



Why Dominican?

Study Guide for Candidacy Module 10: Living with the Particular Directory

The purpose of the Candidacy phase of formation is to provide individuals with the opportunity to participate in continued discernment of Dominican life as a lay person. Essential to this process is an analysis of the way one is directed to live this life in a particular locality as outlined in the Particular Directory of the Lay Province in which one lives.

PRAYER/CONTEMPLATION

As you prepare to re-visit the Particular Directory in general and focus on a particular section to share with other Candidates, ask the Holy Spirit to enlighten you to discover connections between the purpose of the Rule with which this material connects as well as possible reasons that the Lay Provincial Council of your province established these guidelines for your locality.

STUDY

It is important to plan time to skim the entire Particular Directory and the notes taken from the Inquiry session on the same topic before you focus on the particular section that you have been assigned to analyze for the Candidacy study session. As you read your assigned section, try to establish a connection with the directives and at least one of the four pillars of Dominican Life. Jot notes will enable you to you share this information with your colleagues at the meeting.

COMMUNITY

The presenter(s) will determine if actual time during the study session can be devoted to collaboration between those who have focused on the same section or whether those people will need to gather beforehand to do so. Approach this collaboration as well as the focused presenting, sharing, and listening to others that will occur at this meeting as a significant step in developing true community.

APOSTOLATE

Since both the Rule and the Particular Directory have been formulated to assist the Dominican Laity in living a full Christian life based on God's call, how one approaches, participates in, and reflects on these sessions help formulate ways to preach the Word of God. Try to be aware of your internal feelings and reactions before, during, and after the session and include these notes in your journal.