



Secular Franciscan Order - National Fraternity of Canada
L'Ordre Franciscain Séculier - Fraternité nationale du
Canada.

JPIC Team: Terms of Reference

Background/Context: Similar to the life of St. Francis himself, the life of Secular Franciscans should oscillate between developing an internal spiritual life while also developing an external life which reaches out to others with concrete actions (Rule, Art. 4). Individually and collectively, Secular Franciscans are to be in the forefront in promoting justice by the testimony of their lives and their courageous initiatives (Rule, Art. 14). In this regard, initiatives that promote justice, peace-making and care of creation are central to living out the Franciscan charism (Rule, Art. 15).

Purpose: Promote a fraternal life that includes a specific focus on JPIC (Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation) and its works.

Mission: The JPIC Team is a committee of the National Council which operates according to these terms of reference.

Membership:

- The National Council member is the Team Leader for the JPIC Team
- Members are chosen by the National Council through its member responsible for the team • Members will be chosen who promote diversity of the team in relation to gender, age, language, ethnicity, professional backgrounds and personal experiences.
- Membership is open to all members of the Franciscan Family, Associates, Friends of Francis.

Length of Term: The term shall be from their date of appointment until the conclusion of the mandate of the current National Council at its Chapter of Elections. Membership in the JPIC Team is not transferable, and is not automatically renewed by the new National Council.

Responsibilities of the JPIC Team:

1. Review/Edit/Revise previous National JPIC action plans, websites, newsletters, and communication materials to ensure they are up-to-date and in line with the current mandate of the National Council.
2. Monitors issues of interest to the OFS and suggests responses to these issues.
3. Acts as a focal point for the OFS during natural disasters and suggests how the OFS can help.
4. Creates a resource library of JPIC formation material and OFS expertise in the fields related to JPIC with the goal of integrating JPIC with formation programs that currently do not adequately consider JPIC; shares resource materials to promote JPIC formation.
5. Collaborates with other Franciscan families, and other relevant groups outside the OFS, to promote and coordinate the work of JPIC; encourages Regional and Local fraternities to do likewise by sharing their contacts and coordinates.
6. Promotes moments of prayer or observances proposed by the Church or national organizations in relation to JPIC issues.
7. Promotes specific campaigns by sharing information through Regional and National OFS websites, social media venues, and other print and digital media.
8. Recruits resource individuals to help them achieve success in its purpose and mission.
9. The JPIC Team Leader or his/her designate will speak in various fora on behalf of the National Council on JPIC issues.
10. The JPIC Team Leader will act as Canada's contact with the International JPIC Secretariat.

Reporting Process: The JPIC Team will provide a report of activities once a year to the National Council.

Human Resources: The JPIC Team may invite resource people with specific expertise to assist them.

References used to develop these Terms of Reference:

- Rule, Art. 4, 12-19
- Terms of Reference (3): Building a Fraternal and Evangelical World; OFS International JPIC Secretariat. (2018)
- National Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Action Plan (2012)