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Minutes of the 873rd Provincial Council Meeting June 6, 2017, Hales Corners, WI

PRESENT: Fr. Ed Kilianski, provincial superior; Fr. Christianus Hendrik, Fr. Jack Kurps, Fr. Duy Nguyen, Fr. Quang Nguyen and Br. Frank Presto, councilors; Mary Gorski, recording secretary.

I. Formation

- A. Frater Juan Carlos Casteñada Rojas — The council voted to approve Frater Casteñada Rojas' request to begin his final vows program. Fr. John Czyzynski will be his director; he will begin his sessions via Skype from Brazil. Frater Casteñada Rojas will return to the United States in August.
- B. Frater Joseph Pham Vu — The council voted to approve Frater Vu for vow renewal; he is currently in the middle of his final vow program. The council also voted to approve Frater Vu to receive the ministry of acolyte.
- C. Postulant Henry Nguyen — The council voted to approve Henry Nguyen's request to enter the novitiate.
- D. Postulant Phong Hoang — The council voted to approve Phong Hoang's request to enter the novitiate.

II. Administration

- A. Raymond (Wisconsin) property
 1. Establishment as novitiate — The council voted to establish the property at 8409 Three Mile Road, Franksville, WI, as the canonical community of the US Province to be known as the Sacred Heart Novitiate.
 2. Filial house — The council voted to make the Sacred Heart Novitiate a filial house of the Dehon Formation Community in Chicago.
 3. Nihil Obstat — The council voted to seek the nihil obstat of the General Superior and his council regarding the first two decisions.
 4. Transfer — The council voted to request that the General Superior and his council transfer the novitiate community from Chicago to the Franksville property (Sacred Heart Novitiate).
- B. Michael Fette — Mike Fette has left the congregation and is now living in Florida.
- C. Treasurer of Sacred Heart Monastery — The council voted to have Fr. Edward Zemlik continue as treasurer of the Sacred Heart Monastery community until a consultation is done. It was noted that the SHM treasurer is assisted in his work by the Province Treasurer's Office.
- D. Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology — Fr. Kilianski told the council that Fr. Tom Knoebel, SHSST rector-president for 2017-18, will be introduced to the province during the assembly. Fr. Knoebel will also meet with the council at its July meeting.

Minutes of the 874th Provincial Council Meeting July 11-12, 2017, Hales Corners, WI

PRESENT: Fr. Ed Kilianski, provincial superior; Fr. Christianus Hendrik, Fr. Jack Kurps, Fr. Duy Nguyen, Fr. Quang Nguyen and Br. Frank Presto, councilors; Fr. Thomas Knoebel for discussion of Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology; Fr. Stephen Huffstetter for updates from the General Council; Mary Gorski, recording secretary.

I. Check-in — Members of the council briefly shared information about themselves and their communities. Items of note:

- Dn. Nagel missed the previous council meeting because he was in Rome with the General Finance Commission and treasurers' meetings. He noted that that Villa Aurelia, the hotel attached to the Generalate, has been updated. A new website now allows people to book rooms online, and for the first time, the hotel has been able to give excess funds to the general administration.
- New floors have been installed in the community house in Nesbit, MS. Unfortunately, the work was significantly behind schedule which caused problems when the community hosted students this summer.
- Fr. Q. Nguyen was recently in the Philippines for meetings in preparation for next year's General Conference; he is chairperson of the planning committee.
- There have been increasing theft problems in Lower Brule, SD. The former sisters' residence was broken into and a television was stolen. A lawn mower was stolen from the community garage. Overall crime has been on the increase in the area. Much of it is tied to the wider problem of drug addiction.
- The pastoral team in South Dakota is having difficulty receiving the necessary permission from the Crow Creek Tribe to complete the demolition of the rectory in Stephan.
- The South Dakota SCJ community has added a second community gathering to its monthly schedule: adoration and evening prayer. The community also has a meeting once a month and four times a year it gets together for a day of recreation.
- The provincial secretary's office (Br. Presto) has been busy with a number of visa concerns for both SCJ students and international SCJs currently ministering in the province.
- Province policies regarding allegations of abuse will need to be adapted to changes in the Vatican policy that require accusations against clerics to be reported to the Congregation of the Doctrine of Faith. Br. Presto will have a revised draft for the council to review at its August meeting.

II. Administration

- A. Minutes of the 873-Provincial Council Meeting — The council voted to approve the minutes of the 873 Provincial Council meeting with slight changes. The meeting took place June 6.
- B. Justice, Peace and Reconciliation director job description — The council reviewed a job description for the province JPR director developed by Mark Peters in collaboration with the JPR Commission. Councilors said that a priority for the JPR director should always be to find ways to connect issues to SCJ spirituality. Could practical tools be created to help apply SCJ spirituality to local, national and international concerns? Such tools could include prayer and education guides for use in parishes and schools around certain issues.

The council recognizes its responsibility in monitoring the issues addressed by the JPR Office in the name of the province. It will continue to collaborate with the JPR Commission and director to ensure that issues of priority are addressed. This is spelled out in Section 12 under "Responsibilities" of the JPR director.

The council voted to approve the job description of the province JPR director with the addition of "U.S. Province" to the end of Section 13 under "Knowledge, Skills and Abilities Required." The line should now read: "Working knowledge of the structures and operations of the Roman Catholic Church and the U.S. Province of the Priests of the Sacred Heart." The approved job description is attached as Addendum A.

- C. Province Health Care Services — At the 2014 Provincial Chapter members of the province discussed the possibility of having a health care professional work with SCJs — both active and retired — to address their short and long-term health care needs.

In August, 2016, Mary Balistreri, through St. Camillus Supportive Home Services, began working at Sacred Heart at Monastery Lake serving as a health care resource to both the SCJ community and lay residents. Recently she was asked by Fr. Kilianski to develop a job description for a “Director of Health Care Services for the U.S. Province.” The council met with her to discuss the full-time position and the possibility of hiring her to fill it.

A registered nurse, Ms. Balistreri has an extensive background in gerontology, health care assessment and in-place health care assistance. She said that she has an “aging in place” philosophy, which means that when possible people should be helped to remain at home in their senior years or in the event of a disabling illness or injury. She emphasized that each person and each case is unique, but that often with assistance, people with physical challenges can remain at home. It is often more cost effective than assisted living or nursing care, and it is beneficial to the well-being of the person.

However, in-place aging issues would not be the only thing for which the director of health care services would have responsibility. Such a person would work with all members of the province as a health care resource. She could investigate local health care options (physical and psychological) for SCJs of all ages, evaluate and make recommendations for seniors living outside of community (recommendations which could include health care options in the area where they currently live), and be a resource to SCJs who may need to learn how to manage a new health concern (such as diabetes or high blood pressure).

Other religious communities have found such positions to be very beneficial for their members’ well-being, and for cost containment. Navigation of health care systems is becoming increasingly complicated.

It was noted that a health care evaluation of a senior living independently should be done prior to the provincial visitation. If a concern is discovered, it could be discussed by the provincial superior with the senior.

Also, it is good to have an established relationship with someone who knows of an individual’s health history prior to a crisis moment. It ensures that the person receives optimal care. Ms. Balistreri noted that as with any other health care professional she would be mindful of privacy concerns though, as necessary, would collaborate with members of an individual’s health care team.

Following their conversation with Ms. Balistreri, the council further discussed the position of Director of Health Care Services and the possibility of hiring Ms. Balistreri to fill it. Councilors agreed that the position would require some traveling for on-site evaluations. Details of how services offered by St. Camillus for lay residents would need to be defined (currently, Ms. Balistreri is an employee of St. Camillus; as a province employee would she be able to continue her service to lay residents?).

The council voted to hire Mary Balistreri as Director of Health Care Services for the U.S. Province. She will report to Dn. David Nagel. He will work out details of her employment with the assistance of the province human resources director. Ms. Balistreri will begin as soon as she is able to conclude her service with St. Camillus.

- D. In-place health care — Related to the discussion concerning the hiring of a Director of Health Care Services, councilors briefly talked about recent experiences of in-place health care. Br. John Monek is doing well with assistance that allowed him to return to the community after spending time at the Congregational Home. Fr. Charles Yost was very grateful to be able to do home hospice, allowing him to spend his last days in community. It was noted that some in the community found the situation to be stressful, but if given the option, most people would want the same for themselves. It is a somber experience to be with someone in his last days, but it is also a compassionate expression of community.
- E. Senior Life Commission — Previously the council asked whether the appropriate name is Senior Life “Commission” or “Committee.” Br. Presto researched the question and discovered that basically the duties and rules for the establishment of either are the same. Committees and commissions are advisory bodies that can go beyond individual administration mandates. The only commission required is the Finance Commission. Since Senior Life has been known as a commission, it shall continue to be known as the “Senior Life Commission.”

F. Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology

1. Fr. Tom Knoebel — Fr. Knoebel, the SHSST president-rector for the 2017-18 academic year, met with the council. He has a long history with the seminary and expressed his gratitude to the council for asking him to serve at Sacred Heart once again. To encourage communication between SHSST and the province he asked if he could have time with the council at each of its meetings. The council agreed.

He noted the transitional nature of this upcoming year. The previous president-rector recently completed his term and the province continues to seek a permanent replacement. Fr. Knoebel emphasized that this next year is an excellent opportunity for the seminary to do significant future planning. Values of the past — such as hospitality and the Dehonian charism — need to be maintained while new initiatives for the future are developed. He defined it as a year-long grace period for the province and seminary to put its agenda in place before a permanent president-rector is hired.

Fr. Knoebel listed many positive factors such as the Salvatorans commitment to the seminary and the move of the province's own formation program to SHSST. He emphasized the need to encourage other religious communities to commit to sending their seminarians to Sacred Heart. Kelly Kornacki (ESL academic director), Dn. Steve Kramer and Fr. Knoebel will go to the next CMSM conference to promote the seminary. The ESL program is an excellent component of SHSST; it allows dioceses to send its international seminarians for theological studies as well as practical assistance with their English skills in preparation for ministry. The bridge program is also an excellent resource to such seminarians.

He noted the general administration's discussions regarding the establishment of three primary seminaries for the congregation. Sacred Heart was identified as one of these, which would be another opportunity to strengthen its enrollment. As noted above, the ESL program is an excellent resource not just for students to learn English, but to prepare for seminary studies, advanced studies and ministry to English-speaking Catholics.

In years past the seminary faculty and staff would do a weekend retreat together at Baileys Harbor. Fr. Knoebel is looking into the possibility of doing that this fall, perhaps renting the former SCJ retreat center which is now owned and operated by the Diocese of Green Bay.

Fr. Knoebel is excited about the ESL program and continued possibilities for the future. He recently had a meeting with Fr. Yvon Sheehy (ESL residential coordinator) and Br. Duane Lemke (assistant ESL residential coordinator). Winter ESL sessions could be offered for those on summer breaks in the southern hemisphere. He has also met with Dn. Nagel and Mark Wenzel regarding the remodeling of Sacred Heart Monastery and looks forward to the project's start.

Regarding the main chapel at SHSST, Fr. Knoebel asked the council about the possibility of replacing the small statue of Mary that currently hangs in the upper right section of the chapel. He suggested using an image of Our Lady of Guadalupe instead. The current statue is a bit small for most to see, OLG has significance because she is patroness of the Americas, and there is significant devotion to her among Hispanic Catholics. There is an OLG image that hangs in the stairwell below the chapel. Fr. Knoebel will investigate use of it, perhaps placing it on an easel in the chapel.

Enrollment numbers for fall have not been finalized. At this point 68 seminarians are registered, plus five will be on pastoral assignments. There will be approximately 30 in-house students. St. Francis Seminary will have 18 new students who will represent several Wisconsin dioceses. Seven students from the summer ESL program will continue into the fall semester and there will be 18 MA and cohort students. At this point, the official student count for the fall semester is 91, but Fr. Knoebel emphasized that this number could change (larger or smaller) in the weeks ahead.

2. Council follow-up — Fr. Kilianski also noted that an SCJ from Portugal with a doctorate in dogmatic theology has expressed interest in teaching at SHSST; he speaks several languages, including English.

Councilors asked if the seminary had a policy regarding female students (most likely summer ESL students) residing on campus. Fr. Knoebel said that he would need to investigate whether there was adequate privacy to make this possible. With the upcoming remodeling, he does not anticipate that SHSST would be able to accommodate female residents in the next year.

3. Apostolic Nuncio — Archbishop Christophe Pierre has agreed to deliver the 2017 Dehon Lecture. This will take place on November 8. The Provincial Council is meeting that week and will adjust its meetings so councilors can be present

at the talk. The council offered to have the archbishop stay at SHML if there is not adequate space for him at SHSST.

4. Installation— Fr. Knoebel will be installed as SHSST president-rector during the seminary’s opening Mass on August 30. Fr. Kilianski will do the installation. Fr. Knoebel has the installation service that was done in the past as a reference. Most likely he will do the Profession of Faith during vespers on August 29; Fr. Kilianski is to witness this.
5. Board of Directors — The council voted to appoint Francis H. LoCoco to the SHSST Board of Directors. He is a Milwaukee area trial attorney.
- G. Indonesian request — Fr. Alexander Sapta Dwi Hadoko, the provincial superior of Indonesia, wrote to Fr. Kilianski to inform him that two members of the province will enter the ESL program in August. One requires a full year in the ESL program to learn English in preparation for formation ministry in Vietnam. The second would like to prepare for his TOEFL and GRE tests for doctoral studies in the United States. The council is in favor of supporting both students; however, it was noted that the province will only support graduate education in the Milwaukee area since the formation community is moving out of Chicago. Marquette University offers several excellent graduate programs.
- H. Request from Brazil Sao Paulo Province — The administration of the Brazil Sao Paulo Province has asked for assistance in beginning a new benefactor project. Two SCJs from the province will be in the summer ESL program and would like to learn about development work in the United States. Dn. Nagel informed the Province Development Office of the request; development staff are available to meet with the Brazilians.
- I. Follow-up from South Dakota visitation — Fr. Bernie Rosinski wrote a memo to Fr. Kilianski following his visitation in South Dakota. In it he made several suggestions regarding juridical concerns, including the establishment of a province juridical committee. The council noted that provincial administration has access to and consults with canon and civil law experts on an as-needed basis. The council appreciates Fr. Rosinski’s suggestions and input.
- J. Formation —
 1. Millennials — Formation is a priority in the province and thus it is to be a regular item on the council’s agenda. At the July meeting councilors talked about the experience of “Millennials” in formation, not just in the U.S. Province, but in other entities and other communities. Although it is difficult to make a blanket statement about any group of people, many researchers have indicated that Millennials have a difficult time making long-term commitments, including the commitment to religious life. This is not unique to the United States. Fr. Hendrik gave examples of similar concerns in his native Indonesia.

How can the province, in particular, through the formation program, help Millennials more deeply identify with religious life, with the Priests of the Sacred Heart? How can Millennials be prepared and challenged to make a commitment to the SCJs, to community, to ministry? How can they see a place for themselves in the province? How can they be given the confidence to identify and create Dehonian ministries that they believe answer the needs of today’s world? How can their talents be identified and more fully developed?

It was noted that some who “graduate” from formation are not specifically prepared for future ministry, especially religious brothers. Those in formation need to be prepared not just for SCJ religious life, but also for ministry as a Dehonian.

Frequently in formation students should be asked to reflect on how they envision themselves as a Priest of the Sacred Heart. Do they see a place for themselves? If not, what is calling them to be with the SCJs?

Time in quiet reflection is something that all people need, but especially those in formation. It is the only way to hear God’s call. Time without screens, phone-free time in fraternity with others is vital in formation.

The council would like to continue this conversation with the formation team, including the novice master. As noted earlier, formation is to be a regular topic of the council meetings. The formation team will be invited to the August council meeting and then asked to visit with the council approximately every other meeting after that. This is especially important in light of the upcoming changes in the location of the formation programs.

Besides the topic of Millennials in formation, at the next meeting the council and formators will talk about progress on the formation ratio.

2. Next year — Related to the previous discussion, Fr. Kilianski reminded Fr. Q. Nguyen to update vocation information to reflect the changes to the formation program. Fr. Q. Nguyen said that he has already begun addressing this.

Councilors discussed college and university options in the Milwaukee area. The first option for students should be Marquette University. However, for some students SHSST's bridge program with Cardinal Stritch University might be appropriate. Fr. Q. Nguyen will contact Fr. David Szatkowski and Fr. Byron Haaland about visiting Marquette and Cardinal Stritch Universities with him to discuss possibilities and requirements for students in formation. Fr. Q. Nguyen will report back to the council on this at the October meeting. The council emphasized that while in some cases academic programs might be accelerated, formation should not be.

3. Dehonian cross — Some candidates have been seen wearing the Dehonian cross. It was noted that many variations of it are given out by different entities; the wooden Dehonian cross is especially popular among young people. Councilors appreciate interest in the cross but noted that the official profession cross should not be given to those in formation until first vows. The community prayer book, *This Day of God*, would make for an appropriate symbol for a person to receive upon entrance to candidacy.
- K. Vocations — Fr. Q. Nguyen reported that he and Fr. Greg Murray from Canada have been in contract regarding collaborative possibilities between the U.S. and Canada on vocations. Mary Gorski said that she was developing a proposal for a combined North American SCJ website. If this comes to fruition, a collaborative vocation section could be a part of it.
- L. Sacred Heart Community, Pinellas Park — Fr. Greg Speck, superior of the Sacred Heart Community in Pinellas Park, has asked to retire on his 70th birthday, September 14. Leadership possibilities will need to be discussed for the community.
- M. Fr. Stephen Huffstetter — Fr. Huffstetter, general councilor, visited briefly with the council. He was in the Milwaukee area to spend time with his family. Fr. Huffstetter talked about his work and some of his experiences during visits to other entities. He noted the need for Spanish-speaking SCJs, especially in Latin America.

As more members of the congregation move between entities, he asked the council to think creatively in how they can welcome and assist international SCJs. Perhaps the U.S. Province could support an SCJ in receiving education and training in gerontology or development, give that person first-hand experience in the United States, and then send him back to his home entity (or another) for service. Members of one entity shouldn't be sought simply to fill an open slot in another entity.

Fr. Huffstetter encouraged the province to send someone to the formators course which will end with a trip to the Holy Land.

He noted that Bridget Martin, principal of Sacred Heart School in Southaven, has been asked to serve on an international committee to promote collaboration in education. This is an outgrowth of the Valencia conference in 2014.

The general administration is impressed by the number of SCJs in the summer ESL program; he encouraged members of the U.S. Province to also develop a second language.

Finally, he thanked the U.S. Province for its service to the congregation, emphasizing that it is not just financial support for which the general administration is grateful, but also the ideas, policies and leadership of the province that are often cited as examples for other entities to follow.

Fr. Huffstetter will be in North America until August 20. He will take part in the retreat in Mississauga, Ontario, and soon after return to Rome.

- N. Funerals — It would be helpful if there was a person in place to take responsibility for province funerals. Fr. Kilianski will ask Br. Duane Lemke if he would serve in this role which would include planning music and readings for the liturgy, ensuring that booklets and memorial cards are designed and printed, securing musicians, ordering flowers and planning the meal. He will work in collaboration with the provincial secretary.

In the future, the provincial secretary will ensure that the funeral home receives a picture of the deceased to aid in preparation of the body.

An SCJ has asked about the possibility of listing ministries on the headstone. The council is against this idea, noting that members of the community should be identified as religious first. Ministry is secondary.

- O. Election Assembly — The next Election Assembly is scheduled for June 18-22, 2018; Sr. Cathy Bertrand will serve as moderator. Fr. Stephen Huffstetter, general councilor, will attend the assembly. Fr. Jack Kurps agreed to be the liturgist for the gathering. The term of the current provincial administration ends on September 17, 2018. Installation of the new administration will be on or about that time.

Councilors discussed whether there is a need for an SCJ of another entity to serve as co-moderator. It was decided that this is not necessary. Sr. Bertrand is very familiar with the province and will have adequate support from others. If an SCJ of another entity is needed during the process Fr. Huffstetter will be available.

A councilor asked if proxy votes will be allowed. Br. Presto said that they would.

Fr. Kilianski suggested that the required State of the Province report be done differently than its previous written form. His idea is that it be done as a video that highlights various communities and ministries in the province. The “Mission Possible” video used at Mission Education was cited as an excellent example of how this can be done.

Br. Andy Gancarczyk, Frater Joseph Vu and Br. Duane Lemke will be asked to develop the video. Br. Lemke will serve as coordinator of the group.

It was noted that the State of the Province should include some component that allows the provincial superior to share his personal reflection on the province

- P. Province Assembly — The Provincial Council expressed its gratitude and thanks for the work that Fr. Thi Pham and members of the organizing committee did in preparation for the June assembly. It was well-received.

In the future the council asks that evaluation forms be a part of every province gathering. These help the organizers of future events. Also, there should be more effort in prayer to include a variety of languages, such as Vietnamese and Spanish. If different communities are to be asked to organize prayer, someone needs to have oversight to ensure that there is not duplication of songs or other components.

- Q. Admissions Board — The council discussed whether men with chronic health conditions should be considered for candidacy. Such a condition would cover anything that requires long-term (perhaps life-long) treatment and/or monitoring. The council suggested that such a condition is just one component to be considered when reviewing an applicant. If the condition does not hinder the person’s daily living, then it should not be a decisive factor against him. However, if a person is accepted with a chronic condition, and during his candidacy the condition proves to be significantly problematic, the formation team needs to take this into consideration when evaluating him for advancement in formation.

The council also voted to appoint Br. Brian Tompkins to the Admissions Board to replace the seat vacated by Fr. Charles Yost, and to appoint Fr. Paul Kelly and Fr. Bob Bossie to new terms. The terms run from 2017-2020.

- R. ESL minimum age limit — The council recently learned that a woman under 18 is in the summer ESL summer program. Although she does not live on campus (she is staying with family), councilors wondered if there is a requirement that students be over 18. Fr. Kilianski will speak to Kelly Kornacki, ESL academic director, about this. If there is not a minimum age, perhaps one should be set.

III. Membership

- A. Fr. Vien Nguyen — Fr. V. Nguyen was originally scheduled to begin teaching at SHSST in spring of 2018, semester. He has asked to delay that to the fall 2018 semester to finish writing his doctoral thesis and take time to develop a curriculum for teaching. The council agreed to Fr. V. Nguyen’s request; however, he will be expected to do part-time ministry during the spring semester while completing his doctoral work. Ministry options could include spiritual and/or human formation at SHSST and assistance at St. Martin of Tours parish.
- B. Michael Fette — Fr. Kilianski shared a letter from Michael Fette in which he thanked the council, province for their support of him in his transition from the community.

- C. Br. Bernard Taube — Br. Taube will be buried in his family’s plot instead of the Sacred Heart Mausoleum; however, the province will offer financial assistance with burial if needed. He lives in a nursing facility; his expenses are paid by Medicaid Family Care. His niece is Br. Taube’s Power of Attorney.
- D. Fr. Francois Tsanga — He has arrived in Mississippi to begin ministry with the pastoral team.
- E. Fr. Frank Wittouck — Fr. Wittouck passed his driver’s test and has purchased a new vehicle fitted with hand controls.

IV. Finance

- A. Province Development Office — Schenck Business Solutions has been hired to do the Development Office audit. There has been improvement in total dollars brought in while overall expenses have been reduced. Collaboration with the St. Joseph’s team has gone well.
- B. Chicago property — Three offers were made on the property that currently houses the Dehon Formation Community. Dn. Nagel asked the council to consider pursuing an offer made by Pioneer Acquisitions, LLC. The offer is close to the asking price and the province would not need to hire an agent to represent the property, saving close to \$400,000. Pioneer Acquisitions is willing to lease space to the province during the upcoming academic year. Details of what would be included in the sale (including items within the building and special structures, such as the chapel windows) would need to be itemized. Kathleen Dahlgren is currently reviewing the offer.

The council voted to approve pursuit of the sale of the province property on Blackstone and 53rd Street in Chicago to Pioneer Acquisitions, LLC.

- C. Novitiate — The property is being remodeled to add two bedrooms and a chapel. The cost is approximately \$150,000.
- D. Sacred Heart Monastery — Bill Weidner, who oversaw the construction of Sacred Heart at Monastery Lake, has been hired by Dn. Nagel to be the owner’s representative for the remodeling of Sacred Heart Monastery. He, Mark Wenzel, Br. Presto and Dn. Nagel make up the committee in-charge of the remodeling project. The State (Wisconsin) Department of Public Safety is review plans for the new elevator on July 25. If permitting goes as expected, preparation work for Phase I of the project can begin in August.

Dn. Nagel walked the council through the plans for the remodeled space. Room 200 will become the new community kitchen and dining room, which will address fire code issues. Residential space will include suites, single rooms, and flex rooms that can be used either as single rooms with a shared bath or as one suite.

The anticipated cost of the project is \$6 million. Adaptions may need to be done to bring the cost down if sufficient funds are not available.

It is hoped that the project can be completed by July 1, 2018. If it isn’t, there will be extra rooms on the SHSST student side that could be used for those in formation.

- E. Request from the Congolese Province — The Congolese Province has asked for just under \$48,000 to fund a solar electricity project. The council sees merit in the project but advised that all international requests for financial assistance go through the General Treasurer’s Office.

V. Calendars

- A. Council meetings – The council added the following council meeting dates for 2018:
 - January 30-31
 - March 5-6 with the Local Superiors; March 7 just with the council
 - April 10-11
 - June 5-6
 - August 14-15 (the council will take part in first vows and entrance to novitiate)
 - September 18-19
- B. Visitations — Fr. Kilianski’s tentative visitation calendar for 2018 is as follows:
 - St. Joseph’s Community, January 2-4

Sacred Heart at SHML, January 21-26
Sacred Heart Monastery, February 5-7
Dehon Formation Community, February 11-17
Sacred Heart Novitiate, February 26 – March 1
Sacred Heart Community Pinellas Park, March 11-17
Mississippi Community, March 14 – April 1 (Holy Week and Easter)
South Dakota Community, April 15-20
Texas Community, May 14-21

C. Conference call — The council will next meet by conference call at 10:00 a.m. Central on Tuesday, July 18.

Addendum A

Priests of the Sacred Heart

Job Description

Job Title: Director of Justice, Peace and Reconciliation **FLSA:** Exempt

Reports To: Provincial Superior or his delegate

General Summary:

Rooted in SCJ spirituality and the Dehonian charism, foster the development of a culture within the US Province and its entities that promotes social justice within our own local communities, our ministries, our institutions and our employees and associates. Establish and maintain partnerships between the province, local communities and coalitions that work on issues that reflect the province's social justice concerns.

Responsibilities:

Stay apprised of current social justice issues and of the Church's past and current teaching on those issues, with a particular focus on:

the local areas in which SCJs minister

issues of special concern to the Founder, especially the rights of workers and economic justice

current priorities of the US Province and the General Administration

Meet regularly with the JPR Commission to evaluate efforts and progress, set goals, and plan and evaluate efforts.

Develop practical social justice resources for SCJs, province entities (especially parishes and schools), laity and other groups as appropriate or requested. These may include education on Catholic social teaching and justice and peace ministry as well as current issues. Maintain and regularly update the JPR website as a resource for

the province and its entities and associates.

Coordinate legislative advocacy efforts as appropriate in states where SCJs minister and provide updates and resources on relevant issues throughout the year. Participate in and assist the North American Migration Committee and coordinate the JPR Commission's immigration-related efforts with them.

Maintain email list of SCJs and interested lay staff and supporters and communicate regularly but in a focused and practical way through the JPR newsletter, alerts, etc.

Become familiarized with the SCJ Rule of Life and Constitutions, the social writings of Fr. Dehon, the Ratio Formationis Provincialis, and other sources related to the Dehonian charism and mission, and help raise awareness of the Dehonian approach to social issues.

Schedule occasional visits with SCJ communities in the US (when possible with the JPR Commission) to build relationships, become better acquainted with their apostolates, and learn more about the problems their people face. Research the structural causes of those problems and the public policies that should be pursued via our legislative initiatives. Participate in international, congregational, provincial and local community gatherings as requested.

Represent the province on the Seventh Generation Interfaith Coalition (SGI) for Responsible Investment; file shareholder resolutions as appropriate with the approval of the Provincial Superior and in coordination with SGI and Interfaith Center for Corporate Responsibility; when appropriate and when necessary in consultation with the Provincial Treasurer, sign on to investor letters related to social concerns.

Create and monitor the annual JPR budget following the province policies and procedures, in consultation with the JPR Commission.

Submit an annual report to the Province on JPR activities and upcoming goals.

Coordinate other initiatives related to social concerns as requested by the Provincial Superior, Provincial Council, JPR Commission, or other SCJ entities.

Participate in an annual performance review by the Provincial Superior or his designate(s).

Knowledge, Skills and Abilities Required

Practicing Catholic with an advanced degree in Social Justice or its equivalent.

Knowledge of and appreciation for Catholic social teaching.

Commitment to the Gospel call to action on behalf of justice and reconciliation.

Commitment to systemic and structural change to address issues of injustice.

Ability to analyze problems, to understand their causes, and to explore solutions from the framework of Gospel values.

Ability to bring new approaches to persistent problems, to assess needs, and to devise strategies to meet those needs.

Ability to develop goals, to determine strategies, and to implement action-oriented approaches to address social justice issues.

Ability to work closely with others in the spirit of nonviolence, mutuality, inclusiveness and conflict resolution.

Ability to work independently, establish and rearrange priorities, and meet deadlines in a timely manner.

Excellent oral, written, interpersonal communication, and decision-making skills, and have the ability to supervise and manage goals, projects and activities.

Experience in drafting budgets, budget administration and computer literacy.

Willingness to learn about the Priests of the Sacred Heart, SCJ spirituality, and Dehonian charism.

Working knowledge of the structures and operations of the Roman Catholic Church and the USA Province of the Congregation of the Priests of the Sacred Heart.

Ability to maintain a high level of confidentiality and inform the Provincial Superior of essential information in a timely manner.

Working Conditions

General office setting with some evening and weekend work; limited travel, primarily in the US; high degree of repetitive motion using fingers and wrist; reaching, bending and lifting of up to 40 pounds.

**Notes from Justice Peace & Reconciliation Commission Meeting
May 23-24, 2017**

Hales Corners, WI

Present: Fr. Bob Bossie, Fr. John Czyzynski, Fr. Wayne Jenkins, Mark Peters, and Frater Joseph Vu.
Excused: Fr. Greg Schill.

The meeting began on Tuesday afternoon with “checking in” and a reflection on life in Milwaukee 53206 entitled “A Dream Deferred.”

Old Business: We made plans for a short presentation at the Assembly on June 8th. We will talk to Fr. Thi about our request for a meeting with the Mississippi community after the Assembly. Mark will talk to Br. Frank about getting our minutes attached to the Cor Unum again, but will also make them available on the JPR website and ask Mary to include a link to them in Fridge Notes.

Director’s Report: Besides working with a number of groups and coalitions on immigration, including the North American Migration Committee, Mark has been doing a lot of work with Seventh Generation Interfaith Coalition for Responsible Investment, which operates out of St. Benedict the Moor in Milwaukee but has members throughout the Midwest. Besides work on the Board and their new Development Committee, he has filed a shareholder resolution on behalf of the US Province with The TJX Companies on wage disparity which comes to a vote in early June. He has also made contacts with the Texas Catholic Conference and Catholic Charities of the Jackson, Mississippi Diocese to stay current on legislative issues in those states and has passed along their alerts on a couple occasions with our local communities in those states. He’s been asked by Fr. Byron Haaland and Fr. Paul Kelly to prepare some resources for the Novitiate and a class at Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology for next fall, and has begun to pull together ideas for parish and school resources. Our request for extra funds to produce these resources was approved along with the rest of our proposed 2017-2018 budget.

Turning to our grant requests, the group made decisions about allocating this year’s funds, which are half of last year’s and ending with this next cycle. Several groups are being recommended for half of last year’s grant, while a few others are getting a recommendation for more or less of that baseline amount. Criteria employed included funding sources/revenues and likely impact of the loss of our grant and whether organizations had SCJ involvement and were focused on core US Province priorities. Greater weight was also given to projects more likely to result in systemic change. Our recommendations will go on to the Provincial Council for final approval.

We concluded the afternoon with a report from Wayne Jenkins on his research into the JPR Commission’s history. First established as an ad hoc committee in 1974, its purpose and functions have evolved over the years, but the common denominator has always been to explore and highlight the social justice/systemic change dimensions of the issues that confront those with whom SCJs have worked in some of the poorest communities in the United States. As we continue to evolve to respond to today’s challenges in our country, world and the province itself, we are committed to finding new ways to raise awareness and promote “action on behalf of justice and participation in the transformation of the world,” as the 1971 World Synod of Bishops put it.

We reconvened on Wednesday morning with a reflection based on (Resurrection of the Lord/Ottawa parishioner) Karen Mahoney’s story of her parish choosing to sponsor a refugee family and the blessings they realized in doing so, along with the challenging words of Pope Francis to use our empty buildings as

shelters or other forms of refuge for the neediest. We then looked at recent calls from women religious for Catholics to get involved in the New Sanctuary Movement as a way of resisting the recent big upsurge in detentions and deportations of the undocumented, and for organizations to divest of investments in companies involved in the Dakota Access Pipeline. We shared our feelings of frustration with everything that is happening in the country right now that flies in the face of Catholic social teaching and the difficulty of trying to respond to rapidly-developing attacks on migrants and refugees – especially Muslims, on health-care, Medicaid, Food Stamps, Meals on Wheels, and on environmental regulation and even the acknowledgement of the reality of climate change, not to mention calls to double down on the failed war on drugs and return to policies of mass incarceration, refusal to address racial disparities in police violence or the growth of white supremacist hate-mongering and violence, and a foreign policy that seems based solely on military might and support of morally objectionable regimes with little concern for human rights.

There was a general consensus that we try to be more public about opposition to things like the President's proposed federal budget which drastically cuts safety net programs and education in order to give huge tax breaks to the richest Americans and a huge increase for the Pentagon. We will work toward development of a public statement that we could issue on our own or ask the Provincial Council to consider supporting, relying in part on the USCCB's own statements. More than that we will continue to look for ways to collaborate with other groups and especially the laity in the communities where we minister to advocate for more compassionate national and state policies. We hope to meet with other local communities in the coming year as we did in January with the Texas community to take our cues from them as to any ways we can assist them or follow up on issues they identify.

We discussed the Provincial Council's directive that we begin to develop Dehonian resources around immigration, the environment and Catholic social teaching that could be used by our parishes, schools, employees, or other collaborators. Mark is gathering materials and ideas for some one-page bulletin inserts and simple grade-level lesson plans that he will try to get to pastors and principals by the end of summer for their consideration. These will be "first-draft" resources that can be modified and formatted according to feedback received. He has also created a tri-fold brochure that the commission edited and approved that describes the JPR Commission, gives an introduction to Catholic social teaching, and tells people how to contact us for any help or resources needed if they want to work at their local level. He will try to get this produced in time to make available at the June Assembly. The hope would be that pastors will put these in their parishes' literature racks and let their parishioners know it's available and that further resources will be following.

We concluded with a discussion of expectations of JPR commission members. There is a lot of reading of emails and background materials, and items for review such as policy proposals, requests for sign-ons to advocacy letters, the monthly newsletter, etc. Members are asked to try to reply to requests for responses in a timely way, but it's understood that no one can always get to it all. Sometimes it is also better to have a brief teleconference conversation around complex issues rather than flurries of emails back and forth. Members are encouraged to let Mark know if they need more time to respond on an issue or want a group conversation. Commission members are also highly encouraged to share their own reflections from time to time in the JPR newsletter or the JPR website blog page. Finally, we talked about the importance of thinking "strategically" and not getting overly bogged down in the immediate. All agreed we should build this time into our agendas every meeting.

Time ran out before we could address the question of Commission term limits, but we do want to re-establish these. Members are always free to stay for more than one term, but should be free to step down after a two or three year term. We'll pick this up again at our next meeting, which will be in the fall but whose date and location is yet to be determined.

CALENDAR

2017

August 13-19:	North American Dehonian Retreat, Mississauga, Ontario
August 14:	Reception to Novitiate
August 29-30:	Provincial Council Meeting
October 3-4:	Provincial Council Meeting
October 16-17:	Meeting of North American administrations in Montréal (beginning the evening of October 16)
October 23-27:	Novice Masters Meeting, Rome
November 7-8:	Provincial Council Meeting
November 12-25:	Colloquium of Major Superiors, Rome
December 19-20:	Provincial Council Meeting

2018

January 1 - May 17:	Treasurers Course, Rome
January 18-23:	Meeting of Dehonian Bishops, Rome
January 30-31:	Provincial Council Meeting
March 5-6:	Local Superiors Meeting (beginning the evening of March 5)
March 7:	Provincial Council Meeting
April 10-11:	Provincial Council Meeting
April 16-20:	Meeting of Rectors, Rome
May 6-12:	North American Dehonian Retreat, Racine
June 5-6:	Provincial Council Meeting
June 18-22:	US Province Election Assembly, Hales Corners
July 14-28:	General Conference, Philippines
August 5-12:	Retreat for those in formation, Racine
August 14-15:	Provincial Council Meeting
September 18-19:	Provincial Council Meeting (transition meeting of out-going and in-coming administrations)
October 1 - June 30	Formators Course, Rome

UPDATES

Fr. Bernie Rosinski and **Fr. Anthony Kluckman** have a new address:

PO Box 776
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Chamberlain, SD 57325-0776

Also, the **Human Resources, Payroll** and **Accounting Departments at St. Joseph's Indian School** have a new address: PO Box 776, Chamberlain, SD 57325. The address for package deliveries remains the same: 1301 N Main St.

Fr. Frank Bursnick's new email address is frfrankscj@gmail.com

Fr. Greg Schill's' new email address is gregorymschill@gmail.com

NECROLOGY

+Fr. **Patrick Harnett**, a member of the British-Irish Province died July 17. He was born in 1929, professed in 1949 and ordained in 1954.

+Fr. **Messias Francisco Rosário**, a member of the Brazil – São Paulo Province, died July 12. He was born in 1937, professed in 1960 and ordained in 1984.

+Fr. **Matthaeus T.M. Holland**, a member of the Dutch-Flemish Confederation, died July 10. He was born in 1927, professed in 1947 and ordained in 1953.

+Br. **Renato Cavaliere**, a member of the Congolese Province, died July 10. He was born in 1941 and ordained in 1957.

+Fr. **Marek Piwowarczyk**, a member of the Polish Province, died July 8. He was born in 1966, professed in 1989 and ordained in 2000.

+Fr. **Albert Vander Elst**, a member of the Dutch-Flemish Confederation, died on July 4. He was born in 1925, professed in 1945 and ordained in 1952.

+Fr. **Mario Pelliccioli** of the Argentine Province died June 8. He was born in 1930, professed in 1947 and ordained in 1956

+Fr. **Cornelius P.M. van Paassen** of the Dutch-Flemish Confederation died June 5. He was born in 1932, professed in 1953 and ordained in 1959.

+Fr. **Eugéne Marie Hubert Quanjel**, a member of the Dutch – Flemish Confederation, died May 2. He was born in 1924, professed in 1958 and ordained in 1965.