The following resources are a few of the vast resource of materials available, and are intended to stimulate your fraternity to become joyful seekers of knowledge. A creative Ongoing Formation program at each fraternity meeting adds vitality to the proceedings.

1. **Church Documents**

   *Lumen gentium*: Dogmatic Constitution on the Church  
   *Gaudium et spes*: Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World  
   *Apostolicam actuositatem*: Decree on the Apostolate of the Laity  
   *Catechism of the Catholic Church*  
   *Compendium of the Catechism of the Catholic Church*  
   *Evanglii Gaudium, Joy of the Gospel*: Apostolic Exhortation by Pope Francis  
   *Laudato Si, On the Care for Our Common Home*: Encyclical by Pope Francis

2. **Life of St. Francis and St. Clare**

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Secular Franciscan Resource Library -- 6 volumes

1. Called to Follow Christ: A Commentary on the Secular Franciscan Rule by the National Assistants Commentary Commission, - Benet Fonck, OFM

2. Called to Rebuild the Church: A Spiritual Commentary on the General Constitutions of the Secular Franciscan Order, - Fr. Lester Bach, OFM Cap

3. Called to Live the Dynamic Power of the Gospel: Commentary on the Rule of the SFO, - Philip Marquard, OFM

4. Called to Proclaim Christ: Short Reflections on the SFO Rule, - Benet Fonck, OFM

5. Called to Make Present the Charism - Benet Fonck OFM, editor

6. Called to Build a More Fraternal and Evangelical World, A Concordance to the SFO Rule - Benet Fonck OFM

Franciscan Tradition:


- The Humility of God, A Franciscan Perspective, Ilia Delio OSF, St Anthony Messenger Press, 2005

- Franciscan Prayer, Ilia Delio OSF, St Anthony Messenger Press

- Simply Bonaventure, An Introduction to his Life, Thought and Writings, Ilia Delio OSF, New City Press, 2nd printing 2003

- Scotus for Dunces, An Introduction to the Subtle Doctor, Mary Beth Ingham CSJ,
Franciscan Institute, 2003

- Care for Creation: A Franciscan Spirituality of the Earth (Paperback) - Ilia Delio (Author), Keith Douglass Warner (Author), Pamela Wood (Author)

Franciscan Institute Heritage Series located at St. Bonaventure College

Heritage Series Volume 1 -- Vol. 1: The Franciscan Intellectual Tradition: Tracing its Origins and Identifying its Central Components; by Kenan B. Osborne, O.F.M.; Franciscan Institute, St. Bonaventure University, 2003 - $5.00.

- Historical Overview—30 C.E. to 1300 C.E.
- The Philosophical World of Aristotle
- The Gradual Development of the Franciscan Intellectual Tradition
- Distinctive Features of the Franciscan Intellectual Tradition

Heritage Series Volume 2 -- Vol. 2: A Franciscan View of Creation: Learning to Live in a Sacramental World; by Ilia Delio, O.S.F.; Franciscan Institute, St. Bonaventure University, 2003 - $5.00

- Francis of Assisi: Creation as Brother/Sister
- Bonaventure’s Theology of Creation
- John Duns Scotus’ Theology of Creation
- Conclusion: What is Ours to Do?

Heritage Series Volume 3 -- Vol. 3: The Franciscan View of the Human Person: Some Central Elements; by Dawn M. Nothwehr, O.S.F.; Franciscan Institute, St. Bonaventure University, 2005 - $5.00

- Humans—Creatures Beloved of God in Christ: Some Central Elements in Francis and Clare
- Humans—Mediators of God: Some Central Elements in Bonaventure
- Humans—Uniquely God’s in Mutual Relationships: John Duns Scotus


Heritage Series Volume 5 -- Trinitarian Perspectives in the Franciscan Theological Tradition by Maria Calisi. 2008 -- Explores Our Franciscan understanding of the Trinity through both St Francis Writings and in the writings of St Bonaventure.
Heritage Series Volume 6 – *Rejoicing in the Works of the Lord: Beauty in the Franciscan Tradition* by Mary Beth Ingham, CSJ, 2009 -- Explores Our Franciscan understanding of the beauty in our approach to creation and life.


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### Additional resources in Franciscan Spiritual Tradition and Critical Texts

- *Franciscan Prayer*, Ilia Delio OSF, St Anthony Messenger Press
- *Clare of Assisi, A Heart Full of Love*, Ilia Delio OSF, St. Anthony Messenger Press 2007

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• In the Footsteps of Francis and Clare,  Roch Niemier, OFM  St Anthony Messenger Press, 2006


• Understanding JPIC, A Primer for Formation and Animation
  Andrew Conradi, ofs, National JPIC Animator, National Fraternity of Canada, Ordo Franciscanus Sæcularis (Secular Franciscan Order)

5. OFS Sources

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   phone: 1-800-772-6910
   fax: 1-218-837-5447
   e-mail: franres@wcta.net
   Web-site: www.franciscanresources.com

ii. St. Joseph’s Workshop
   259 Traders Blvd. E. Unit #12
   Mississauga, ON, L4Z 2E5
   phone: 905-568-8777
   fax: 905-568-2676
   e-mail: stjowksp@sympatico.ca

iii. Tau Publishing
    Canadian Distributor  www.veritasbooks.ca

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