

FRANCISCAN FAMILY OF THE YEAR PROCEDURES

Submission rules are as follows:

A nominee for the award should be a family with at least one member who is a professed Secular Franciscan in good standing; who is known to live the Gospel way of life; exhibits the Franciscan spirit of peace, fidelity and respect for life; active in their own fraternity; has made significant contributions to the Church, community and/or Council and/or fraternity; demonstrates commitment to a specific apostolate/ministry and can be the “model” family for all in the SFO to follow.

Each fraternity will pick its nominee for Franciscan Family of the Year by January 1, 2002 and submit to the Regional Minister. Each Region will pick its nominee for Franciscan Family of the Year by March 1, 2002, and submit to the National Family Commission Chairs: Jaime /Sonia Bernardo, SFO at 11704 Veirs Mill Rd, Silver Spring, MD 20902.

The Selection Committee selected by the National Family Commission and approved by the National Minister and the Apostolic Commission Coordinator will then judge the winners from each Region, and a National winner of the award will be announced. It is recommended that in judging the regional winners, the name of the candidate and their family be removed, and the entries be judged anonymously.

The family that will be selected for the award will receive a fitting tribute. A full color “Family of the Year” certificate will be given to the family. A portrait of the family will be taken which will be published with an informative family profile in the TAU- USA newsletter.

Timeline:

January 1 2002	–Deadline for each fraternity to submit their nominee to the Regional Minister
March 1 2002	Deadline for Regional Ministers to submit to the National Family Commission its Regional nominee
April 1 2002	National Family Commission submits nominees to the Selection Committee
June 1 2002	Selection Committee Submits to the National Family Commission the family chosen to receive the award
June 15 2002	Family of the Year announced

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Date _____

Region _____ **#** _____ **Regional Minister** _____

Local Fraternity _____

Nominee's Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Email _____ Fax _____

Members of this family:

Name	Age	Sex	Relationship
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

- Has the family made significant contributions to the Church, community and/or fraternity?

- Has this family done anything special for the Order?

- What does this family do to exemplify and inspire Franciscan values ?

- How does the family bring the spirit of St. Francis to others?

- Does the family demonstrate leadership and commitment to the ministry or apostolate of their choice?

Additional comments :

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Regional Minister/Fraternity Minister