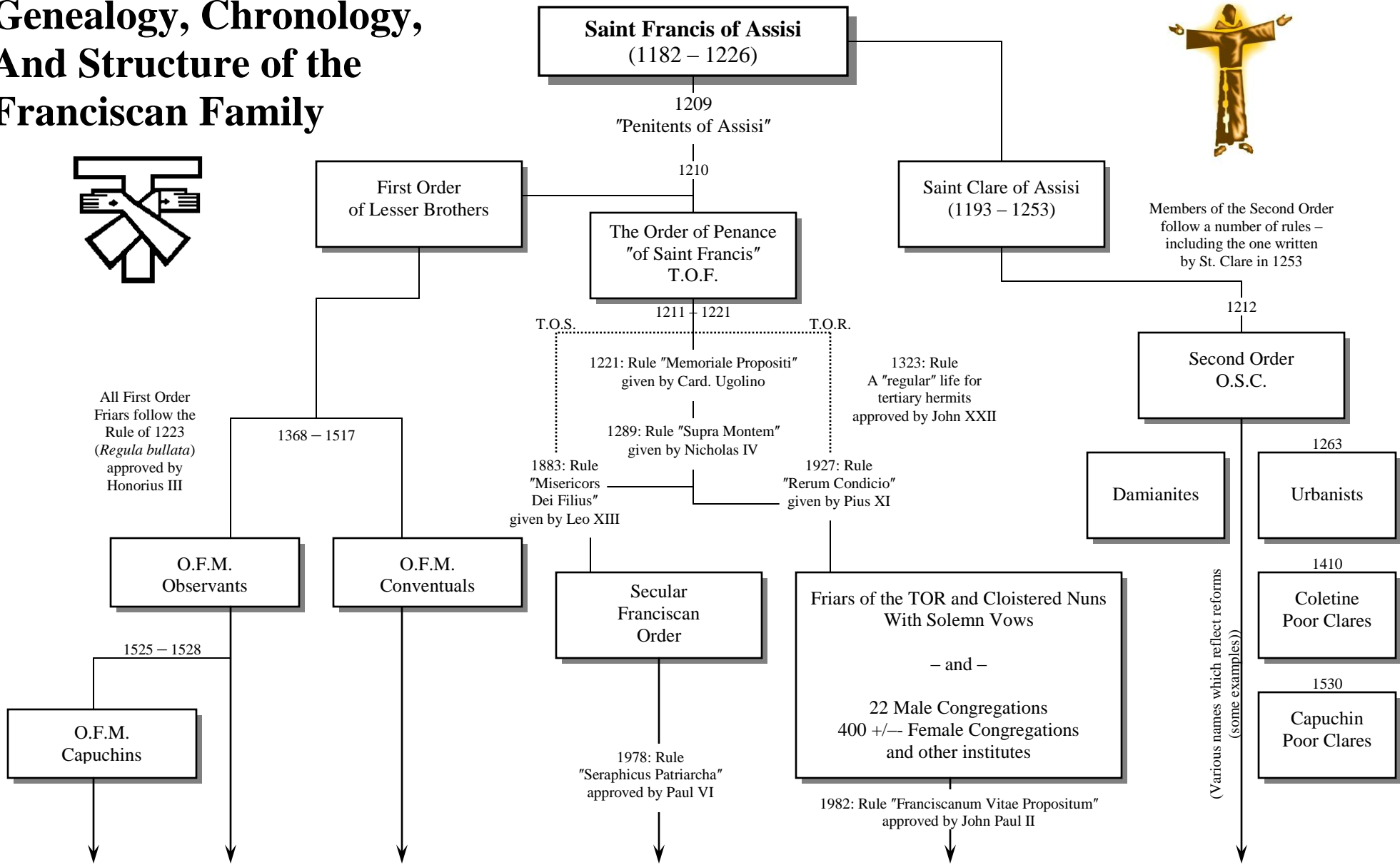
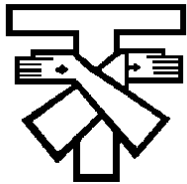


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The Order of Friars Minors is made up of men and, according to tradition and law of the Church is also known as the "First Order". (Cf. *The Code of Canon Law: A Text and Commentary*, Canon 303, p. 246.)

The Order of Penance, also known as "Third Order" has a mixed composition. It is made up of men and women, lay and religious. It is "secular" (with men and women living in their own houses) and "religious" (men and women in living community with the profession of vows).

The "Second Order" or the "Poor Clares" is made up of women who are usually cloistered.