

Jesus Caritas National Fraternity Meeting Conference Call

Tuesday, December 4, 2018 4pm Eastern Time

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

- 1. Review of Life** – Hap led us in an opening prayer at 4:04 pm. He cruised the Panama Canal and celebrated Mass at tomb of St Peter Claver (Cartagena) as well as toured the Museum of the Inquisition. Anxieties and a fall did not help his prayer life. Joe received a letter from Archbishop confirming his retirement July 1, 2019. He is looking forward to settling into high desert, but not to moving. John got some good rest (Desert) last week and decided to get more of this in January. Bob had a good Thanksgiving, but his sister, Drenda has lymphoma diagnosis. His “goodbye,” is likely the last. Ron celebrated 150th anniversary of his home parish, but his 1st assignment parish is closing. He was mugged in Viviers, so entered retreat beat up without wallet, cards, passport, money – dependent. Ironically, the theme was “Improving Catholic-Muslim relationships.” Greg has gotten quite a lot from Joe Diele’s book, reminding us of the lifestyle we ought to live.
- 2. Month of Nazareth** – Bob does not yet have a retreat director committed yet. His write-up in the newsletter should help with promotion, but each of us should try to get that into hands of fraternity members in our region. Hap will e-mail this article to each of us, and urges us to continue making phone calls (try to make 3-4 calls this month). “Thank you for your support & spread the word.”
- 3. General Assembly** – Alejandro, Hap, Bob, Chuck Roland, and Mark Mertes committed to Cebu, Philippines (Jan 15-30). We hope Ron can go, as well. We discussed our USA status – some interest among seminarians and younger priests, but they are not interested in our formation. We also talked about the lack of organized response by Bishops and Vatican to abuse crisis. Ron says we need to get better organized.
- 4. Week of Nazareth** – We want to continue promoting this – particularly for younger priests. It would be good for a whole fraternity to come to Tybee Island or Kansas City. Ron would be willing to conduct it. We want it to include some element of manual labor.
- 5. New Business**
 - a. **Atlanta Retreat** – John will get his flight info to Hap and receipt to Shannon.
 - b. **California Dreaming**– Joe hopes to stomp Region XI for Jesus Caritas after July.
 - c. **Contact** – Keep up the personal contacts with the brothers.
- 6. Prayer of Abandonment** – was begun 4:52 pm EST with Bob Amundsen leading.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, January 8, 2019

Respectfully submitted: John Jacquel