

Jesus Caritas National Fraternity Meeting Conference Call Tuesday, December 17, 2019 4pm EST

On the line: Hap Ragan, Bob Amundsen, Joe Greeley, Greg Pawloski, Ron Belisle, and John Jacquel.

1. Review of Life – Hap led us in prayer at 4:03 pm. His new fraternity began – with some growing pains. Peter Clarke is seriously ill and will be going home – either to Rhode Island or to God – soon. Hap had some brief flu-like symptoms and is learning to “let go.” Should he hang onto his Augusta condo? Joe’s brother, Paul, had kidney failure but is responding. For 37 years, he has risen early on 12th for O.L. of Guadalupe devotions, was planning to skip now retired, but found himself up early with Paul. Also, grateful that the “seed” of racism (the twitch he’s felt) has vanished. Greg startled by his bishop taking “leave” to deal with depression – hope he’s back soon. Hopes to get a desert day soon – his age makes him think about “endings.” Bob remarked that the Cardinal they met in Philippines is now in Vatican Congregation for Evangelization. His classmate from Philadelphia died, and a young lady ill-advised by another priest, committed suicide. He celebrates his own 50th on Dec 19th. John is trying to “jump start” regional planning efforts in the city, lest resources go to waste – struggling to assemble a couple of pastors to talk together, now that his parish has done some homework. Ron got a call from “Austin, TX police” and was taken by a scam – so sucking the time away from his Desert Day. Hated being ill-prepared for his Day of Review, and found there a thorny discussion about a Gospel interpretation – licking his wounds.

2. Week of Nazareth – (Feb 3-7, 2020) at Conyers, GA. Hap hoping to get Richard Reiser aboard (after meeting – YES!) John’s going to Central America in January (Maryknoll Retreat) and Bob can’t join, but Greg, Joe, Hap, Ron, and Alex should be there.

3. Appeal Letter – John promised to get a draft to Hap tomorrow. We’re looking into Electronic Fund Transfers. Are we a 501 c 3? We should probably publicize this.

4. Assembly - The Spiritual Well-being of Diocesan Priests – Detroit (St Paul of the Cross Retreat Center) July 19-24, 2020. Hap is seeking to connect to David Toups (Boynton Beach, Florida) to address this topic. He will also approach Pat Halfpenny (Detroit) to assist. One concern, why don’t younger priests socialize much with fellow parish priests today? We’re inviting theology students to form a “national” seminary group structure.

5. Prayer of Abandonment was led by Hap at 4:43 pm.

Next conference call – Tuesday, March 10th – Mark your calendars!