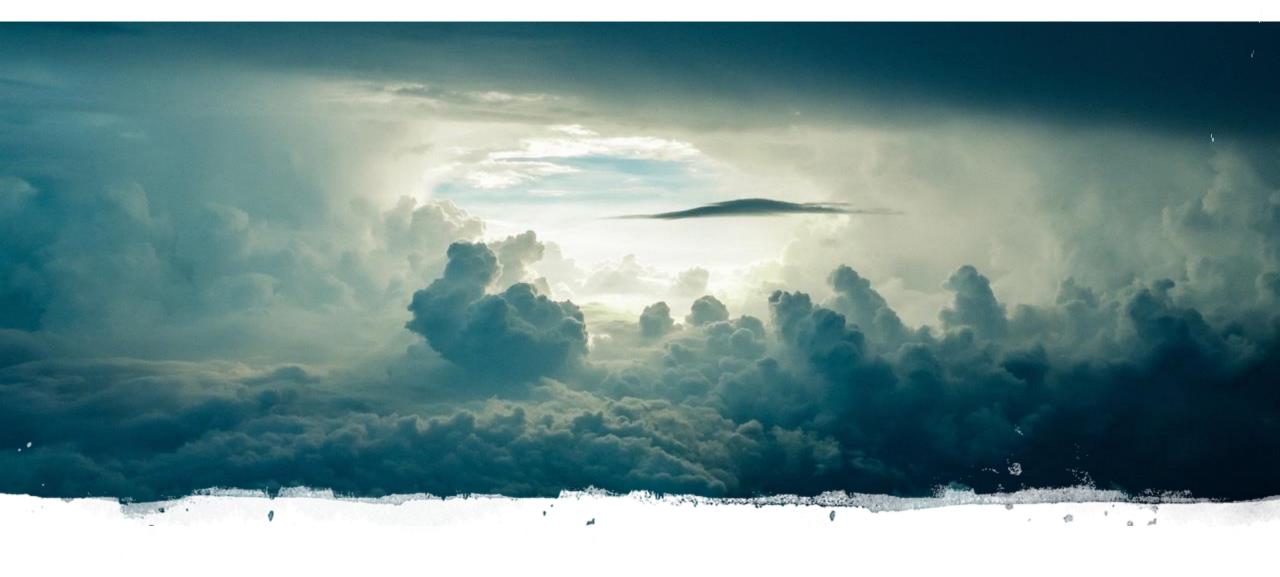


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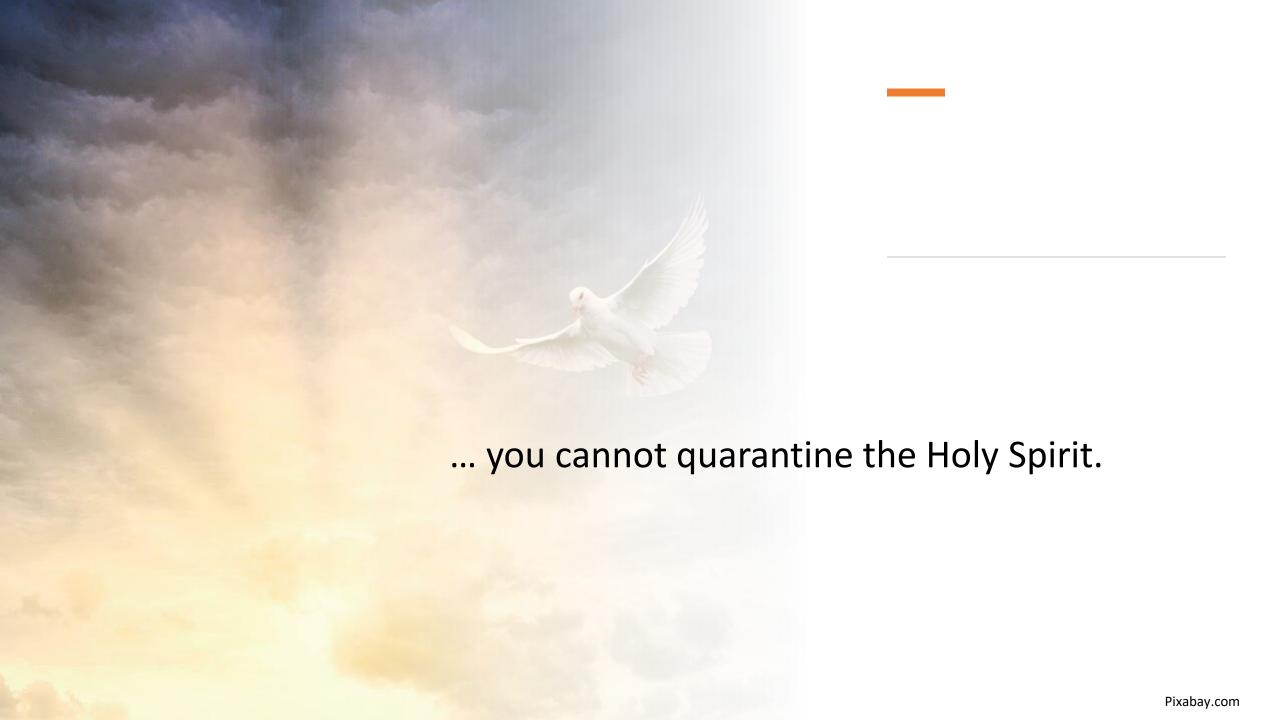
State of the Order

October 2020

First Virtual National Chapter



Contrast...



We affirm hope
and joy
in living,
and prepare
for a better future

General Constitutions 26.1





Our History Forms a Trajectory

- 1968 -1978 The development of the Pauline Rule
- 1972 The Santa Clara Statement
- 2000 The Constitutions
- 2002 2008 CIOFS "For the Formators"



Our History Forms a Trajectory

- 2012 Q Be the Bridge
- 2014 National Retreat Signs of the Times
- 2014 CIOFS Management of the Order
- 2016 Q Revive
- 2017 CIOFS Management of the Order



Our History Forms a Trajectory

- 2017 Youth Visioning
- 2018 Formation Visioning
- 2019 Life Giving Union Event
- 2019 JPIC Visioning

We are on a course of renewal





"A new spirit was placed in the hearts of the elect and a holy anointing has been poured out in their midst..."

(1 Celano 89)

Formation





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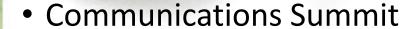
Franciscan Youth and Young Adults (FY/YA



Committees



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New Communication Platform

Database

Istockphoto.com

OFS USA Ritual Copyright

New publishing house

Wider embrace of cultures,
 more support for translations

Update National Statutes

Spiritual Assistant Handbook

Franciscan Family Forum

National Guidelines Project

List of projects

How can we continue to move where God is leading us?





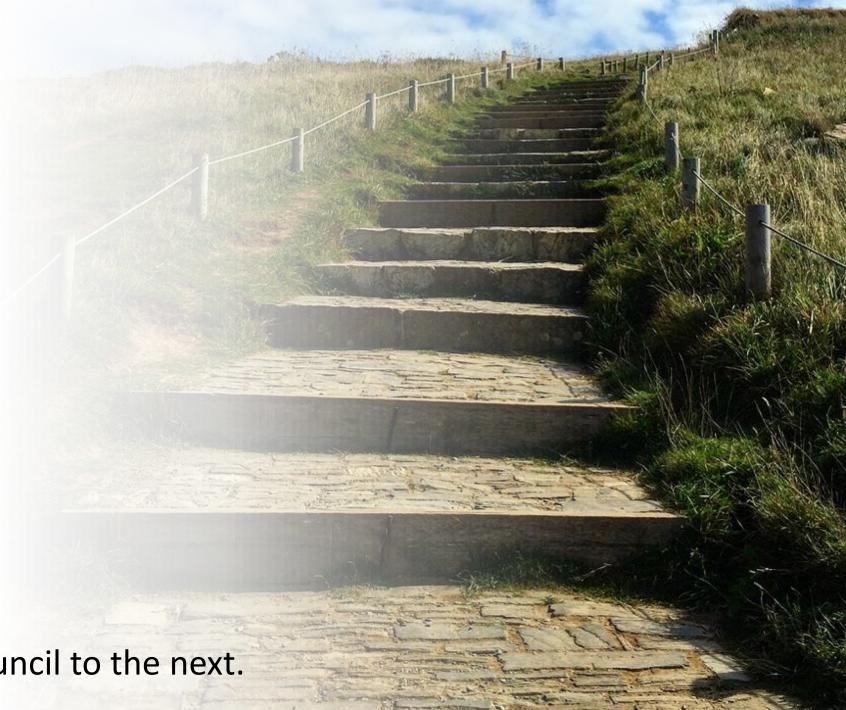
"Animate and Guide with Servant Leadership"

Instrumentum Laboris
2021 General Chapter

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Challenges

- Communication
- Legislation
- Finances
- Leadership in YouFra
- Large geographic areas
- Personality conflicts
- Lack of capable persons
- Continuity from one council to the next.



Highlights

- What does it mean to animate and guide? What does "being responsible" mean?
- Leaders must encourage the principal of co-responsibility
- What is explicit and expected for Ministers and Councilors must also **be the norm** for all the brothers and sisters who "must show their love for the Fraternity with their spirit of service..." GGCC Art. 32.1



Highlights

- The Minister exercises this model of leadership collegially
- Leaders must listen to God, to the church, to their members and the General Constitutions, as well as the signs of the times
- Servant leadership requires prophetic creativity
- We need an active collaboration with each doing their part



Highlights

Servant
leadership
requires
"prophetic
creativity"



Questions

- How do our national councils address servant leadership?
- How do we form servant leaders?
- What are the fundamental points by which we evaluate the servants of a council?
- What tools, programs, or actions do we suggest the CIOFS should consider?



"Each National Fraternity should work on this document, always seeking God's plan and will, so that the entire Order will be able to help the sisters and brothers more on their vocational journey into personal holiness."

Instrumentum Laboris, CIOFS

Live a life worthy of your call.

Ephesians 4:1





"take up the Lord's holy cross and follow the Lord's most holy commands to the very end."

Psalm of Francis 7:8