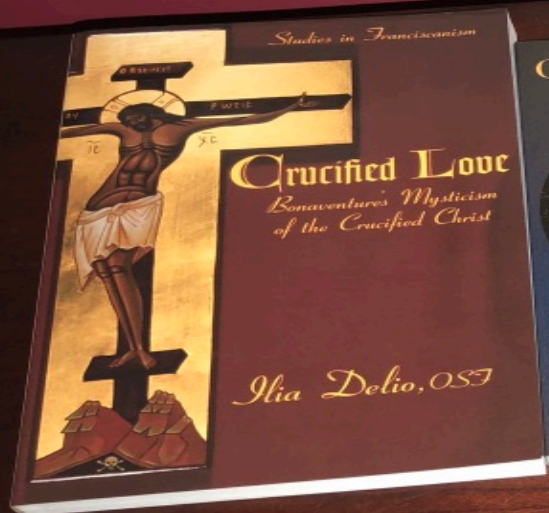
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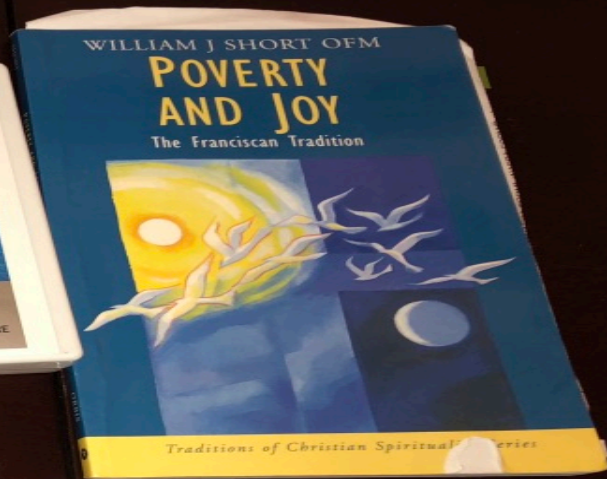
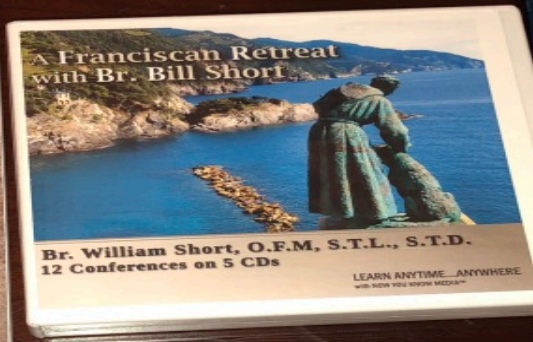
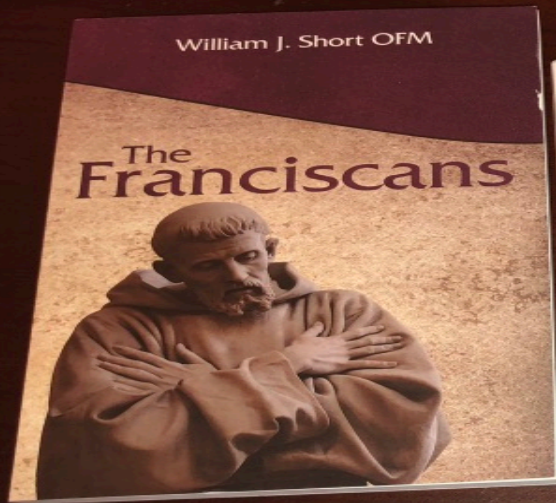
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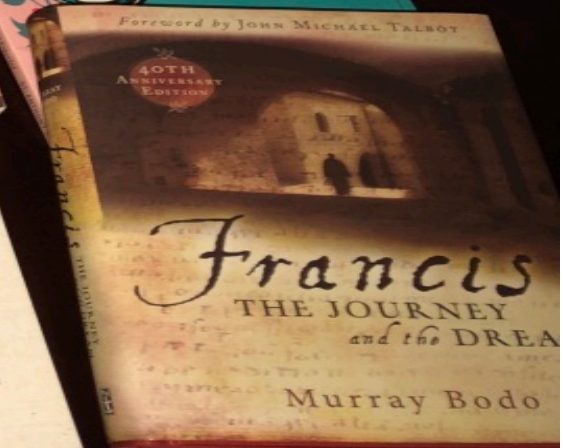
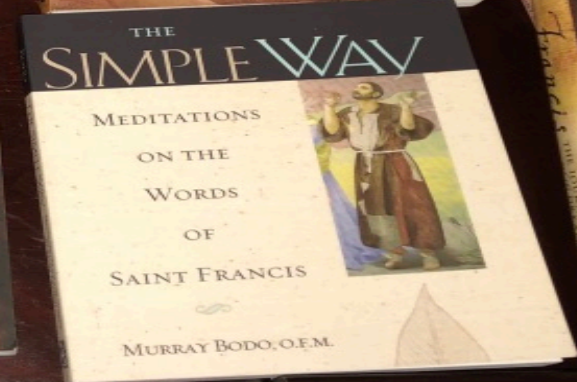
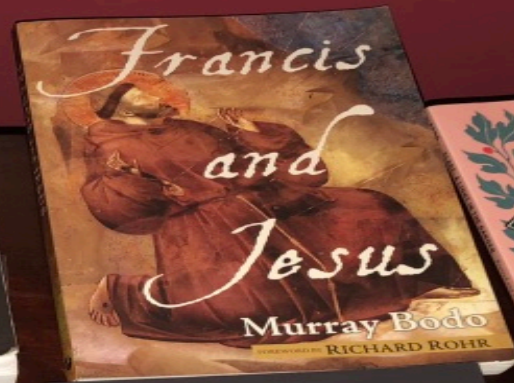
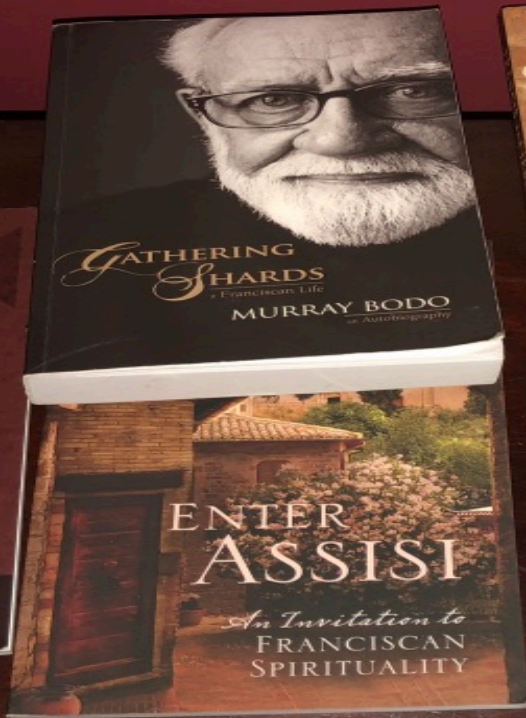
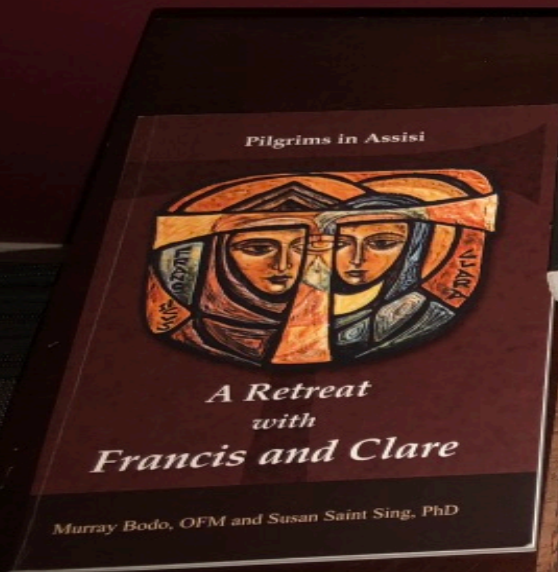
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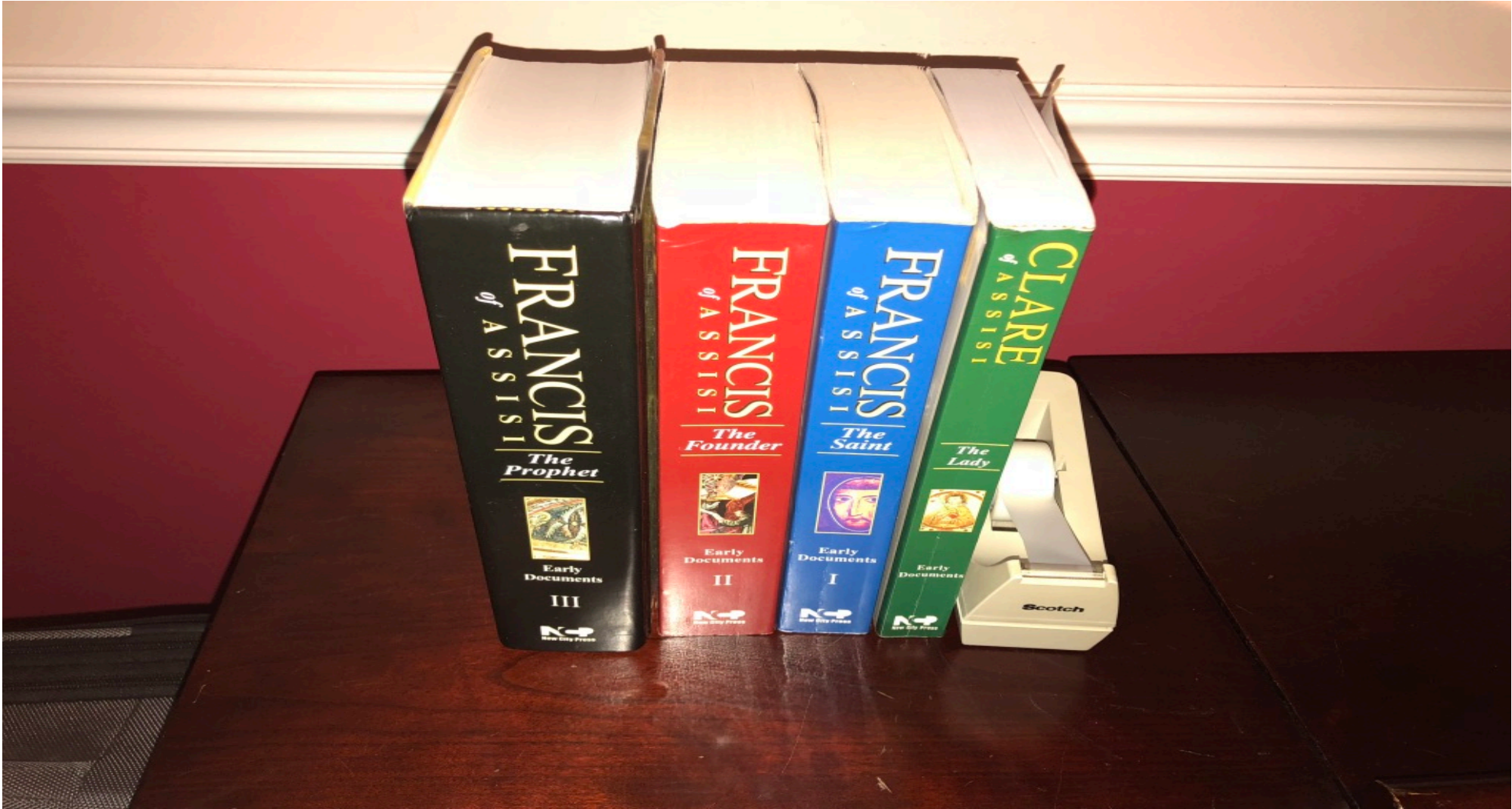
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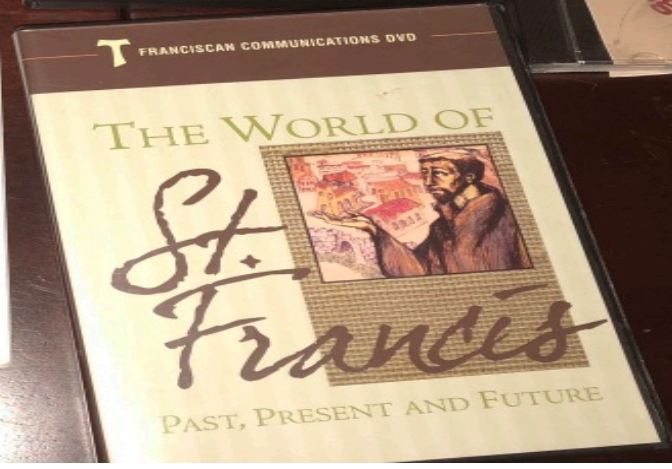
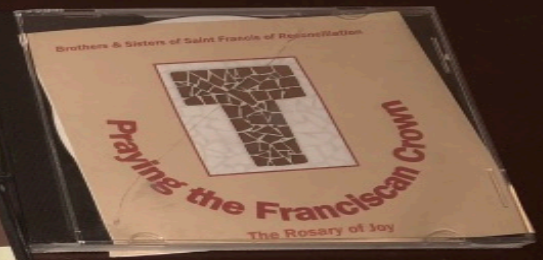
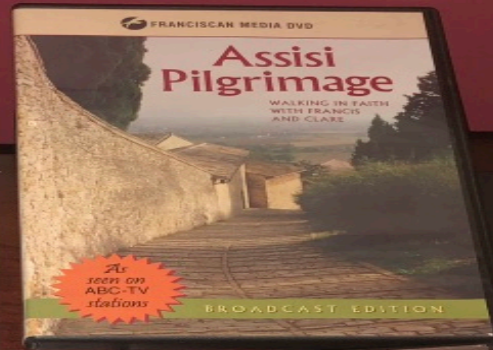


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AMEN

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