



# St. Thomas more Region Secular Franciscan Order



## REQUEST FOR ACTIVE/EXCUSED STATUS

(According to Article 18.7 of the Statutes of the National Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order, the following are definitions of an Active or Active/Excused member and a Lapsed member.)

- a. An active fraternity member is one who participates both by attending fraternity meetings and by providing financial support to the community, or whom the fraternity has excused from such obligations.**
- b. Those brothers and sisters who neither attend meetings, support the community financially, nor have valid reasons due to health, family, work or distance, and who, after personal invitations to return to fraternity, consciously and deliberately reject or ignore the invitation, will be termed "lapsed" and will not be carried on the fraternity membership roll nor be reported as a member to higher fraternity Councils [cf. General Constitutions, article #53.3]

I, \_\_\_\_\_ a member of \_\_\_\_\_  
(Member's name) (Fraternity's name)

request that my fraternity council consider me an Active/excused member for the period of one year or for a shorter period of \_\_\_\_\_ months.

I am temporarily unable to attend gatherings with my Franciscan brothers and sisters and/or am not able to contribute financially to the Commun Fund of my fraternity at this time because:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Member's Signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

**Excused status:**      **Granted** \_\_\_\_\_

**Denied** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Minister's signature)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Date)

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