Sewardship: Sharing the Gifts We Have Been Given

**Duties of the Local Fraternity Teacher of Formation**

**OFS General Constitutions:**

**Article 50**

1. It is the **duty of the Council of the local Fraternity**: - to promote the initiatives necessary for fostering fraternal life, for improving the human, Christian, and Franciscan formation of its members and for sustaining them in their witness and commitment in the world; - to make concrete and courageous choices, appropriate for the situation of the Fraternity, from among the numerous activities possible in the field of the apostolate.

2. The duties of the Council are also:

a) to decide on the acceptance and admission to Profession of new brothers and sisters33;

b) to establish a fraternal dialogue with members in particular difficulties and to adopt subsequent measures;

c) to receive the request for withdrawal and to decide on the suspension of a member from the Fraternity;

 d) to decide on the establishment of sections or groups in conformity with the Constitutions and the Statutes;

e) to decide on the use of available funds and, in general, to deliberate on matters concerning financial management and economic affairs of the Fraternity;

f) to assign duties to the Councillors and to the other professed members;

g) to request from the competent Superiors of the First Order and the TOR suitable and prepared religious as Assistants;

h) to perform such other duties as are required by these Constitutions or which are necessary to carry out its proper purposes.

**Article 52.3: Teacher of Formation/Formation Director**

 The Teacher of Formation has the following duties:

a) to co-ordinate, with the help of the other members of the Council, the Formation activities of the fraternity;

b) to instruct and animate the aspiring members during the time of initiation (before admission), the candidate(s) during the period of initial formation, and the newly professed;

c) to inform the Council of the Fraternity prior to Profession, concerning the suitability of the candidate(s) for a commitment to live according to the Rule.