

**Tips for preparing:**

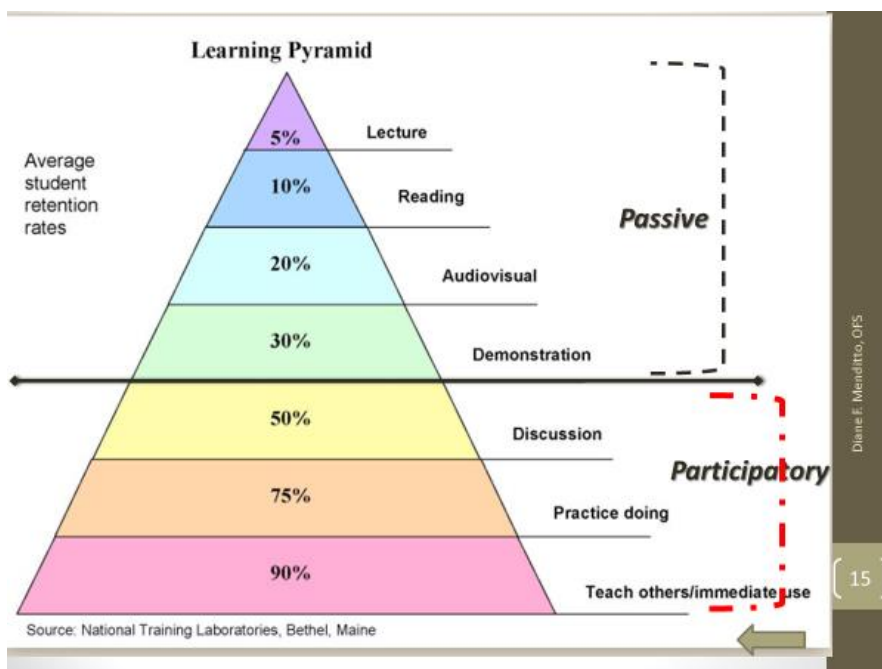
1. Read and pray the articles of the Rule/Constitutions which apply to that lesson
2. Read and pray over any scripture that goes along with the topic (see Initial formation syllabus)
3. Read any reference to the CCC
4. Read the chapter in the Franciscan Journey
5. Read the Chapter in the FUN Manual
6. Refer to other materials available as extra resources from the FUN Manual

**As you read the material decide:**

- What portion you will present and how you will present it
  - Take into account the abilities and interests of those in formation/ongoing formation
  - Take into account what elements are absolutely essential for the participants to take away
- Transformational aspect
- Items to be re-enforced by questions/discussion

**The Goal is to help those being formed to:**

- **Understand what a vocation is**
- **Discern whether or not they have a vocation**
- **Intensify and better understand their Catholicism**
- **Start becoming part of the family**
- **Understand and internalize the culture of being a Franciscan**
- **Begin to understand the Franciscan charism**
- **Understand the importance of the Rule they will eventually profess**
- **Realize that they are on the road to being transformed!**



**Respectful Communication Guidelines (Fr. Eric Law at 2007 Quinquennial)**

**R** = Take **RESPONSIBILITY** for what you say

**E** = Use **Empathic listening**

**S** = Be **SENSITIVE** to different communication styles

**P** = **PONDER** what you hear and feel before you respond

**E** = **EXAMINE** your own assumptions and perceptions

**C** = Keep **CONFIDENTIALITY**

**T**= **TRUST** ambiguity (We are not here to debate who is right or wrong.)

**The Plan for today's workshop**

- **Journey**- Chapter 1 Discernment
- **Prologue to the Rule**
- Mark 2: 15-17
- **Vocation: God's Call (FUN Manual)**
  
- **Journey**-Chapter 15 Gospel, Conversion and Reconciliation
- **Rule 7 and GC 8.1, 8.2, 13.1, 13.2**
- **Penitence and Conversion (FUN Manual)**
- **The Rule of the SFO** pp. 18-28 (FUN Manual)

**Keep in Mind:**

- What kind of group?
- Overall summary (what are the important points and goals)
- What kind of presentation?
- What type of discussion?
- What end result (transformative aspect)?

**Each lesson should contain:**

- Opportunity for shared prayer
- Fraternity among the learners—face time!
- Background reading for the learners
- Strong presentation and explanation of new more challenging material with time for questions and discussion
- Something from the Rule and Constitutions
- Insight into the Franciscan way of life
- And?

**Resources:**

**FUN Manual**

**Formation Resource Manual Revised 3-2-2011**

**Guidelines for Initial Formation in the Secular Franciscan Order**