

Definitions

Enquirer: a person who is making initial contact with the Third Order, Society of St Francis. They may have contact with the Formation Director and Area Chaplain, and may attend Area meetings. When the decision is made to continue further, they will be supported by their Spiritual Director and the appointed Novice Counsellor in preparing a Personal Rule of Life.

Postulant: a person who in the process of deciding whether they are called by God to become a member of the Third Order, Society of Saint Francis and who has had their Personal Rule of Life signed by the Formation Director. They are seen as part of the Order and are added to the Intercession and Address lists (see section K4.2).

Novice: a person who is testing a vocation within the Third Order, Society of Saint Francis. They have fulfilled their obligations as a Postulant, and have been Noviced (refer to section K4.3).

Professed Tertiary: a person who has tested a vocation and intends to serve God in the Third Order, Society of Saint Francis for life, and has been elected to Profession by the Provincial Chapter. *The Rule of the Third Order* is the basis of our community life (refer to Section K4.4).

A **Personal Rule of Life** sets out in practical terms how an individual will live out the Rule of the Third Order in daily life.

A **Novice Counsellor** is responsible for introducing Novices to the life of the Third Order and guiding them as they test their calling.

The **Formation Director** is responsible for the training and support of all Novice Counsellors.

The **Area Convenor** is responsible for arranging Third Order meetings within a defined geographical area and acts as secretary for the Area.

Area Chaplains are responsible, with the Minister Provincial, for the pastoral care of the Third Order in the Province.

The **Minister Provincial** is responsible for the Third Order in the Province.

Provincial Chapter is the legislative body of the Third Order in the Province.