

## **Jesus Caritas National Fraternity Meeting Conference Call**

Tuesday, February 12, 2019 4pm Eastern Time

On the line: Hap Ragan, Bob Amundsen, and Joe Greeley. Ron Belisle in the midst of a storm related blackout did not make. John Jacquel asked to be excused due to a Deanery Meeting. Greg Pawloski sent his apologizes after the meeting.

1. Review of Life – Hap mentioned how good the Atlanta Retreat was for him after the World Assembly experience. On his desert day in Atlanta he tried to pray through some of the negatives he carried back from Cebu and continued to work through them in his review of life. Bob shared in this and with a heavy workload and an assistant leaving for vacation, he was struggling to recover from his travels and his cold. Joe has a date for retirement, July 1<sup>st</sup>. He will sleep in on July 2<sup>nd</sup> and then try to figure out the rest of his retirement but it will definitely include travel to promote the Fraternity.

### 2. Month of Nazareth

- Director for Retreat – Bob has been in touch with Julian Peters from St Meinrad it looks good that he will be able to direct the Retreat. Bob will be back in touch with him to firm up the details.
- Promoting – There have been no sign ups yet for Month, but Mark Mertes mentioned someone from his fraternity is planning on it. Do we want to put an ad in National Catholic Reporter or America? Hap will put a few specific details to the back of the Month Brochure and send them out to y'all so that you can send them to priests in your area.

3. World Assembly – January 15-30, 2019 in Cebu, Philippines. We elected Eric LOZADA from the Philippines as General Responsible. He is the first brother of Asia to assume this responsibility. He has set up his work team with Fernando TAPIA (Chile), Honoré SAVADOGO (Burkina Faso), Matthias KEIL (Austria) and Tony LLANES (Philippines). It was noted that for the first time in many years the Responsible chose not to have someone from the U.S serve on the International Council and while Hap voiced a concern at the Assembly that some of the brothers felt on the periphery of the deliberations, it wasn't really addressed. We would hope that at some point the International Leadership will reach out to us. We will review the positives of the Assembly at our March meeting.

4. Week of Nazareth – Since Ron wasn't on the call, we really didn't follow up on this new avenue of formation. Hap would like to try to get guys signed up for the Month before we promote the week. But in a future newsletter we will invite priests to make this week with their entire fraternity – hopefully in a regional setting (although Tybee Island would be wonderful).

### 5. New Business

- Hap talked to Jim O'Donnell who plans to make the October Retreat at Marywood if he is in good health. But he thinks the Cleveland/Youngstown annual October retreat should not be canceled to accommodate this year's Month of Nazareth retreat. Besides himself he does not believe any of the guys who attend the Ohio Retreat would attend the National Retreat.

- We hope to start a new directory on the webpage with a list of the different Fraternities throughout the country. I'd like to keep it simple. Mine would look like this:

**Augusta Fraternity (Diocese of Savannah)**

- Jerry Ragan - hapragan@hotmail.com
- David Arnoldt (Winona Diocese)
- Tom Healy
- Mike Hull (Melkite Eparchy of Newton)
- Peter Clarke (Charleston Diocese)

We identify the Arch/Diocese and perhaps the place where the Fraternity meets and note if a brother is not of that diocese. Except for the e-mail address of the priest who is responsible for the fraternity, we will not put any other contact information. After getting the permission of the priests in your fraternity, please send a list of your fraternity members to Shannon at [jesus.caritas.usa@gmail.com](mailto:jesus.caritas.usa@gmail.com). Hap would like the members of the National Fraternity to lead by example and be the first to the list of our fraternity members to Shannon.

5. Prayer of Abandonment – led by Hap at 4:35 pm Eastern time.  
Next Meeting – March 12<sup>th</sup>

Respectfully submitted by Jerry Ragan filling in for John Jacquel 2.20.19