

*Saint Padre Pio Fraternity
Secular Franciscan Order
Georgetown, Texas*

Guidelines for Fraternity Visitors

October 2025

1. Website.
 - 1.1. Make it explicitly clear on the Saint Padre Pio Fraternity website how to contact the Fraternity (phone number/email address).
 - 1.2. Indicate when a return contact can be expected (e.g., 24-48 hrs. as an example—whatever is reasonable).

2. Initial Conversation.
 - 2.1. Prior to approving a visit, have a brief conversation with that person by phone or email to ask a couple of pertinent questions (e.g., if they are Catholic; their specific interest). Or, if they are wanting to join a prayer group only, their time has been saved from coming to a meeting.

3. Host:
 - 3.1. If approval to visit is given, provide that person with the name of a Professed member who will be their host.
 - 3.2. State that their host will meet them outside in front of the building, take them to the meeting room, sit with them, and introduce them. Only Professed members should serve as hosts.

4. Announcement:
 - 4.1. Let the Fraternity know that a visitor will be attending a specific meeting. Either include this as part of the meeting agenda with the person's name and Saint Padre Pio Fraternity host's name or send a separate email to the Fraternity. This gives us advance notice and the opportunity to acknowledge and welcome the visitor.

5. Email List:

5.1. Visitors should not be added to the Saint Padre Pio Fraternity email listing until they have completed their 2nd formal interview and will begin Formation. To add them to the email earlier means they will receive the agenda, which will include the St. Helen security code.

6. Fraternity Directory.

6.1. Visitors should not be added to the Directory until entering an appropriate phase of Formation (e.g., Inquiry). The Directory includes personal information of Fraternity members and should not be handed out to visitors.

Adopted by Council on October 8, 2025.