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## Minutes of the 854th Provincial Council Meeting Hales Corners, Wis., August 27, 2015

PRESENT: Fr. Ed Kilianski, provincial superior. Fr. Quang Nguyen, Fr. Duy Nguyen, Fr. Christianus Hendrik, Fr. Jack Kurps and Br. Frank Presto, councilors. Dn. David Nagel, provincial treasurer. Mary Gorski, recording secretary. Fr. Byron Haaland and Br. Duane Lemke, out-going provincial councilors.

- I. Out-going councilors — Fr. Kilianski thanked Fr. Haaland and Br. Lemke, out-going members of the previous Provincial Council, for their service to the province. He said that he was grateful for their input and that their presence will be missed in the council room. They were invited to share their thoughts with the new council.

Br. Lemke said that being on the Provincial Council was a very positive experience for him though he looks forward to being able to focus more fully on formation ministry.

Fr. Haaland said that he is excited about the future for the province. He urged the council to be mindful of the fact that two of its members, as well as the provincial superior, live in the same building. Communication with the entire council on a regular basis is vital; it can be easy to communicate with those whom one sees regularly, unwittingly forgetting to share the same knowledge with those who are outside of Milwaukee.

Fr. Kilianski also thanked Br. Presto for his service as provincial secretary and Dn. Nagel for his work as provincial treasurer. Their assistance was invaluable during his months as interim provincial superior.

II. Meetings

- A. Retreat — The first meeting of the council will be a retreat to be held at a location near Milwaukee. Besides taking time to get to know one another better, it will also be an opportunity to vision for the future and talk about the mechanics of how councilors would like to work together. One of the items to be discussed is meeting structure — should the council continue to begin its meetings with a morning of prayer and reflection? Are there other ways to include a reflective component in the meetings?

Dn. Nagel, as provincial treasurer, was invited to be a part of this retreat. He was also asked to be present for all council meetings, not just financial concerns.

It was noted that some time will need to be made at the retreat for business. Dn. Nagel said that the corporate resolution for the new administration will need to be endorsed.

- B. Moderator — As provincial secretary Br. Presto moderated the council meetings during the prior administration. Previously when the provincial secretary has been on council another person has been brought in as moderator. Fr. Kilianski asked for suggestions of SCJs to approach for this; he will do so in the near future.

- C. North American meeting — The previous council scheduled a meeting for October 20-21 with the Canadian administration. The provincial superior of the Congolese Province was also to be present at the meeting. The meeting was to take place in Hales Corners. The meeting was postponed by the Canadian Regional administration.

- D. Future meetings — The final meeting of the year will be December 15-16, with the Christmas party with provincial staff on the first evening. The council will select dates for meetings in 2016 at its September retreat.
- III. Appointments
- A. Provincial treasurer — The council voted to appoint Dn. David Nagel as provincial treasurer.
- B. Provincial secretary — The council voted to appoint Br. Frank Presto as provincial secretary.
- C. Civil attorney — The council voted to appoint Kathleen Dahlgren as province civil attorney. It was noted that the province can also consult others regarding legal issues as needed.
- D. Canon lawyer — The council voted to appoint Fr. David Szatkowski as canon lawyer. As with the civil attorney, the province may consult other canonists on issues as needed.
- E. Mission procurator — The council voted to appoint Dn. David Nagel as mission procurator.
- F. Recording secretary — The council voted to appoint Mary Gorski as recording secretary.
- G. Fr. Duy Nguyen — The council voted to have Fr. Kilianski recommend Fr. Duy Nguyen as administrator of Our Lady of Guadalupe when Fr. Kilianski writes his letter of resignation as OLG pastor to Cardinal DiNardo.
- H. Chairman of Admission Board — Because he is on the Provincial Council Br. Presto will need to resign from his position as chairperson of the Admissions Board. The council was asked to think of suggestions for his replacement.
- IV. Communication — Communication with the membership is a priority for the council. As a way of getting information out more quickly about council meetings it was suggested that a short summary of each meeting be sent to the membership via email at the meeting's end. Mary Gorski was to prepare such a summary of this meeting that Fr. Kilianski would share at the Closing Mass of the Election Assembly. The next day SCJs will receive the summary via email.
- V. Council expenses — Dn. Nagel reminded councilors that they can submit their council-related expenses (such as travel) to him for reimbursement.
- VI. Fr. Kilianski's schedule — Fr. Kilianski plans to leave Houston on September 17 and arrive in Hales Corners on September 18. His last weekend with Our Lady of Guadalupe will be the weekend of September 12-13.

# Minutes of the U.S. Province Election Assembly

## August 24-27, 2015

### Monday, August 24

I. Opening Prayer — The assembly began with a brief opening prayer.

II. Introduction

A. Fr. Ed Kilianski — Fr. Kilianski, interim provincial superior, welcomed SCJs to the assembly. He made a few announcements, including the recent news of Fr. José Ornelas Carvalho, former superior general, being named bishop of Setúbal, Portugal. Fr. Kilianski also read a letter from Fr. Stephen Huffstetter, general councilor, in regards to the assembly's work.

Fr. Kilianski noted this is an extraordinary assembly, held in response to Fr. Huffstetter's election to the General Council, and that there were several adaptations to the bylaws because of its unique nature. Members of the assembly were informed of these changes.

B. Appointments — Fr. Kilianski noted the following appointments:

1. Moderator — Fr. John van den Hengel
2. Secretary of the Assembly — Br. Frank Presto
3. Recording Secretary — Mary Gorski
4. Tellers — Br. Duane Lemke, Fr. Greg Schill, Fr. Joseph Dinh and Br. Brian Tompkins. The tellers took their oath of office, given by Fr. Kilianski, after their names were announced.

C. Fr. John van den Hengel — Fr. Kilianski introduced the moderator, Fr. van den Hengel. Fr. van den Hengel thanked the province for inviting him to be a part of the gathering. He then introduced the youngest members of the province who would give the opening presentation of the assembly.

III. Opening presentation — The four SCJs in temporary vows were invited to share their hopes and expectations for the future of the province. Their comments, paraphrased:

A. Frater Joseph Vu — It is important that ministry be life-giving. Older SCJs must show what is life-giving to them in ministry so that the younger generation can find the same zeal. If younger members do not see zeal in others they will not find inspiration for ministry and religious life within themselves. What are the younger members being trained to do, to be?

The Priests of the Sacred Heart need to do more to spread their spirituality as a congregation and the spirituality of the Sacred Heart. The SCJs need to do more to make themselves known. Young people are good with social media but they need more input from the older members as to what they can share about the community, about its spirituality.

More information needs to be shared about the province's ministries within the membership and to the public. There needs to be more emphasis on reaching out to youth, more photos on the internet of youth ministry and other activities beyond ceremonies and meetings. There needs to be more pastoral care to youth in general. Young people have a lot to offer; the popular Dehonian cross was inspired by a design created by a young person in Germany.

B. Frater James Nguyen — There seems to be a lack of follow-up in the province. Significant conversations take place in assemblies, chapters and other major events but little seems to come from them. The topics of immigration and youth were noted as priorities two years ago — how are they being addressed as priorities in the province? The North American Immigration Committee began an initiative but found it very difficult to get members to take part in it.

The only youth initiative that has taken place recently is the retreat organized for young people at Our Lady of Guadalupe in Houston. It was developed by several SCJs in temporary vows. Other entities do extensive outreach to youth, why not the U.S. Province?

It is disappointing that the province has no ministry in Chicago where the formation program is. Could a youth initiative start in Chicago?

The province isn't dying because of aging and diminishing numbers, it is dying inside. SCJs need to take pride in who they are; they need to make themselves more well known.

Many members of the U.S. Province have served in the missions, yet that is not easily known by young people coming to the community. Frater Nguyen only got a sense of this in novitiate.

- C. Frater Justin Krenke — How is the province showing its pride and identity in its ministries? Do supporters of individual ministries, such as St. Joseph's Indian School, know that it is a part of the Priests of the Sacred Heart?

Are members of the province too busy and burned out? Does fatigue make it too difficult to live good community life and to make ministries truly Dehonian? Can the province seriously look at reducing its obligations so that it can concentrate on doing a few things well, and having time and energy for good community life?

Regarding vocations, everyone wants more members but are all SCJs contributing to the vocation effort? All SCJs represent the community, model the community. How is each member living and exhibiting what it means to be an SCJ?

- D. Frater Juan Carlos Casteñada Rojas — Do all SCJs have a sense of "being in the same boat," being "in this" together? Is there a sense of pride in being an SCJ? Do SCJs make the extra effort to help one another or are requests always seen as burdens? He gave the example of the North American Immigration Committee project in which SCJs were asked to submit immigration stories. It was very difficult to get SCJs to participate in this; members of the committee found this to be a frustrating response from their confreres.

Brotherly, fraternal correction should be practiced more often.

Intercultural experiences enhance members' experience of religious life and the sense of being a worldwide community. This needs to be encouraged and expanded.

It is exciting for the younger people to share who they are as Dehonians. Invite the young SCJs to ministries to take part in events, to be a part of a wider SCJ experience outside of formation and to gain wisdom from the older generations.

- E. Open floor — Fr. van den Hengel invited the assembly to respond to the presentation. Comments, paraphrased:

- This was a good opportunity for the young people to address the province, an opportunity that most SCJs did not experience when they were in formation.
- The presenters said that they were looking for inspiration from the older SCJs; they would do well to speak to those who have and continue to serve in South Dakota where "presence" is very much a part of ministry.
- The enthusiasm of the young SCJs is inspiring for the older members. The retreat organized at Our Lady of Guadalupe for the students is impressive.
- Young religious are often filled with enthusiasm that dampens over the years. How can that enthusiasm be renewed throughout an SCJ's life?
- We need to put egos aside and work together to create positive change. We need to share more about who the SCJs are and what our spirituality is. We need to optimize our use of social media and the internet in general. We need to be more dynamic in presenting who we are.
- The idea of integrating formation with an SCJ ministry is a good one.

- F. Private reflection — Assembly participants were invited to quietly reflect on their own fears, concerns and expectations for the province.
- G. Small group discussion — At tables SCJs talked about their hopes in regard to the next provincial administration. Reporting back to the full group, their comments (paraphrased):

HOPES FOR THE PROVINCE:

- We need a more inclusive way of administration; all need to feel a part of the major decisions of the province, including the younger members.
- More transparent communication and operation is needed.
- The next administration must be mindful of the needs of the troubled members of the community.
- The next provincial administration needs to be prayerful, honest and inclusive. They must make good use of digital communication.
- The formation program and community in Chicago should be strengthened.
- The provincial superior and council need to work together; the province needs to be patient in allowing them time to carry out the tasks that are being asked of them.
- We have a great charism, we have enthusiastic young members; how do we best utilize these elements?
- The next administration needs to enliven the community and help it to more intentionally live its charism. The charism is being lived, but some SCJs don't recognize that they are doing so. The charism has to be shared more intentionally in preaching and in ministry in general.
- This is a community and all need to accept responsibility for its function.
- We hope that the election process is prayerful and not rushed.
- The new administration needs to be creative and not fearful of change.
- All members of the province should remain open to the spirit and work to open the minds of "doubters."
- The next administration needs to be focused on "doing" not just talking.
- The new administration should animate the province with enthusiasm.
- The province needs to capitalize on the better relationships that have developed in recent gatherings and continue to build on this, creating better trust with each other.
- The province needs to utilize the internet better, especially with the young.

FEARS (Fr. van den Hengel invited the tables to comment on their fears for the province in the future):

- People feeling isolated and not trusting others.
- Ideas and/or enthusiasm dying because of a lack of follow-through in leadership.
- Fear of getting stuck in the status quo.
- Fear of getting bogged down in the same questions and concerns regarding aging and diminishing numbers.
- Fear of apathy and sometimes aloofness.

- Fear that the administration will get caught up in the business of the province and forget what is most important: spirituality and community.
- Living in fear of closing ministries. Always living in a sense of crisis management.
- Concern that the province doesn't realistically evaluate its ministries.
- Too much focus on negativity.
- Fear that the province will expect the administration to do everything and become disappointed when it doesn't.
- Fear that discussion about Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology will never happen.
- Fear that young people are not taking on leadership roles, or being prepared to do so.
- Concern of a lack of communication between the provincial administration and members.
- Fear that everything discussed here will be lost.

EXPECTATIONS FOR THE PROVINCE (Fr. van den Hengel invited the participants to comment on their fears for the province in the future):

- There is an expectation that talk will give way to action.
- Province renewal.
- Support and encourage SCJs in their religious life. Renew the devotion and love of the Sacred Heart through prayer and communal living.
- Administration should challenge the membership in how the vows are lived, especially poverty. How does the charism nourish ministry?
- There is an expectation of follow-through on decisions made. There must be a willingness to challenge — councilors among themselves and with the membership. There needs to be a willingness to make tough decisions.
- Leadership should inspire and animate.
- Look at ministries honestly.
- Planning for ministry and community in a practical way looking three, five and/or ten years ahead.
- Pay attention to the call for youth ministry in light of Dehonian values; develop apostolic ministry in Chicago.
- Pay attention to communication from the general administration.
- Have provincial and council focus on the religious community and have others attend to some of the administrative concerns.
- Be defined by the charism – why SCJs do things, not what they do.
- Listen and hear.

- IV. Straw ballot — The assembly took a straw ballot. Sixty-eight votes were in the room. Each ballot holder was allowed two straw votes for provincial superior and six for Provincial Council. The results of the straw ballot were distributed in the evening.
- V. Eucharist, reception and dinner — The first day closed with Eucharist celebrated by Fr. Kilianski, a reception and dinner.

## Tuesday, August 25

- I. Opening Prayer — The assembly began with a brief opening prayer.
- II. Introduction — Fr. van den Hengel summarized the previous afternoon's efforts. He noted that the younger members look to the older for inspiration and direction. They expressed a concern that there is not enough of a feeling of "being in the same boat" as a community. They want to make a difference, they want to know what it is that the community can do to make a difference.

Members of the older generation were very vocal in the feedback said Fr. van den Hengel. They feel very much a part of the community. They have a discourse that isn't too nostalgic but instead based on capacity. The senior years of religious life are naturally a time of letting go and focusing on what it means to live religious life without a focus on ministry.

Members of the middle group, which Fr. van den Hengel defined as aged 30-70, were not as vocal as the other age groups. However, this is the group from which the province's leadership will most likely come. They will be guiding the province toward the future. Although it was good to hear from the younger members, what is the vision of this middle group?

Previous to this assembly the province gathered in chapter in 2014 and in the North American Continental Conference in 2013. The two concerns brought forward by the younger generation were cited at the NACC: immigration and youth. The Synthesis Statement from the Provincial Chapter indicated areas of concern for the province. The discussions of Monday, as well as the work of the NACC and Provincial Chapter need to be taken into account as the province discerns leadership.

### III. Review of 2014 Provincial Chapter

- A. Reading of Synthesis Statement — Fr. Mark Mastin read aloud the Synthesis Statement from the 2014 Provincial Chapter.
- B. Review of out-going administration — Fr. Kilianski, as a member of the out-going administration, reviewed the work of the provincial administration following the 2014 Provincial Chapter.

Soon after the chapter Fr. Huffstetter contacted a management consulting firm to assist the council in developing a strategic plan for the province. Representatives of the firm met with the council but the council decided that the firm's focus was too business oriented for a religious community. The council instead focused on the Synthesis Statement from the Provincial Chapter. Sr. Cathy Bertrand worked with the council to try to find ways to address issues raised at the chapter. The council decided to combine the eight topics in the synthesis into a smaller, more manageable number.

The council began to develop a pastoral plan based on reflection on the synthesis. In January the council met for two days on the plan. This was brought to the Local Superiors meeting in March. Strong support was given for a renewal program focusing on community life and mission.

The pastoral plan was to be discussed at the July assembly. Also, the topics of immigration, and the vows, were to be a focus. That assembly was cancelled due to the need for an election assembly.

Over the past several months several committees were initiated with mixed results. An open invitation to SCJs to serve on a committee received minimal response. A committee to surface discussion questions regarding SHSST was created, as well as one regarding senior concerns. Also, members of the US Province have been a part of a

North American Committee on Immigration. That committee has produced a book with immigration stories that will soon be shared with the North American membership.

A formation program for lay people was developed by David Schimmel, director of Dehonian Associates. Fr. Jack Kurps offered to implement a pilot program in Mississippi. Fr. Richard MacDonald has begun a program in the Rio Grande Valley.

Fr. Kilianski encouraged SCJs to review the *Cor Unum* for details on the council's work during the past year.

C. Table discussions — In small groups participants reviewed what had been presented. Paraphrased comments reported to the assembly following the discussions:

- There are a lot of issues to be resolved, a lot of work, perhaps more than what one administration can address. The province needs to be patient.
- Would it be helpful to have a full-time councilor?
- Could lay people be given more responsibilities to free up SCJs to focus on community life and ministry?
- There has been a disconnect between what the membership thinks leadership is doing and what is actually going on. More may have been happening than what many in the province realized.
- Was there a disconnect in what the council was requesting of some of the proposed committees; for example, the committee on SHSST? Were goals clearly defined?
- There is a need for renewal and/or retreats.
- We need a more dynamic presence on the internet to assist in vocation development and youth outreach.
- People don't respond to general invitations. If people are needed for committee work they need to be asked directly.
- There is a need to reflect on what it means to live simply.
- The province needs to identify urgent concerns.
- What is the health of the province development offices?
- What do we do with the members we have; what is practical?
- Does the council meet enough? How can they work together more effectively? Are they over-extended and unable to do all that is asked of them?
- Is the province trying to do too much for its membership size?
- How will the council prioritize concerns? How can the membership be involved in this?
- How does the membership determine what is realistic?
- Work of the council, and province committees, needs to be communicated more frequently and effectively. This will create better "buy-in" but also accountability.
- Leadership must build on what has been done in the past.
- There needs to be greater cooperation among the membership; more willingness to participate in province concerns.
- Local communities need regular, well thought-out community meetings.

#### IV. General Chapter

- A. Presentation — Fr. Ed Kilianski and Fr. Duy Nguyen were the delegates from the U.S. Province to the General Chapter. Fr. Nguyen summarized the experience and spoke about the final message from the chapter.

The first week of the chapter included a review of the superior general's report on the congregation. There has been a greater focus in recent years on the missionary aspect of the community and new initiatives have been opened in places like Chad, Angola, Vietnam and Paraguay. Fr. Nguyen stressed that the congregation has always been mission oriented – the expansion from France is evidence of that. Fr. Nguyen said that he was impressed by the presentations from mission areas.

The second week of the chapter focused on the elections. After that, delegates moved toward the creative process, visioning for the future. Five priorities for the congregation were identified in the final message: 1) Spirituality and Identity, 2) Fraternal Life in Community, 3) Formation, 4) Preferential Option for the Poor, and 5) Mission.

All of the priorities were anchored in the theme of the chapter: "Merciful, in community, with the poor."

- B. Table discussions — Assembly participants discussed the General Chapter in small groups. Comments from the tables to the wider group (paraphrased):

- We were impressed by the golden thread of concern for the poor and needy, the call for mercy within and outside of the community.
- The call for each community to have a plan for its life and apostolate sounds good, but also seems difficult to put into action.
- The description of service of authority was very good.
- There was much overlap in topics and concerns in the Provincial Chapter Synthesis and General Chapter Final Statement.
- Province leadership is key; an entity can rise and fall depending on its leadership.
- The issue of "availability for mission" seemed significant but not well defined.
- "Internationality" means many things – learning another language, welcoming those from other cultures and going out to cultures different than one's own.
- Offering education on the social teachings of the Church would be something significant for the province to focus on.
- Fraternal life is affected by internationality. It is both enhanced by it and challenged.
- The congregation as a whole is facing many of the same issues as the province.
- Neither this nor the Provincial Chapter Synthesis will have any impact if it is filed away.
- The whole community needs to be a part of the discussion of how to implement these statements. Local communities could reflect on what they are doing to address aspects of the statements and share that with the rest of the province giving ideas to others and creating connectedness.
- Spirituality is the basis of our community life.
- Leadership in the U.S. Province should have an international focus, perhaps have international experience.
- We are being called to collaboration in the big picture, as members of a worldwide congregation.

V. Test vote — The assembly took a test vote for provincial superior. Each voter was allowed to submit one name. There were 70 votes in the room; the results were given prior to the lunch break.

VI. Lunch and Adoration — The assembly broke midday for lunch and Adoration at SHML.

VII. Canonical election of provincial superior

A. First canonical ballot — 72 votes were in the room; 72 votes were cast:

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| - Fr. Quang Nguyen:     | 6 votes  |
| - Fr. Yvon Sheehy:      | 2 votes  |
| - Fr. Edward Kilianski: | 55 votes |
| - Fr. Jack Kurps:       | 8 votes  |
| - Fr. Ed Zemlik :       | 1 vote   |

Fr. Edward Kilianski received the two-thirds majority required for election.

B. Acceptance — Fr. Kilianski accepted his election as provincial superior.

VIII. Eucharist, reception and dinner — Tuesday closed with Eucharist celebrated by Fr. Richard MacDonald (previous provincial superior), a reception and dinner.

## **Wednesday, August 26**

I. Opening Prayer — The assembly began with a brief opening prayer.

II. Review — Fr. van den Hengel reviewed what the assembly had done so far: its reflections and discussions on Monday and Tuesday, and the election of Fr. Kilianski as provincial superior. Today, the assembly will elect three of the five councilors. The final two will be elected on Thursday.

III. Table discussions — In small groups SCJs reflected on the input at the assembly by the young SCJs as well as on the discussions regarding the Provincial Chapter and General Chapter. They identified the qualities needed by the provincial administration to address the issues raised in previous reflections and discussed who might have such qualities to assist Fr. Kilianski in leadership.

The tables reported to the larger group following their discussions. Comments on qualities needed for leadership (paraphrased):

- The ability to see a task through to completion.
- The ability to set up a plan to review corporate ministries.
- A connection to the younger members of the province.
- A connection to the older members of the province.
- Creativity and the ability to look at a wide variety of possibilities for the future.
- International experience.
- Administrative experience.
- Vision of the future; a sense of purpose.
- High energy.

- Strong sense of Dehonian spirituality in life and prayer. Grounded in Dehonian spirituality.
- Not afraid to speak his mind.
- Ability to listen.
- Cultural diversity.
- Action-oriented.
- Transparent.
- Someone with a “servant” mentality.
- The ability to empower others.
- Trustworthy, and having the ability to trust others. Confidential.
- Someone who cares about the province.
- Supportive of Fr. Kilianski.
- Able to challenge Fr. Kilianski and each other in a fraternal way.
- Someone who can give voice to concerns for and ministry to the poor.
- New faces but also some continuity.
- Collaborative.
- Good communication skills.
- Good interpersonal skills.
- Tech savvy or willing to learn.
- Compassionate.
- Representation of clerics and brothers.
- Willing to prepare, do homework.
- Willing to make hard decisions.
- Interest in outreach to youth.
- Someone who could call forth renewal in the province.
- Someone who would encourage being together as a province, not just to get together to accomplish tasks.

IV. Fr. Ed Kilianski’s comments — After hearing comments from the tables Fr. Kilianski was invited to talk about the qualities he hopes can be brought to the Provincial Council.

He said that he hoped for councilors who could represent both the younger and older members of the province. He would like to have people who are willing to work hard and make hard decisions. Fr. Kilianski seeks men who are willing to challenge him in a fraternal way, and to challenge the province as a whole.

V. Test vote — The assembly took a test vote for Provincial Councilors. Each voter was allowed to indicate three names.

The results were given before the assembly broke for the morning.

VI. Adoration and lunch — The assembly took a midday break for Adoration and lunch.

VII. Canonical elections

A. First councilor — 72 votes were in the room.

1. Results of the first ballot:

- Fr. Byron Haaland: 1 vote
- Fr. Duy Nguyen: 15 votes
- Fr. Christianus Hendrik: 13 votes
- Fr. Jack Kurps: 9 votes
- Fr. Quang Nguyen: 30 votes
- Fr. Ed Zemlik: 1 vote
- Fr. Mark Mastin: 1 vote
- Fr. Jim Schroeder: 1 vote
- Fr. Greg Schill: 1 vote

2. Results of the second ballot:

- Fr. Quang Nguyen: 38 votes
- Fr. Duy Nguyen: 16 votes
- Fr. Jack Kurps: 7 votes
- Fr. Christianus Hendrik: 10 votes
- Fr. Ed Zemlik: 1 vote

Fr. Quang Nguyen received the necessary number of votes and accepted his election as first councilor.

B. Second councilor — 72 votes were in the room.

1. Results of the first ballot:

- Fr. Christianus Hendrik: 16 votes
- Fr. Jack Kurps: 13 votes
- Fr. Duy Nguyen: 34 votes
- Br. Brian Tompkins: 2 votes
- Fr. Greg Schill: 1 vote
- Br. Frank Presto: 1 vote
- Fr. Ed Zemlik: 1 vote
- Fr. Mark Mastin: 1 vote
- Fr. PJ McGuire: 1 vote
- INVALID: 2 votes

2. Results of the second ballot:

- Fr. Christianus Hendrik: 11 votes
- Fr. Duy Nguyen: 49 votes
- Fr. Jack Kurps: 9 votes
- PJ McGuire: 1 vote
- Fr. Ed Zemlik: 1 vote
- Br. Frank Presto: 1 vote

Fr. Duy Nguyen received the necessary number of votes and accepted his election as second councilor.

C. Third councilor — 72 votes were in the room

1. Results of the first ballot:

- Fr. Ed Zemlik: 1 votes
- Fr. Christianus Hendrik: 36 votes
- Fr. Jack Kurps: 14 votes
- Fr. Robert Tucker: 2 votes
- Fr. Byron Haaland: 4 votes
- Fr. Mark Mastin: 1 vote

- Br. Frank Presto: 5 votes
- Fr. Francis Vu Tran: 2 votes
- Fr. Anthony Kluckman: 1 vote
- Br. Brian Tompkins: 1 vote
- Dn. David Nagel: 1 vote
- Fr. Greg Schill: 2 votes
- INVALID: 1 vote

2. Results of the second ballot:

- Fr. Jack Kurps: 9 votes
- Fr. Christianus Hendrik: 56 votes
- Br. Frank Presto: 5 votes
- Fr. Ed Zemlik: 1 vote
- Fr. Robert Tucker: 1 vote

Fr. Christianus Hendrik received the necessary number of votes and accepted his election as third councilor

VIII. Eucharist, reception and dinner — Wednesday closed with Eucharist celebrated by Fr. John Czyzynski (previous provincial superior), a reception and dinner.

**Thursday, August 27**

- I. Opening Prayer — The assembly began with a brief opening prayer.
- II. Introduction — Fr. van den Hengel noted that the provincial superior, Fr. Ed Kilianski, immediately took office upon his election but that the council would need to be confirmed by the General Council.

Fr. van den Hengel said that there would be a final table discussion before proceeding to the canonical votes for the fourth and fifth councilors. He asked if the assembly would prefer to finish the voting process before lunch or do one vote before lunch and one after. By a show of hands, the majority requested that the process be completed prior to the lunch break.

- III. Table discussions — In small groups SCJs reviewed prior discussions at the assembly and reflected on who might complement the administration in place. Comments (paraphrased) to the larger group:
  - The election process has been good; the assembly is working well together in discernment.
  - It would be good to see fresh faces on the council; it is hoped that more is put into the votes than “popularity contest” criteria.
  - Unexpected people should be considered.
  - A brothers’ perspective is needed on the council.
  - The council needs someone with a sense of Fr. Dehon’s social concerns.
  - The council needs someone who knows Church and congregational law.
  - The council needs an older member, someone with more history of the province.
  - The council needs someone who is well organized and creative.
  - Councilors need a good energy level; they need to be healthy.
  - The council needs someone with a good sense of the charism and SCJ spirituality.

- Management skills and interpersonal skills are needed on the council.
- The council needs to focus on communication with the province and follow-through on plans.

IV. Test vote — The assembly took a test vote for the last two Provincial Councilors. Each voter was allowed to indicate two names.

V. Canonical elections

A. Fourth councilor — 72 votes were in the room.

1. Results of the first ballot:

- Fr. Jack Kurps: 24 votes
- Fr. Greg Schill: 2 votes
- Fr. Mark Mastin: 6 votes
- Fr. Ed Zemlik: 2 votes
- Fr. Anthony Kluckman: 1 vote
- Br. Frank Presto: 17 votes
- Fr. Francis Vu Tran: 11 votes
- Fr. Robert Tucker: 3 votes
- Fr. PJ McGuire: 2 votes
- Fr. Charles Brown: 3 votes
- Fr. William Pitcavage: 1 vote

2. Results of the second ballot (73 votes in the room):

- Br. Frank Presto: 19 votes
- Fr. Jack Kurps: 32 votes
- Fr. Mark Mastin: 3 votes
- Fr. Robert Tucker: 3 votes
- Fr. Francis Vu Tran: 11 votes
- Fr. Ed Zemlik: 1 vote
- Fr. Charles Brown: 1 vote
- Fr. Greg Schill: 2 votes
- Fr. William Pitcavage: 1 vote

3. Results of the third ballot (73 votes in the room)

- Fr. Jack Kurps: 38 votes
- Fr. Ed Zemlik: 1 vote
- Fr. Mark Mastin: 2 votes
- Br. Frank Presto: 21 votes
- Fr. Greg Schill: 2 votes
- Fr. Francis Vu Tran: 7 votes
- Fr. Robert Tucker: 2 votes

Fr. Jack Kurps received the necessary number of votes and accepted his election as fourth councilor.

B. Fifth councilor — 71 votes were in the room. NOTE: although the assembly indicated its preference to conclude the voting process in the morning, there was not enough time and the election for fifth councilor took place after lunch.

1. Results of the first ballot:

- Fr. Anthony Kluckman: 1 vote
- Fr. Charles Brown: 4 votes
- Fr. Francis Vu Tran: 9 votes
- Fr. PJ McGuire: 2 votes
- Br. Frank Presto: 29 votes
- Fr. Mark Mastin: 8 votes
- Fr. Ed Zemlik: 1 vote
- Fr. Byron Haaland: 6 votes

- Dn. David Nagel: 2 votes
  - Fr. Anthony Russo: 1 vote
  - Fr. William Pitcavage: 3 votes
  - Fr. Robert Tucker: 2 votes
  - Fr. Brian Tompkins: 2 votes
  - Fr. Richard MacDonald: 1 vote
2. Results of the second ballot:
- Fr. Bill Pitcavage: 2 votes
  - Fr. Byron Haaland: 10 votes
  - Br. Frank Presto: 32 votes
  - Fr. Mark Mastin: 7 votes
  - Fr. Ed Zemlik: 1 vote
  - Fr. PJ McGuire: 1 vote
  - Fr. Francis Vu Tran: 13 votes
  - Fr. Paul Grizzelle Reid: 1 vote
  - Fr. Charles Brown: 3 votes
  - INVALID: 1
3. Results of the third ballot:
- Fr. Byron Haaland: 11 votes
  - Br. Frank Presto: 33 votes
  - Fr. Jim Schifano: 1 vote
  - Fr. Bill Pitcavage: 3 votes
  - Fr. Charles Brown: 2 votes
  - Fr. Mark Mastin: 7 votes
  - Fr. Francis Vu Tran: 12 votes
  - Fr. PJ McGuire: 1 vote
  - Fr. Ed Zemlik: 1 vote
4. Results of the fourth ballot:
- Fr. Byron Haaland: 13 votes
  - Br. Frank Presto: 36 votes
  - Fr. Mark Mastin: 5 votes
  - Fr. Francis Vu Tran: 11 votes
  - Fr. Ed Zemlik: 1 vote
  - Fr. PJ McGuire: 1 vote
  - Fr. Bill Pitcavage: 3 votes
  - Fr. Charles Brown: 1 vote
5. Results of the fifth ballot:
- Fr. Ed Zemlik: 1 vote
  - Fr. Byron Haaland: 10 votes
  - Fr. Mark Mastin: 5 votes
  - Br. Frank Presto: 37 votes
  - Fr. Charles Brown: 2 votes
  - Fr. Francis Vu Tran: 9 votes
  - Fr. Jim Schifano: 1 vote
  - Fr. PJ McGuire: 1 vote
  - Fr. Bill Pitcavage: 2 votes
  - INVALID: 1 vote

Br. Frank Presto received the necessary number of votes and accepted his election as fifth councilor.

- V. Conclusion — The business of the assembly concluded following the election of the fifth provincial councilor.
- VI. Closing Mass and Installation — Fr. Edward Kilianski was the main celebrant at the Closing Mass. The installation of the new provincial superior was done by Dn. David Nagel, province treasurer. It was witnessed by former provincial superiors: Fr. Michael Burke, Fr. John Czyzynski, Fr. Johnny Klingler and Fr. Richard MacDonald.

Before the conclusion of the Mass Fr. Kilianski thanked members of the assembly for their work, as well as those who helped to organize the gathering, especially Br. Frank Presto, provincial secretary. Fr. John van den Hengel was thanked as well for his work as moderator.

## CALENDAR

### 2015

November 18-19: Provincial Council Meeting  
December 15-16: Provincial Council Meeting

### 2016

February 2-3: Provincial Council Meeting  
March 14-15: Meeting of Local Superiors and Provincial Council  
March 16: Provincial Council Meeting  
May 3-4: Provincial Council Meeting  
June 6-10: US Province Assembly

## UPDATES

**Fr. Roger Phaneuf** of the Canadian Region has a new email address: rphaneuf12@gmail.com

**Br. Gabriel Kersting's** new address: The Inn at Freedom Square, 10801 Johnson Boulevard, Seminole, Florida 33772

**Fr. Louis-Marie Butari** from the Congolese Province joins the Montréal community (2830 Boul Gouin Est, Montréal, QC H2B 1Y7, Canada).

**Fr. Stephen Huffstetter** has a new phone number in Rome: (039) 320-446-0949. He said that he will maintain his US phone number, but not check it as often for messages. Please note that his email address is now stephen.huffstetter@dehon.it. The previous provincial@usprovince.org will soon be deactivated.

**Fr. Edward Kilianski's** new address: 7330 S. Lovers Lane Rd., Apt. 407, Franklin, WI 53132-1849; email: provsup@usprovince.org

## NECROLOGY

**+Fr. David Tadeu Teixeira**, a member of the South Brazilian Province, died September 17. He was born in 1924, professed in 1945 and ordained in 1950.

**+Fr. Henricus Wilhelmus Nederpelt**, a member of the Dutch-Flemish Confederation, died on September 12. He was born in 1938, professed in 1960 and ordained in 1967.

**+Fr. Wladyslaw Stasik**, a member of the Polish Province, died August 28. He was born in 1938, professed in 1958 and ordained in 1967.

**+Fr. François Koedinger**, a member of the Franco-European Province, died August 25. He was born in 1930, professed in 1958 and ordained in 1965.

**+Fr. Antonio Capitanio**, a member of the North Italian Province, died on August 7. He was born in 1933, professed in 1951 and ordained in 1960.