

Conference call of Jesus Caritas National Council

August 11, 2020 4 pm EDT (3 pm Central, 2 pm Mountain, 1 pm Pacific)

On the line: Joe Greeley, John Jacquel, Bob Amundsen, Greg Pawlowski, Ron Belisle, Hap Ragan, and +Don Hanchon.

Opening Prayer was led by Joe at 4:03.

- 1. Review of Life** - Joe found bedbugs, so he's been cleaning, spraying, mopping. John had a great hike Desert Day and found God blessing him in numerous ways – homily for former priest, books, friends, and help for a funeral when needed. Greg is recovering from carpal tunnel surgery, so was homebound. Needs to be faithful to “day off” and address shoulder pain. Bob moving into his apartment, waiting for maintenance to nail his pictures to the wall. Heading to Byers, CO, to cover for five days – and is reading more. Ron reported that Vicar for Clergy has closed the Wenatchee retreat house – how can we do another Week of Nazareth? Hap dealing with pandemic well, taking some days away in Kissimmee, FL and says there's a “winnowing” going on in the Church, Bishop Don took a week vacation and visited recently re-opened Henry Ford Museum and Village. Detroit is doing a “Family of Parishes” planning approach and ministry to same sex-attracted people is shifting from Dignity to Courage.
- 2. Clarification** - *What are each of us doing as our portion of what used to be the National Responsible's job and what progress is being made? What are the next steps?* Joe Greeley's phone is (424) 744-1035. He will contact Mark Mertes re: Month of Nazareth 2022. We'll move in this way but suspect the Week of Nazareth will be our best response to the need. Ron Belisle will work on October, January, Easter, Summer newsletters – submitted a month before it arrives in mailboxes. We are to send our articles to Ron by mid-September. Lisa McArdle does the graphics and then Shannon Axon contacts the mailer. (Contact Hap for assistance). Hap Ragan says there's at least \$19K in the bank. Bishop Don says we're all set for Detroit's hosting National Assembly next year at St Paul of the Cross Retreat Center.
- 3. Report on the Week of Nazareth: Ron & Alex**
- 4. Report on International Zoom meeting** - We wished Alex Trejo had been with us – what did he hear on Zoom Conference (Pan-American)? Joe said there was 1) extensive pastoral response to the pandemic and 2) a little on the canonization of Brother Charles. Joe will forward minutes of the second meeting and some other materials (esp. Tony Philpot talks). It is thought that the Canonization for Charles de Foucauld will be “virtual,” but no dates were announced.

5. Other business

Greg Pawlowski reported that he met with Richard Reiser and Mark Mertes to plan next year's Week of Nazareth. Mark's Dad died just over a week ago. Hap Ragan said he's inviting Georgia priests to come to Tybee Island for a couple days (around the canonization) for some mutual reflection (and formation) when the date is announced.

6. Next meeting

September 22, 2020 - perhaps on Zoom format. Prayer of Abandonment led by Hap at 4:49 EDT.

Respectfully submitted: John Jacquel