

# Driving Policy

## Province of Our Mother of Good Counsel

Taken from the Province Handbook of Policies and Procedures Volume IV "Stewardship Precepts"

1784. This policy is a guideline to be used by the Province of our Mother of Good Counsel to insure the safety and well-being of our friars and anyone else we encounter as we drive and transport others.

Friar: refers to a member of the Province (simply or solemnly professed ) and all novices in the novitiate.

1785. The Prior Provincial and Council or their delegate, will be in dialogue with the Local Community to review issues and concerns regarding friars - accidents, traffic violations, hearing and/or visual concerns, sleep disorders, etc. The Local Community will make recommendations to the Prior Provincial and Council or their delegate concerning these issues and concerns.

1786. Each friar is to be aware of his responsibilities as a driver regarding:

- a. Traffic laws
- b. Conditions for safe driving
- c. Maintenance of a monastery-owned car
- d. Procedures to follow in the case of an accident
- e. Responsibility for payment of fines.

1787. All friars are subject to the state regulations in which they live regarding their driving privileges.

1788. The Province, in coordination with the Christian Brothers (or current carrier), will sponsor a driver's education program. This program will include a hearing and vision test as well as a driving test.

The purpose of these tests is to provide reliable information regarding the ability of a friar to handle an automobile.

If a friar fails to pass this program, he will not be allowed to drive.

If a friar, when his ability to drive is questionable (see #'s 1789, 1790 and 1792), does not participate in this program, he will not be allowed to continue driving.

1789. When a friar reaches the age of 75 years, he will participate annually in a Province sponsored driver's education program, a hearing exam and vision test. He will then meet with his Prior to discuss future driving.

When the Prior has reached or surpassed the age of 75, he will then meet with the Province Personnel Director to discuss future driving.

If a friar fails to pass this program, his driving privileges will be suspended.

If a friar the age of 75 or older does not participate in this program, his driving privileges will be suspended.

1790. The PRIOR OR PERSONNEL DIRECTOR may schedule a discussion with a friar who has some known disability or recently diagnosed disability (e.g. visual, hearing, cardiac, diabetic or neurological conditions, sleep disorders).

A friar who has a disabling medical condition which has limited and/or prevented him from driving, can only return to full driving privileges upon completion of #1787 and #1788 as well as getting the approval of his physician.

1791. All accidents must be reported to the Insurance company and the Treasurer's Office within 24 hours.

1792. The PRIOR OR PERSONNEL DIRECTOR will schedule a meeting with an individual friar when he has concerns about accidents, tickets for speeding, inattentive driving, or any other noted unsafe driving.

A friar's driving privileges will only be restored upon successful completion of #1788 and the completion of the State Law requires for reinstating a license.