

Jesus Caritas National Fraternity Meeting Conference Call

Tuesday, May 12, 2020 4pm EST

On the line: Tom McCormick, John Jacquiel, Hap Ragan, Bob Amundsen, Joe Greeley, Greg Pawloski, Mark Mertes, Richard Reiser, and Ron Belisle (sometimes).

1. Review of Life – Hap led us in prayer at 4:04 pm. Hap did a 3-hour Good Friday livestream – very fruitful prayer time. Bob closed shop mid-Lent and missed this Holy Week/Easter with the folks before his retirement (July 7) – he'll move into facility where Tom lives. John shared mixed feelings, tough adjustments, and blessings. Greg is making manual labor more a part of his life (helping parishioners who can't get anyone presently). His rotator cuff is acting up – some repair needed. Joe, combatting “squirrely-ness,” experienced desert flowers on Good Friday – amazing! Tom is the “new old guy” at retirement home and looks for the presence of God in the plague – which has brought us together, but we have a long way to go. Mark is only a mile from biggest outbreak in Kansas, a nursing home with 40 deaths, which he used to visit. He'll have first Mass this weekend limited to 60 people. Doesn't want to give back those leisurely morning hours. Richard came from Priest Council meeting – half live / half Zoom – and is fraternity continues to meet (live). Ron said church is like a drive-in, still no Masses. Hap concluded with a prayer.

2. Assembly - The Spiritual Well-being of Diocesan Priests

- **Detroit (St Paul of the Cross Retreat Center) July 19-24, 2020**
– No? What then? Reschedule for 2021 (in lieu of a “round up”).
- **Election of the Responsible** Hap intends to resign end of July. Can we select an Interim Responsible? Can he (or we) delegate an Acting Responsible? John Jacquiel says he can't take on another thing (just been handed Cursillo job in March – former Spiritual Director died, also tired after 14 years on Council), even though both Tom and Hap thought John could do it. What if we looked to those who made Week of Nazareth a reality (Ron Belisle or Joe Greeley)? What if Ron Belisle became Assistant National Responsible? National Assembly needs to elect, but can National Council do this? (We had to when Don Hanchon and Felipe Estevez became disqualified). Should we take job description and parcel it out among National Council members? Before the June Conference Call, Hap will come up with a list of what needs to be done – and we'll divide the work.

One person will be needed to focus this effort, and Hap finds some energy around the newsletter. Meanwhile, he will check to see if we can continue that out of Georgia and maintain national office there. We may relax the publishing schedule and ease to twice/year. Hap thanked all the former National Responsibles on the phone and prayed that we will be open to all things – to a new life!

Other items tabled.

6. Prayer of Abandonment – prayed at 5:10 pm Eastern.

Next Meetings – Mark your Calendars

June 9th

July 14th