Sewardship: Sharing the Gifts We Have Been Given

**Local Fraternity Treasurer**

**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 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.

**OFS General Constitutions Article 52.4: Local Fraternity Treasurer**

The Treasurer has the following duties:

a) to guard diligently the contributions received, recording each receipt in the appropriate register, with the date on which it was given, the name of the contributor, or the person who collected it.

b) to record in the same register the items of expense, specifying the date and the purpose, in conformity with the directions of the Fraternity Council;

c) to render an account of his or her administration to the Assembly and to the Council of the Fraternity according to the norms of the National Statutes.