

Jesus Caritas National Fraternity Meeting Conference Call

Tuesday, August 14, 2018 4pm Eastern Time

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

1. Review of Life – Hap led us in an opening prayer at 4:03 pm. He said he's having his "McCarrick Moment" – regarding PA Grand Jury report – disheartening, discouraging – praying through own difficulties with the institutional Church. Fraternity life has something to offer – review of life, accountability, contemplative prayer. John spoke of holdup in sale of school building and heart-wrenching letter read to parishioners re: the report release. Bob said suicide is claiming so many young people in his area – 3 buried in just past couple weeks – and 3 more related to the parish! Greg said he looks to Mary as a sign of hope – even as he struggles mightily with his Bishop's letter on the abuse scandal (which includes his fraternity brother). And, "the good life" Nebraska executed a prisoner earlier today. Ron's only confrere from Vancouver, Washington, was recently re-named in lists of clergy with credible allegations, and had (for the 2nd time) to give deposition against a priest. Our duty is to bring honesty, openness, and contrition. Joe said he had the weirdest vacation on record – every week was complicated (including injuries to ribs, rear car window smashed due to backing up, golfing in 106 degrees? No. Hiking? No -road closed. But, he feels rested.

2. Month of Nazareth – the retreat is now scheduled at the end, beginning October 14, 2019 at Marywood (near Jacksonville). We're still looking for a retreat director. Joe and Bob will follow up with leads and coordinate with Hap before next conference call. At our October meeting, let's do a "call center" contacting dues payers to come, or encourage a member of their fraternity to come.

3. October 9-10 Meeting – Come early, stay late. Please send your travel plans to Hap ASAP.

4. Joe Greeley Retirement – should happen June 30, 2019. He lives in a parish of 2500 families with "Father Stealth," whom he never sees. We need to get someone who's made the Month of Nazareth – or has much experience working in this region.

5. Web Page – We have a new webmaster and it still needs a little work.

6. Week of Nazareth – The value of doing this: we need formation for our members – we're perhaps not forming our new members well. Days of Recollection are helping, but we think we should offer this as a retreat option (since priests are mandated). Ron has attempted the 'beta test,' but got no takers. It's hard not to get discouraged, frustrated. Next winter's Georgia Feb retreat will be led by, we think, Charles Roland. Will that be the last? (Hap assumed responsibility in the breach). Greg thinks we should all make a Week of Nazareth (refresher). Bob thinks we can outreach this Week as a retreat alternative to the regions of the USA.

7. World Assembly – We have a crowd going to Cebu – Charles Roland, Alejandro (from Washington), Ron Belisle, Hap Ragan, Mark Mertes (member of International Council), and Bob Amundsen. John is withdrawing, there isn't a need for representation.

Prayer of Abandonment – was begun 4:53 pm EDT with Greg Pawlowski leading.

Next Conference Call – Tuesday, September 11th, 2018 *Respectfully submitted: John Jacquell*