

## **Jesus Caritas National Fraternity Meeting Conference Call Tuesday, January 31, 2017 4pm Eastern Time**

On the line: Ron Belisle, Hap Ragan, John Jacquel, Bob Amundsen and Greg Pawlowski. Joe Greely was on the road and unavailable.

**1. Review of Life** - After a prayer, Hap mentioned that he was in Miami Beach for a destination wedding (guest of the family) where he also dropped by the Seminary in Boynton Beach. He is following through on his New Year resolution to be more charitable and is thus reflecting upon Blessed Veronica. He also attended a press conference earlier today – where the priest stipulated that no death penalty should be sought if he was, in fact, murdered. Three bishops (including Estevez) gave public witness. John spoke about three very touching moments of grace which happened in his life in the past two weeks with parishioners who went above and beyond. Bob had a funeral of an ‘ordinary guy,’ only to find out he had been a professor of physics and astronomy at Regis Univ. and a world renowned scholar. We promised to keep Bob in our prayers for this Friday’s colonoscopy. Ron wrote a letter at year’s end requesting senior (i.e. retirement) status, but hasn’t yet heard back and would like to plan his summer. Greg joined the meeting in progress and is recovering from strep throat.

**2. The Dues Letter faux pas** – the return envelopes have the wrong address, which happened as an issue developed with outgoing volunteer Catherine. This Thursday, the forwarding order from Franklin Park, IL → Augusta, GA goes into effect. Shannon has agreed to take on the duties.

**3. Upcoming Meetings** – Hap will head to San Antonio Feb 24/25 for a “conversation” with those promoting priestly spirituality and ongoing formation ([NOCERCC](#)). Seminary spiritual directors will meet in Toronto in the fall and either way Hap is planning to attend.

**4. National Assembly** – Hap will work with Joe Greeley to be sure we’re all set for Camarillo. When asked if we were making ourselves available for National Responsible, Bob Amundsen immediately said, “No,” and was thus asked to work with Bishop Don Hanchon and Fernando Tapia as they facilitate the selection process. Council members assured Hap that the Electoral College would ensure his re-election.

**5. News from Boston** – John reported touching base with Dick Liddy (professor at Seton Hall Univ., NJ) who gave him contact info on Jim Rafferty (who responded) and John McDonagh (who hasn’t). Sounds like some fraternities are surviving. John would like to see a Boston priest at the National Assembly. Lenny Tighe (a member now of Hap’s fraternity) will be in Brasilia for the International Lay Fraternity meeting in the coming days. Lenny wants to know who will be the first in the Americas to name a church or school for Blessed Charles de Foucauld.

**6. Round Up 2018** – Ron reported on a diocesan retreat house in southern Idaho – about 2 hours away from Couer D’Alene. There’s a place around 20 miles, but for small groups. He’s going to look into Immaculate Heart of Mary, Spokane, WA, which is where the Month of Nazareth was held some years ago.

**7. Prayer of Abandonment** - was prayed at 4:42 pm EST.

**8. Next conference call** – Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>

Respectfully submitted: John Jacquel