

Jesus Caritas National Fraternity Meeting Conference Call

Wednesday, September 1, 2021 4pm Eastern Time

On the line: Hap Ragan, John Jacquel, Alex Trejo, Joe Greeley, Dan Fickes, and Rick Jones.

1. Review of Life – John started off with a prayer, followed by review by all the members.

2. Priorities

- Diocesan Responsibles – John has touched base with Buffalo, Newark, Washington, Erie, and is attempting others. Let us all get a “read” on a contact for each diocese as much as is feasible.
- Promotion of December 1st Gatherings – Let’s see what we can do in preparation for Charles de Foucauld’s pending canonization.
- Newsletter (Becoming Brothers) – Fall edition first draft – hoping to fill with more insights from international leaders – from www.iesuscaritas.org/en - see what Honoré wrote, and Fernando.
- Website – let’s check with Mark Mertes re: web site & Facebook offerings. Rick offered to help with this.
- Establish Contact with Institute for Priestly Formation – Richard Reiser says they have taken a break – he will try to contact and perhaps John can, also.
- Outreach to Seminarians – check in with your regional seminaries, offer orientation. St Louis, Chicago, Camarillo, St Meinrad, Cleveland, Baltimore, Latrobe, etc.
- National Office (Augusta, GA) – John will talk with Shannon and we hope to continue using this centralized communication hub
- Finances – Hap (Treasurer) says we had almost \$40K before Assembly, but expenses brought it down to about \$29K. Balance is usually \$10-20,000. International Council has asked for help – we used to give \$4-6,000, but we want to see a financial report before contributing. “No taxation without representation,” and there’s not an American on the International Council presently. Shannon helps with managing this – annual appeal letter should be going out Dec/Jan which Hap might write.
- Summer 2022 – Weeks of Nazareth – where are they being scheduled? St Meinrad 2023.
- Summer 2023 – “Vacation” Week – Where? When?
- Summer 2024 – National Assembly – Where? When?

3. Pan-American / International News

Alex mentioned being in touch with Fernando Tapia earlier in the day. Have we distributed the questions and reflected upon them? Have we made a report back, as we prepare for Charles’ canonization? Please complete the survey (especially regarding numbers in fraternity). International Council requesting contributions (see “Finances” above). Waiting to hear back from Matthais (Austrian priest who succeeded Mark Mertes as treasurer). We’d like to see a financial statement. The next Pan-American Assembly will be September 2022 in Argentina.

4. Best Day / Time to Meet

Dan works until 5 pm Eastern, and takes Wednesday off. Thursdays do not work for Hap. Let’s shoot for the next meeting on **Wednesday, October 20**, on Zoom – 4 pm Eastern, 3 pm Central, 2 pm Mountain, 1 pm Pacific.

5. Winter Meeting – Hap Ragan will host our winter in-person meeting in Tybee Island, GA (fly into Savannah) on February 7-10, 2022. Clear your schedule.

Prayer of Abandonment – Hap led us at 5:03 EDT.

Respectfully Submitted: John Jacquel