

Conference call of Jesus Caritas National Council

December 15, 2020 4 pm EST (3 pm Central, 2 pm Mountain, 1 pm Pacific)

On the line: Bob Amundsen, Joe Greeley, +Don Hanchon, Hap Ragan, Greg Pawlowski, Alex Trejo, and John Jacquel. Opening Prayer was led by Joe at 4:03.

- 1. Review of Life** – Hap was quarantined last week – and a funeral for extended family member postponed due to COVID infections. The charter school leasing from parish wants to expand and negotiations affects his spirit. Bob is finding he can't do what he wanted in retirement due to pandemic; but spirit is good. When will normalcy be restored? Greg is working on downsizing, simplifying life, possessions. Shoulder looks like surgery could be avoided. +Don tested positive, probably from secretary, 2 weeks ended on Thanksgiving – but fatigue persists. Missing spiritual direction. Joe's retirement plans have also been cancelled – misses celebrating Mass with congregation! John is part of prayer process "healing of memories" for a younger priest who has experienced many forms of abuse in his family – hope emerging finally. Alex has been very busy but affected by the funeral of a priest (member of fraternity who felt sick, laid down in Alex's bedroom, nurses/EMTs could not revive him). He also had Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration in the parking lot.
- 2. Zoom Week of Nazareth** – Joe will Zoom his own attendance (or he would have to quarantine for 14 days). We couldn't check other details with Ron Belisle – wasn't on the call today.
- 3. International / Pan American Zoom Meetings** – Fernando Tapia led a Zoom meeting with different countries reporting. They all wanted to talk about American Presidential election. "Are we doing anything to prepare for Br. Charles' canonization?" [no date finalized yet]
- 4. Report on July 2021 Assembly** – Joe will get things rolling beginning of January, even though we're thinking it's a 50/50 chance we'll be able to meet in-person. Could we do a virtual election for National Responsible? Joe will check into technology Los Angeles uses.
- 5. Becoming Brothers** – being formatted now. Please take a good look at it - proofread before it goes to print.
- 6. Other** – Alex, Bob, and John joined an evening of reflection last Sunday on Br. Charles with several Little Sisters and a couple priests (including Lennie Tighe). Richard & Mark will meet with Greg the 2nd week of January. Joe (Hap really) wrote a good solicitation letter – which will be sent in January. Mark Mertes was to do some in-person talks, but they happened by Zoom. Look for a copy in your e-mail. Joe will send Mass prayers for December 1st (Charles de Foucauld).
- 7. Next meeting** – January 19th, 2021.
- 8. Prayer of Abandonment** led by Greg at 4:50 EST.

Respectfully submitted: John Jacquel