Planning and evaluating Chapter priorities

We propose a framework for preparing and discerning the priorities established by a Chapter. The following examples use the priorities of the 2024 General Chapter to illustrate how to plan activities and evaluate their results.

Formation

Priority	Goal	Objectives	Activities to be developed	Responsible persons	Proposed timing	Verification and evaluation
Formation	Develop a proposal that enables OFS members to deepen their understanding of their charismatic and vocational identity.	Formation of formators	a) Zoom meetings with national formators b) Formation meetings for formators c) Formation material: The formator and the importance of teamwork d) Library of formation materials for national formators	CIOFS Formation Secretariat	a) February–July 2026 b) South America, September 2026 c) May 2026 d) August 2026	Zoom meeting in December 2026

Family life in all its dimensions

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Family life in all its dimensions	Strengthen families within the Order as active participants in Franciscan life through formation and mission, enabling them to embody and transmit Gospel values in society.	1. Strengthening the family	a) Hold one workshop and one retreat on a specific topic, with online or in-person sessions, resources, and an exchange of experiences. b) Prepare a circular promoting the establishment of family commissions at local, regional, and national levels, and send it to national fraternities.	National Family Commission team	a) Workshop: by the end of the first year of the mandate. a) Retreat: by the end of the second year. b) Circular: by the end of the first year.	Evaluate results at the end of the period: number of OFS participants and their feedback. Identify successes and areas for improvement. Present a report to the Council and Chapter. Survey the number of family commissions established at each level and, where possible, the actions taken to strengthen families.

Vocational promotion

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Vocational promotion	I. Renew authentic witness to the Gospel and Franciscan spirituality.	1. Deepen spiritual life and the Franciscan charism.	a) Ongoing formation: spiritual retreats for fraternities at least once every six months.	National Formation Director	The first retreat will be completed by the end of the first year of the mandate.	Dates held, number of participants, and feedback.
Vocational promotion	I. Renew authentic witness to the Gospel and Franciscan spirituality.	1. Deepen spiritual life and the Franciscan charism.	b) Present the OFS in parishes at least once every six months. Each Local Council should commit to two presentations per year in its local parishes.	Local Council	Once every six months for each local fraternity.	Number of presentations and number of people requesting to begin the period of discernment in the Secular Franciscan Order.