

## THE PARTICULAR CHARISM SECULAR FRANCISCANS BRING TO THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD—

### ESSENTIAL INGREDIENTS OF FRANCISCAN SPIRITUALITY THROUGH THE LENS OF LOVE AND RELATIONSHIP

#### WHAT DOES THE RULE EXPECT OF US? Motion 9 1969 Assisi Congress

1. To live the gospel according to the spirit of St. Francis (**Articles 1, 4, 5, 14**) outpouring of the indwelling
2. To be converted continually (conversion) (**Articles 2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 12, 16**) Secular Hallmark
3. To live as sisters and brothers of all people and of all creation; (**Article 13, 18**) BECAUSE we see the fingerprints of God is all that is created, not simply human
4. To live in communion with Christ; (**Articles 1, 4, 5, 14**) identify with all C's teachings
5. To follow the poor and crucified Christ; (**Article 10**) choice to relinquish glory to serve & save
6. To share in the life and mission of the Church; (**Article 6**) we are the church—positive aspect
7. To share in the love of the Father; (**Articles 4, 12**) The purpose of the incarnation—to make us one
8. To be instruments of peace; (**Article 19**) driving force of St. Francis' life – with others – with creation (canticle of the creatures) – willing to be a martyr (Sultan Malek el Kamile)
9. To have a life of prayer that is personal, communal and liturgical; (**Article 8**) Liturgy of Hours, Eucharist
10. To live in joy; (**Article (19))** Story of Perfect Joy
11. To have a spirituality of a secular nature (**Articles 3, 6, 8, 11, 13, 14**) not 2<sup>nd</sup> best – equal dignity – marketplace, family, work secular realm
12. To be pilgrims on the way toward the Father (**Article 11(2))** relates to virtue of detachment – this is not our final resting place – home is in God
13. To participate in the apostolate of the laity; (**Articles 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 24 (youth) )** explain
14. To be at the service of the less fortunate; (**Articles 13, 14, 15**) Francis serves the lepers – Why, because Jesus served the less fortunate
15. To be loyal to the church in an attitude of dialogue and collaboration with her ministers; (**Article (6))** flip side of #6- relates to Francis' love of priests
16. To be open to the action of the Holy Spirit; (**Articles 1, 4(2))** Francis call the HS the Minister General of the Order—the one in charge
17. To live in simplicity, humility and minority. (**Article 11(1))** basic virtues but WHY – because they are the character of Jesus