

Let us serve like Jesus - Let us Journey together

**Affiliates**

1. Affiliates may be welcomed by the Local Fraternity, so as to make their communion living and effective.
2. Individuals wishing to become affiliates should make their desire known by a written request to the Local Fraternity Council, which makes a decision regarding the request.
3. They should be entered in the rolls of the local fraternity as well as the National Database.
4. A recognition ceremony is permitted as long as it cannot be confused with any ceremonies proper to members of the Order.
5. These affiliate brothers and sisters will have no juridical bond with the Secular Franciscan Order and are, therefore, persons welcomed to love and be loved “as a gift of the Lord and an image of Christ” (Rule Art. 13).
6. They may share the experiences and activities of the fraternity, without the right to vote.
7. In order that the identity of the fraternity not be altered, the number of affiliates may not exceed 40% of the number of active professed members of a fraternity (NS art. 18.13.c).