

Dear brothers and sisters in Francis and Clare,

I have been asked to distribute this email and the attachment to those who might aspire to become Spiritual Assistants for an OFS fraternity.

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The Course starts October 15 so don't delay in applying. More information and the contact to apply can be found in the attachment.

Anyone can register for the course but, I encourage each fraternity council to consider and approach at least one of their members and recommend they take the course. We have many vacancies and coming vacancies in our region that need to be filled.

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Regional Fraternity of Eastern Canada

See details below for Spiritual Assistant Course:

SPIRITUAL ASSISTANT COURSE

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The course consists of twelve chapters. At the end of each chapter are questions to reflect on and share with the instructor and the other students. Two chapters are scheduled per month.

This course is not academic. Those who want to take the course should not feel intimidated. (The teacher's a real softy.)

It is offered free of charge. The only thing that is required of the students is to put in a good effort. The course provides the opportunity for Seculars from across Canada to meet online with each other. The sharing of reflections on their mutual love of serving Christ through the Franciscan charism creates friendships and strengthens the sense of belonging to a national Franciscan community. There will be occasional supplementary Skype meetings as well where students get to see those they have been sharing with.

The course will start on Oct. 16 with the first chapter questions to be responded to by Oct. 30. To register and receive the course materials please email Br Gerry Clyne at: gerryclyne@outlook.com.