

Rome, October 18, 2017
Feast of St Luke the Evangelist

Dear Brothers,

May the Lord give you peace

1. The Second Chapter of the Ratio Formationis

Herewith we are sending you the text of the II Chapter of the Ratio and we invite you to send it to the Formation Houses of your conferences. We request the Major Superiors to share this text with all the friars of your Jurisdiction.

As already pointed out, that the different parts that is contained in the Ratio Formationis represent a basic text which requires the contribution of all the friars and in particular that of the formators.

With this introductory letter to the second Chapter we would like to give some indications about the modality of working on the text. We like to reiterate once again that the Spirit that has accompanied from the beginning of the drafting of the Ratio Formationis helps to pay attention to the aspects to be stressed, to the suggestions and to the constructive feedback of the friars so that the final document will be a fruit of fraternal sharing.

2. What is the content of the Second Chapter?

We have identified the 5 fundamental dimensions that must be present in a Ratio Formationis:

1. Charismatic
2. Human
3. Spirituale
4. Intellectual
5. Pastoral & missionary.

The fundamental part of our work was to develop these five dimensions with criterion that will testify to the Charism, that is the *proprium* of the Franciscan Capuchin.

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3. What do we ask from you?

- To read the text attentively
- To verify whether the five dimensions are present in every stage of formation. In simple words: In the formation stage that you are now living the five dimensions are INTEGRATED in a balanced way or some are more evident to the disadvantage to the other?
- In every dimension, according to your opinion, is our Charism more fully manifest/present? What do you think is lacking and what would you add?

In a very special way, we invite all the formators to work together and take note of the important points that emerge during the discussions.

The contributions of other friars will also be of great value and we have a humble hope that the reading of the 2nd Chapter would be a moment of ongoing formation for every friar and a time of silent encounter with their individual vocation.

All the suggestions have to be sent to the International Councilor for Formation of your conference before 20th of December 2017 for the Second Chapter and 15th of February 2018 for the Third Chapter.

With a fraternal wishes to you all

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