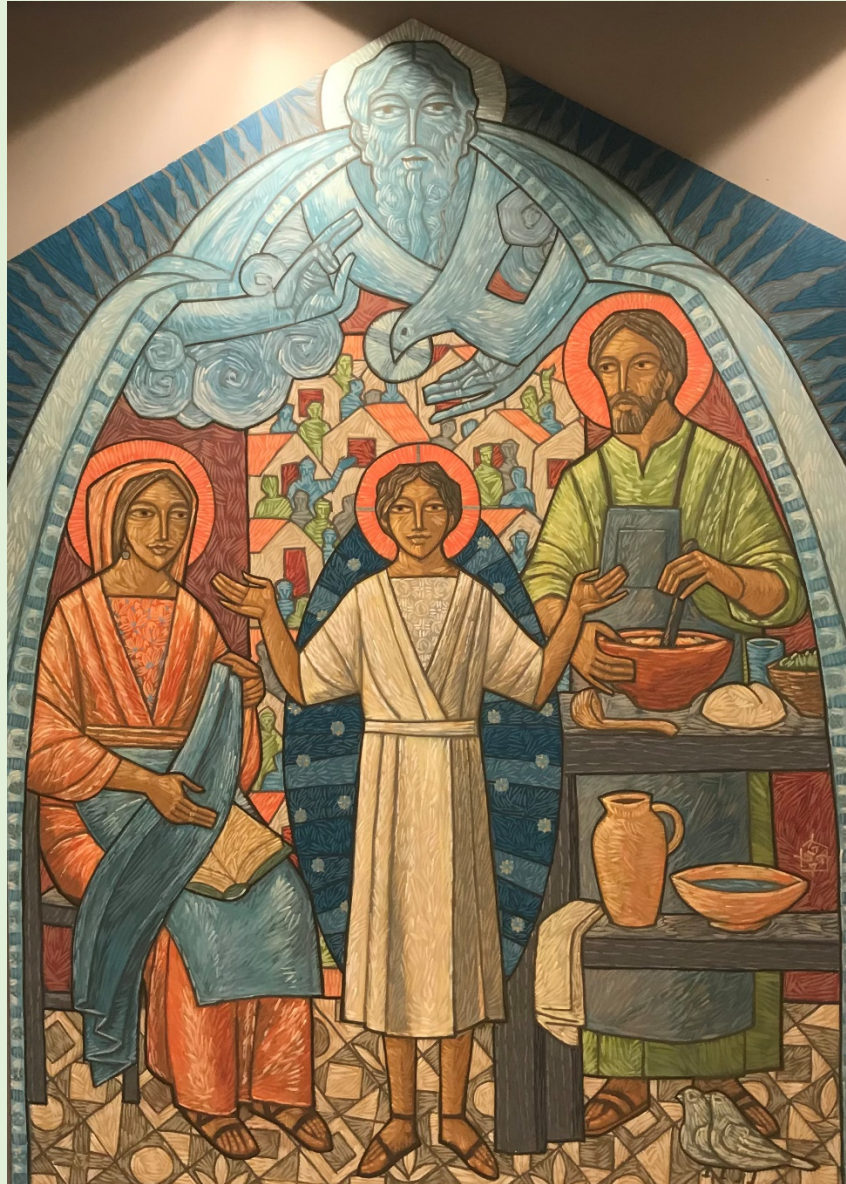


LIVING IN FRATERNITY



LIFE PLAN
ASSOCIATION FRATERNITIES OF NAZARETH

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FOREWORD

The call to live in fraternity
 you've seen in your life
 also resonates in everyone.
 Come to life as a call to live with others,
 be received into the family of the baptized
 means entering into communion of faith and love
 with a multitude of brothers.
 Joining the Nazarene Brotherhood
 intensifies and extends the call
 to live in brotherhood.

Your condition lay in the Church
 you rooted in Christ and puts you at a time,
 as salt and yeast,
 in the heart of the world
 that you have to transform
 the power of the Gospel
 to give a more human and more fraternal.

The mystery of Nazareth
 in the Gabriel Brother Taborin invites you to enter,
 takes you to welcome the Word
 Mary and Joseph
 and to act with humility and patience
 in the daily effort
 for the seed to germinate and bear fruit one day.

Share the gift of Brother Gabriel
 who knew how to invest the gift received
 first in his parish Belleydoux
 and then, with his brothers,
 as moderator of the Christian communities
 through education, catechesis
 and assisting priests.
 Be guided by your strong faith,
 for his apostolic zeal,
 their sense of Church
 and his constant desire to build brotherhood.

Along with the Brothers of the Holy Family
 Nazareth live spirituality
 as a path to holiness;
 walk with them in the Church
 in mutual support and collaboration.
 In prayer we enter into an intense relationship with God and withall
 work in the city built with responsibility of men
 in love weaves a web of personal contacts,
 grow in the spirit of family,
 and have the peace as the sum of all goods.

I. IDENTITY IN THE CHURCH

1. Origin of the Nazarene Fraternities

The fraternities Nazarene born irradiation taboriniano charisma made by the Brothers of the Holy Family and the spiritual sensitivity of some lay people who come into contact with the charism of Brother Gabriel, have seen him as a sure path, accessible and current live their vocation to holiness inspired by the mystery of Nazareth.

It is a sign of the times, the gift of Spirit to the Church we have discovered in the Church since Vatican II.

The fraternities constitute Nazarene Association of the Faithful in the Church associated with the Institute of Brothers of the Holy Family of Belley, in accordance with CDC canon 677, 2.

The General Council of the Institute, following guidance from the General Chapter of 1989 decided to create the Fraternities Nazarene Association at its meeting on 7 and 8 January 1993. Their existence and relationship with the Institute are recognized in the art. 9 of the General Directory for 1995.

2. Brother Gabriel Taborin

The Hno. Gabriel TABORIN is essential reference point for members of fraternities Nazarene.

Gabriel is deeply involved, very young, the re-evangelization of his home parish.

Discover and is faithful to the end of his vocation as a Brother, despite the difficulties encountered.

He directs all his energy educator and apostle to be "saints for heaven and good citizens for society."

Invited to come to Nazareth, where the Holy Family is a model of all virtues and help to everyone.

At maturity increases their sense of Church and missionary. His ideal of religious life and ministry flows from a deep faith that drives him to constant prayer, to feel the fascination with the liturgy and work for the good of the Church, making it difficult to overcome remaining faithful to its vocation of "Brother".

It is primarily concerned to establish an Institute of Brothers, continuing his apostolic zeal, spread everywhere. After several attempts, started the foundation in Belmont in 1835. Moved headquarters to Belley, the Institute of pontifical right recognized by Pope Gregory XVI on August 28, 1841.

In the last years of his life also founded the Confraternity of Santa Ana in his home parish of Belleydoux. One of the signs of his attention to the role of the laity in the church community.

The Church has proclaimed his heroic virtues of the model 14/05/1991 declaring him safe on the road to sainthood.

3. The Brothers of the Holy Family

Institute members are brothers and are called by that name. Even considering compatible, the example of her Founder, the presence of some brother priests, according to the decree Perfectae Caritatis 10, want to maintain the lay character of its presence in the Church, according to his own charisma.

The Brothers have the motto: "In prayer, work, charity, peace." His spirituality and guidance of his ministry is inspired by the mystery of Jesus of Nazareth, living in a family with Mary and Joseph.

The Brothers are in their religious profession the fullest expression of their baptismal consecration. Its mission is developing especially in education, liturgical animation and catechesis. Community living in its ideal of being Christ's brothers, Brothers and Sisters together for all (VC 60).

The Brothers are aware that this ideal of life and apostolate of Brother Gabriel Taborin inherited and expressed in their constitutions, may be shared by other members of the People of God.

4. The fraternities Nazarene

Fraternity members live their baptismal vocation in their environment (family, parish, workplace), according to the charism of Brother Gabriel Nazareth, to radiate in the Church and the world. In their standard of living, the members of these groups are committed to living the Gospel in the everyday life of simple acts. The work, prayer, fraternity lived in Nazareth, is the constant in his spiritual guidance.

In the fraternity shared life and prayer, we grow in faith and hope. Each member is jointly responsible for the life and vitality of the Fraternity. Each fraternity is linked to a religious community of the Brothers to remain stable and dynamic, have their own organization, as indicated below.

The Superior General of the Institute of Brothers of the Holy Family ensures ultimate fidelity to the charism of the Association of Brother Gabriel and the Church.

Membership in the Association is not incompatible with membership of other church groups.

Each of the fraternities and the Association as such, can join the UNIVERSAL ASSOCIATION OF THE HOLY FAMILY.

5. Members of the fraternities

The charism and mission of the Institute of Brothers of the Holy Family can be experienced by diverse groups and individuals. Among them is the Association Nazarene fraternities.

This Association is open to all Christians who wish to follow Christ closely following the spirituality of Brother Gabriel Taborin Nazarene.

There may be varying degrees of involvement in it: formally committed, involved in training people in the process of rapprochement.

Participation is open, and not always face in all the activities proposed by the Fraternity (retreats, conferences, meetings, celebrations, etc). "

To enter the Nazarene Fellowship, the applicant shall make a written request for admission as indicated below.

II. SPIRITUALITY OF FRATERNITIES

6. Spirituality Nazarene

The spiritual dimension of every person is free in the revelation of God's own Christian faith, a call to engage in dialogue and communion with him. Spirituality Nazarene highlights some features of the Christian life. It is a spirituality:

- *Trinity*, because the Holy Family can not be understood without reference to the Trinity which is a living icon.
- *Familiar*, because the Fraternity, gathered around the first group consists of Joseph and Mary with Jesus, learn communication and dialogue.
- *Mission*, for all the baptized are invited to join the family of God, the Church and build the Kingdom, as did the family of Nazareth.

7. Spirituality of the fraternities

The spirituality of the Nazarene fraternities, such as the Brother Gabriel and the Brothers of the Holy Family, originates in the mystery of salvation revealed by God and in Nazareth.

With the brothers, members of fraternities recognized in the Holy Family of Nazareth, the most perfect realization in the land of the community of love which is the Holy Trinity.

They expressed their willingness to serve God and men, living the mystery of Christ in their family life with Mary and Joseph.

Looking lovingly ever deeper into the mystery of salvation revealed in Nazareth. His spirituality will always benchmark the life of Jesus, Mary and Joseph as a "family." turn on to meditate and live the gospel in light of the mystery of Nazareth where Jesus began to fulfill what was later to preach.

In short, the fraternities offer a journey of faith that runs not individually, but with other brothers and sisters, and this path has:

- A living model of identification: the Holy Family of Nazareth and Brother Gabriel Taborin
- A style of life inspired by the spirit of family
- A method of action: pray, work and love in the family of Jesus, Joseph and Mary, with other peace building.
- One objective: to answer the universal call to holiness.

8. Profile Christian layman as Brother Gabriel

From the writings of Brother Gabriel and his experience of life can trace the outline of a Christian layman with the following traits:

- A faith strong and growing;
- A sense of participation in the life of the parish and the Church;
- An intense life of prayer;
- A consistent Christian life in all its dimensions;
- A holiness of life sought in the living conditions of each;
- A spirituality that finds its model and support in the humble house of Nazareth with Jesus, Mary and Joseph;
- Living the "family spirit";
- And with the generous willingness to "all kinds of good works" which aims to ecclesial communion and human solidarity.

Association members are trying to integrate these characteristics in the guidelines that the Church gives to all the lay faithful.

9. In daily life

Spirituality Nazarene encourages and gives a particular tone to the Christian life of members of the fraternity in all its aspects: church, family, professional, social, and shared mission.

It is a spirituality of everyday life, a spiritual home in which following the example of the Holy Family of Nazareth holiness is made not by great deeds or great gestures, but by faithfulness in daily responsibilities, we take gladness and singleness of heart, serving the smaller and the details that often go unnoticed.

The depth and consistency of our spirituality plays in the delivery what God is asking here and now, every day.

A) in Nazareth PRAYED

10. Life of Prayer

Prayer is essential for Christian life and vitality of the Association. Association is also true that Brother Gabriel said the Institute of the Brothers: "Prayer has been the cornerstone of our Institute, she is also one of the strongest pillars to support it" (NG p. XXVIII).

Prayer leads to communion with God, strengthens the bonds between members of the Association and unites all men.

Members of fraternities love and practice a particular way of liturgical prayer.

In his love for the Eucharist, "source and summit of Christian life" (LG11), members of the Association was inspired by Brother Gabriel. For him, the Eucharist has a prime position in the Christian life and was therefore decisive reason of their spiritual life and the founding of the Institute.

The fraternities are attentive to the prayer life and to do encourage their members to the personal and communal prayer. They seek to provide biblical training to help find the living word which questions, directs and shapes the life of the Christian.

11. By attending Nazareth

The invitation of Brother Gabriel: "*The heart of a Christian ... should be often under the humble roof of Nazareth*" (NG 607), is a key indication.

The mystery of Nazareth teach us some essential dimensions of Christian life:

- The new family of Jesus is broader than the natural one, because He opens all the disciples as children of the same Father.
- The Gospel is lived before being proclaimed.
- The fraternity is built with the cooperation of everyone in an atmosphere of simplicity and normalcy.
- Looking at Nazareth, we also learn how to help build a simpler and more open church and a society more humane, just and fraternal society.

Some concrete ways to enter the mystery of Nazareth are:

- To live intensely the liturgical seasons of Advent and Christmas
- Celebrate a special way the feast of the Holy Family
- The meditative reading of the Word of God personally and in the Fraternity
- The frequent invocation of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

- The presence of the picture of the Holy Family in the meeting place of the fraternity and the home of each of its members.

B) ARE WORKED IN NAZARETH

12. Witnesses and apostles

The Holy Spirit always enriched with new gifts to the Church, sent by Christ to witness the saving love of the Father.

The fraternities participating in the gift raised in the Church of the Holy Spirit by Bro Gabriel and help each of its members to accept and live according to the charism and the secular nature of the laity, its mission of witness and evangelization received in baptism and confirmation.

Living the mission is actively involved in building the Kingdom of God, grow spiritually and increase the vitality of the Association.

All members of the fraternities live their vocation in their standard of living, but trying to be a reflection of light and a testimony of love, communion, responsibility and dialogue, which are the peculiar characteristics of the Holy Family of Nazareth and key points of spirituality taboriniana.

13. In the family

The family, the domestic church, even in situations of difficulty and fragility, is the first field of apostolate for each member of the fraternity. Parents are given to the education of their children with the same love that Mary and Joseph to Jesus.

Children learn to grow, like Jesus, "in age, wisdom and grace before God and men" (Luke 2.52); help the family to be evangelical community that is also made by the witness of evangelical charity. In a pluralistic world like this, it is necessary, along with the Christian example and education, respect for freedom and otherness of children.

Family prayer helps "create family" and to live fully the profound meaning of "Our Father."

Those who do not live embedded in a family, have opened the biggest door of the family of the Church, which sometimes takes shape in the parish. The Fellowship Nazarene is also for members' home and family. "

14. At work

The work, at both the human and Christian is a way of holiness of the laity. The mission of the laity living in the world, work on it, sanctify and transform it according to God's plan.

The Holy Family in Nazareth is a model of industriousness. Members of the fraternities are in it the Son of God, Mary and Joseph "worked with human hands, thought with a man, he loved with a human heart" (GS 22).

In Nazareth, through work, learning to collaborate with the Creator God to give the world a more human and fraternal set to values of the Gospel.

Members of the fraternities can share in various ways the activities of the Institute's mission.

15. The Fraternity

The fraternity in which a field is built is another privileged to live the mission.

Everyone interested in the life and work of other members of the fraternity.

With respect, gentleness, love, generosity, discretion and exchanged help and support.

Each seeks to realize their own mission in the concrete conditions of life for everyone.

The testimony and prayers of the sick and elderly members are held in high regard because they are associated with fertility redemptive cross of Christ.

16. In the Church

As Brother Gabriel, the members of the fraternity should be particularly sensitive to the needs of the local Church to which they belong (parish, diocese, church bodies) and are available to assist in the animation of the liturgy, catechesis, and solidarity projects, etc..

It is appropriate, however, always growing, as did Brother Gabriel, a sensitive mission, which may have several concrete manifestations. The members of the fraternity may participate in certain actions missionary works of the Institute.

17. In society

In social living environment, members of fraternities try to witness to the Gospel, acting with loyalty, solidarity, a spirit of service and faith-giving force.

The apostolic charism of Brother Gabriel is open to "all kinds of good works" in social and ecclesial. Fraternity helps to discern the specific options that can be made specifically and accompanies the commitment of its members through prayer, encouragement and the application.

The youth training, catechesis and liturgy are given special attention and commitment.

C) IS LOVED IN NAZARETH

18. Living the "family spirit"

With the Brothers of the Holy Family, members of the fraternity contribute to making the Kingdom of God through the spirit of the Institute itself is the "family spirit".

This spirit is a benchmark vital bonds that united the members of the Holy Family of Nazareth, whose origin is in the Trinity.

Just as the Incarnate Word took place perfect family union, and the Word of God will open to members of the fraternities to the fullness of peace through love, prayer and work to continually build their fraternity.

The family spirit that we are called:

- Is the principle of stability and unity for the fraternity and to the Association;
- Encourages mutual relations;
- Takes special care to members of the fraternity who are in difficulty and help them with discretion and delicacy;
- Creates a constant confidence in the dialogue;
- Characterizes the style of action of members of fraternities and guide the mission;
- Helps strengthen the bonds of solidarity;
- Source of life and liberty;
- Invites humility and simplicity of life and media.

In the words of Brother Gabriel

"The esprit de corps and family contributes greatly, dear Brothers, to happiness, prosperity and strength of a religious ...

Born of charity, and therefore, God who is love itself.

All members form a congregation that really exists that spirit,

have one heart and one soul, love and help each other

share the joys and sorrows, successes and failures of all;

the reciprocal attention and an intimate brotherhood

unifies many different minds and characters, ... and God reigns over all. This will find peace, satisfaction and all the virtues. "

(Circular No. 21 of 02.07.1864)

III. TRAINING FOR LIFE IN FRATERNITY

19. Way of initial

The Fraternity is a living reality and as such must be maintained. Each concerned, therefore, promote the growth and maturation of its members in light of the mystery of Nazareth, giving all appropriate training and support consistent with the spirit of family, spirituality and mission of the charisma of Brother Gabriel Taborin to partake of their spiritual heritage.

The call to enter the Nazarene Brotherhood of an existential experience or personal research actuated by the Spirit.

The initial training or preparation takes place from the moment a person enters the group. It is done in the times and manners prescribed by the same fraternity and Brother Advisor.

The period of discernment for engagement is a time of conversion and reflection in light of the Spirit.

After an appropriate period of experience in a fraternity, the applicant may make written and reasoned request to the Brother Provincial asked to do its commitment to the fraternity.

When the person is admitted to make the commitment, pronounce it for one year and may renew annually. Anyone who wants to commit forever, must have lived a commitment for at least three consecutive years.

The interruption of commitment is also made by written request to Brother Provincial.

20. The commitment to the Fraternity

The official entry of a person in a fraternity is a Community act, carefully prepared, during which expresses the commitment of the person and received by the Institute.

The compromise formula is as follows: In the presence of this assembly, and before you Brother Provincial (or delegate Brother Provincial N.) I, N. ... I agree (for a year / forever) to live the Gospel and work in the Church of the Kingdom of God, inspired by the Holy Family of Nazareth and the spirit of family living in my state of life, in accordance with the Plan Association of Fraternity life Nazarene. Jesus, Mary and Joseph and the venerable Brother Gabriel Taborin help me to be faithful to the commitment that I freely today.

The event can be made meaningful gestures, according to circumstances and places.

The formula of compromise may be supplemented by other terms approved by the recipient. These expressions can even contain a lay consecration by which the person assumes the evangelical counsels of poverty, chastity and obedience to live them in the lay state.

The commitment signed copy of the file is saved in the Province and is part of the new partners in the register of members of the Association Nazarene fraternities.

For the commitment, the person, a member of the fraternity, takes this Life Plan Association and becomes an associate member of the Institute and as such participates in his life, living in contact with him through information, communication, participation and collaboration of their ability.

For its part, the Institute welcomes and is committed to sharing his life (his charisma, spirituality and mission, their spiritual) and to give spiritual and material help in the development of Christian life, to the extent of the possibilities and trial of the Elders.

21. Lifelong learning

Then comes the time commitment of continuing education through various stages, lasts a lifetime.

The training of members of the fraternity, is nourished by Sacred Scripture, the teachings of the Church of the documents of the Institute and reflection on the signs of the times and events of ordinary life.

Lifelong learning is done in accordance with the guidelines proposed in the Plan of Formation of the Nazarene fraternities.

In taboriniano full commitment to the charism, the lay member of the fraternity made its way to holiness and apostolate of the way it is innate, given their living conditions, family and profession.

IV. Organization of fraternities NAZARENAS

22. The fraternity, vital unity of the Association

The Nazarene Fellowship, consisting of lay people who have made the choice to live their vocation in the spirit of Brother Gabriel Taborin is the vital unit of the Nazarene Fraternity Association.

Every fraternity expresses his own characteristics in a Life Project. To make its contents are taken into consideration these guidelines:

- Indicate how to live the major dimensions of spirituality Nazareth: prayer, work, love.
- Distribute the responsibilities within the Fellowship
- Schedule meetings and activities, places and times for meetings and celebrations.
- Organizing training Nazarene Christian identity.
- Determine the mission within and outside the Nazarene Fellowship.

- Establish the economic policies needed for the life of the fraternity and a way to share assets among its members.

Every year the Life Project evaluates and proceeds to "aggiornamento." The Life Plan is ratified by the Brother Provincial.

23. Association Structure

The Association is divided into fraternities Nazarene different levels:

- The Fellowship Nazarene, is the first cell of the Association conducts its life and mission together with a community and / or a province of the Institute of Brothers of the Holy Family;
- The fraternities Nazarene referring to a religious province of the Brothers have each other coordination.
- The Association Nazarene fraternities: the set of all fraternities and is governed by this plan of life. Although scattered in several countries is one family.

24. Facilitators and coordinators of the fraternities

The Association has a Coordinator.

Each of the groups of fraternities that refers to a religious Province of Brothers, also has its Coordinator.

These, together with the Coordinator of the Association and Deputy Superior General of the Council are the same.

The Coordinator of the Association and of the provinces are appointed respectively by the Superior General and the Brother Provincial, the first proposal of the Board of the Association and the second a proposal from the fraternities of the province among the members who have made commitment.

Each Fellowship Nazarene has a lively entertainer and a team chosen by the members of the fraternity who have made the commitment. In part he Br Advisor.

The animator is the promoter of the life and activities of the fraternity.

Br Advisor is the link between the fraternity and the religious community of Brothers.

Service coordinators and animators is three years and can always be re-elected.

25. The functions of the coordinators and animators are:

In the fraternity

The Animator and his team, in collaboration with all members of the fraternity and fellowship with Brother Advisor:

- Promote mutual understanding and fraternal solidarity among members of the fraternity;
- Coordinate the implementation of the project life;
- Contribute at meetings run by the Institute;
- Institute disclosed to the path followed by the fraternities and their proposals, their hopes;
- Preserved documents and texts that are used for training;
- Evaluate the initiatives of the Fraternity, so you can better meet the objectives proposed;
- Offer the assistance of any member of the fraternity to the local church.

Provincial Coordination

The fraternities that refer to the same religious Province of the Brothers have a coordinator assisted by two other persons appointed by the fraternities, the members who have made a commitment, plus a Brother Provincial Delegate. Its mission is:

- Maintaining the unity of the fraternity.
- To promote specific activities at the provincial level.
- Prepare an annual meeting, training and commitment, wherever possible.
- Liaising with the superiors of the Institute and the fraternities of other provinces.

Partnership Coordination

The Coordinator of the Association, its Board:

- Maintain communication and information among the fraternities.
- According to the Superior General and his Council, convenes and usually prepared every six years, an international meeting of the fraternities to:
 - Promoting life and communion among the fraternities
 - Review the implementation of the Plan of life of the Association.
 - Treat any training topic of interest to the fraternities.

26. Those responsible for the Institute:

The Superior General of the Institute is primarily responsible for the Association.

It is he:

- Approves, interprets and modifies the life plan of the Association after a process that takes into account input and suggestions of the fraternity;
- Making the ultimate decision for the good of the Association;
- Ensures that the true spirit of the Institute of Brothers of the Holy Family is maintained and increased in the Association;
- Brother appoints a delegate to the whole Association;
- Appoints the Coordinator of the Association, at the proposal of the Association and hearing the opinions of the Brothers Provincial.

Provincial Brother is responsible for the fraternities that make reference to his religious province.

He belongs:

- Allow each person to officially pronounce or renew their commitment to the Fraternity at the end of the period of preparation;
- Appoint an Officer for the fraternity brother of his province and one or more advisors to each fraternity brothers.

The Brother Provincial, before naming the Brothers Advisors, hear the opinion of the animators of the fraternity, those who convey the feeling of the members of the same.

27. The Life Plan Association

The Life Plan Association proposes a concrete way of living the Gospel participating in the spirituality of the Institute of Brothers of the Holy Family and defines the relations between the Association and the Institute Nazarene fraternities.

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ABBREVIATIONS USED:

N.G.	New Guide (Br Gabriel Taborin)
Circ.	Circulars to the Brothers of the Holy Family (Br Gabriel Taborin)
L.G.	Lumen Gentium (Vatican II)
G.S.	Gaudium et Spes (Vatican II)
V.C.	Vita Consecrata (John Paul II)
C.D.C.	Code of Canon Law.