

Autobiographical Sketch: Outline

1. Pray. Pray and be grateful about how God has guided you to this point in your life. Look at His Presence, His Providence, and His Mercy. Each of us is a work-in-progress.

2. In the final draft you submit, please write in paragraph form, not in numbered answers to each question. Please type your autobiography and number the pages. Write your full name and address on the top of the first page. Your autobiography should be no longer than 10 pages. Let the following be a guide for the content of your writing, not to be answered in rigid order. Give a reasonably full account of your life.

3. Describe your childhood, adolescence, and young adulthood, as well as relationships and events which have been significant to you. Describe your family, your friendships, your health, your hobbies. Describe your personality/attributes. Include strengths & weaknesses: areas you have grown and areas you want to grow.

4. Describe your religious background and faith development. Include memorable spiritual events and experiences in your life—the high points, as well as the low ones. Discuss your relationship with the Church: your involvement in ministry, parish life, service/works of mercy, and organization involvement. Express in a brief statement your understanding of "Church." Describe your relationship with God.

5. Tell how your call/consideration of entering religious life developed. Describe your current understanding of the vows of chastity, poverty, and obedience, along with any issues you might see yourself having in living the vows. Describe your inclination to being a lifelong Brother, and/or Religious Priest.

6. Summarize your school experiences, and your work experiences, and what they taught you. Please attach a current resume, that lists all jobs you have held, and their dates, explaining any gaps of unemployment.

7. What kind of service or work(s) of mercy energize(s) you? Why? Explain by your experiences.

8. Give a brief description of your expectations of life in a religious community of men. State both how you hope to benefit from and how you hope to contribute to brotherhood life.

9. Indicate how you came to know the Franciscan Brothers of Peace and how you envision being part of our mission in the Church.

10. Include anything else you wish to include about your life, that is meaningful to this autobiography.