## **Application to Candidacy**

- "An application to Candidacy is made by the Inquirer to the Minister of the local fraternity by a formal act of writing if possible.
- The Candidate should be encouraged to write their thoughts about the Secular Franciscan way of life and the possibility of a commitment to this way of life. This need not be long but should be a good evaluation of how you feel called.
- Along with a personal written reflection, there is wisdom in asking the Candidate to sign an
  official request with the following information:
  - o I have come to see in the Secular Franciscan Order a way of life that appeals to me.
  - I would like to continue studying this way and learn more about it.
  - Therefore, I request to be received as a candidate, to experience this way of life more intensely, and prepare for a future life committed in the SFO.
  - I understand that my request for admission is subject to the approval of the Fraternity Council.
  - o I realize that I may withdraw at any time prior to Profession."

-National Formation Commission