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Minutes of the 880th Provincial Council Meeting April 10-11, 2018, Hales Corners, WI

PRESENT: Fr. Ed Kilianski, provincial superior; Fr. Quang Nguyen, Fr. Christianus Hendrik, Fr. Jack Kurps, and Br. Frank Presto, councilors; Dn. David Nagel, provincial treasurer; Fr. Tom Knoebel, SHSST president-rector, for updates on the seminary; Fr. Jim Schroeder, chairperson of the Senior Life Commission, for updates on the commission's work; Mary Gorski, recording secretary. Fr. Duy Nguyen, councilor, was unable to attend the meeting due to illness; he took part briefly by phone conference

I. Extended prayer and check-in — The council spent the first morning at Sacred Heart at Monastery Lake in extended prayer.

II. Administration

A. Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology

1. Updates — Fr. Tom Knoebel, SHSST president-rector, joined the council to share several updates on the seminary, including:

- Fr. John Kartje, rector of Mundelein Seminary, was to be the presenter at the April 11 Dehon Lecture. He holds doctorates in Biblical studies and astrophysics. His topic: "The Un-cloud of Knowing: Astrophysics as Spiritual Master and Guide."
- The seminary is honoring several of its long-time employees who are retiring, as well as those celebrating significant anniversaries. Fr. Paul Kelly is among those who is to be recognized (40 years of ordination).
- Fr. Knoebel will be at the Generalate in Rome in April for the rectors meeting. He will also take part in the summer archeological dig in the Holy Land (it will be at a different location than previous years).
- There have been good discussions during the strategic planning process. One of the issues concerns the identity of the seminary. For many years it has been known for its specialization in preparing "second career" seminarians. This is still an important component of the seminary; however, the number of such seminarians is declining while the outreach of Sacred Heart continues to expand. The seminary is refocusing its mission around the following phrase: "Transform Our World to the Heart of Christ." This fits Sacred Heart's mission as a seminary, but also to global outreach, such as with its new program for Indian SCJs. It is also very Dehonian with its focus on the Heart of Christ.

One of the challenges in defining the mission of the school is determining whether its primary mission is to be a seminary or if it is to become a school of theology that primarily offers the academic component of a seminarian's education. The formative component is then done elsewhere. This is the case for seminarians from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee who do their formation at St. Francis, for Salvatorians who do formation in their own community, and will be the case for SCJ seminarians who will do their formation with the SCJ formation team. Several members of the SHSST staff, including Fr. Knoebel, think it is important to maintain the seminary component of the institution, which means a commitment to formation.

- Five priests who currently serve at the seminary will either retire, leave or be on sabbatical next semester. It is important that SHSST, as a seminary, maintain a strong presence of clergy.
 - Fr. Knoebel has been meeting regularly with Br. Duane Lemke and Fr. Yvon Sheehy regarding ESL, as well as the renovation and enhancement of the monastery community. The council expressed its appreciation to the SHSST community for putting up with the inconveniences caused by the construction, including office relocations and noise. Fr. Knoebel said that SHSST staff have begun to look at contingency plans for student housing during the summer if the renovation isn't completed on schedule. Dn. Nagel said that at this point, it does not look like delays will impact the housing situation.
 - Several staff positions are opening up for the next year, including Vice President of Finance and Director of Communications. The positions are being advertised and applications for both are already being reviewed.
2. Contract — Fr. Knoebel and Fr. Kilianski will meet at 11:00 a.m. on April 23 to discuss Fr. Knoebel's contract for the 2018-19 academic year. Fr. Kilianski thanked Fr. Knoebel for his willingness to serve SHSST.
 3. SHSST Board of Directors — Fr. Kurps' term on the SHSST Board of Directors will soon conclude.

B. Personnel

1. Fr. Nick Brown — Fr. Brown's position as a hospital chaplain in San Antonio concluded. He is visiting the Sacred Heart Community at SHML as he considers retirement options.
2. Frater Juan Carlos Castañeda Rojas — Frater Rojas' ordination to diaconate will take place at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 16, at Sacred Heart Monastery / Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology.
3. Fr. Duy Nguyen — Fr. Nguyen will begin a six-month sabbatical on August 6. Fr. Francois Tsanga will be named temporary administrator of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Houston, during his absence.

- C. Call with Fr. Stephen Huffstetter — Fr. Huffstetter, general councilor, called to update the council on plans for a General Chapter. The congregation must elect a new general administration following Fr. Heiner Wilmer being named bishop of Hildesheim. Fr. Huffstetter said that most likely the General Conference in the Philippines would be cancelled (or postponed until the next administration) and that the General Chapter would be held July 14-27 in Rome. He asked that this not be shared publicly until after the letter of convocation is sent.

Fr. Q. Nguyen was thanked for his service on the Preparatory Commission for the General Conference. The council will recommend to the General Chapter that the conference be rescheduled.

The same formula for delegate numbers used for the prior General Chapter will be implemented; the US Province will have two delegates plus the Provincial Superior. A Provincial Chapter will need to be held to select the delegates. This can be very short and held in conjunction with the Election Assembly.

Fr. Huffstetter noted that the General Council anticipates approving the list of names for the Election Assembly during their meetings the week of April 16.

- D. Provincial Chapter — Following their conversation with Fr. Huffstetter, councilors talked about options for the Provincial Chapter. Councilors decided to schedule it for the afternoon of Monday, June 18. This was to be the first afternoon of the Election Assembly. Most likely, the only significant task of the Provincial Chapter will be to select delegates for the General Chapter. It is thought that this can be completed by the end of the day on June 18 and that the Province Election Assembly can begin Tuesday morning, June 19.
- E. Formation Ratio — Br. Presto updated the council on the work of the Ratio committee. In his written report he noted that some members of the committee are concerned that when the formation community moves to Sacred Heart Monastery, SCJ seminarians may feel pressure at SHSST to move towards ordination too quickly. Councilors did not think that this was an appropriate concern. There are specific steps in formation for SCJ religious life that cannot be rushed through. There are also formators to monitor a seminarian's progress.

Councilors also discussed the academic requirements of candidates for the vocation of brother. Do they need to have the same amount of theology as a priesthood candidate? The ratio states that they should have at least one year of theology; however, that does not limit the person to ONLY a year of a theology. What is significant for a brother is that he discern a ministerial call and be appropriately prepared for it before leaving formation. If a man envisions himself as a teacher, he should study specifically for this. If he would like to be a social worker, again, he should be prepared for this. If he would like to serve as a pastoral ministry, then he needs appropriate theological training.

- F. Senior Life Commission — Fr. Jim Schroeder, chairperson of the Senior Life Commission, updated the council on the commission's work. He shared minutes of the March 21 meeting (**Addendum A**) **as well as an information piece on dementia (attached to the commission minutes)**.

Mary Balistreri, Province Director of Health Care, now participates in the commission meetings (without vote). Among the items she spoke about were Power of Attorney documents (POA) and criteria for POA agents. The commission voted to recommend that all SCJs in the province have two POA agents and that they each be SCJs.

The terms of several commission members have either expired or will be soon; names will be presented to the council for approval at its next meeting.

The council asked the commission to talk about and give recommendations concerning retired members of the province living on their own. The commission recommends that all SCJs 75 and older move to an SCJ community house unless there is serious reason to consider an exception. This allows people the opportunity to build relationships and establish themselves with healthcare professionals when they have the health and energy to do so. If an SCJ has medical issues that require significant assistance, the commission recommends that he be assigned to Sacred Heart at SHML which has more resources than Sacred Heart in Pinellas Park.

Mary Balistreri will soon be meeting with retired SCJs living on their own to help them evaluate their health care needs. Her review will be shared with Fr. Kilianski.

It was noted that there are challenges in having an SCJ who has lived on his own for many years return to community; these must be recognized and appreciated. When a person returns to community it would be helpful — as part of the welcoming process — to have a community gathering in which expectations can be shared. What does the community expect of its members (all members, not just the new person) and what does the new member expect from community? What can be done to help with the transition?

The council asked the Senior Life Commission to discuss the implications of a retired member of the community not participating in the life of the community. A retired SCJ should not be treated as if he is in formation, but there are expectations in religious life. Membership has privileges but also obligations.

- G. 2019 Provincial Conference — The next Provincial Conference for those in active ministry will be January 8-10, 2019 at the Provincial Conference Center in Hales Corners. Continuing with the topics presented at the 2018 conference, the theme will be "Our Future: Together in Community and Ministry, PART 2." Sr. Cathy Bertrand, SSND, will facilitate the conference as she did the 2018 gathering. It is hoped that the students will be able to more easily participate in the conference since it is scheduled during the winter break for most schools.
- H. Personnel shifts— As noted earlier, Fr. Duy Nguyen will begin his sabbatical on August 6. Fr. Francois Tsanga will be named temporary administrator of Our Lady of Guadalupe during Fr. Nguyen's absence. To prepare for this, Fr. Tsanga will take Spanish classes in Chile from mid-May until July 1. At that time, Fr. Tsanga will take a previously planned trip to Cameroon, in part, for a family wedding. He returns on August 17 and will go to Houston.

The pastoral team in Mississippi will receive pastoral assistance from a variety of SCJs, especially with the Spanish Masses. Fr. Zbigniew Morawiec and Fr. David Szatkowski are among those who have been asked to help.

Several SCJs from other entities will soon be joining the US Province for full-time ministry. These include Fr. Hendrik Arianto and Br. Markus Triyono Yulianto of Indonesia. Br. Yulianto will most likely need a year of ESL studies before he can be assigned to ministry.

- I. Rule of Life — The North American councils talked about the English version of the Rule of Life during their meeting on April 9. Before more copies are printed it would be beneficial to review the current translation. Fr. John van den Hengel offered to work with another person on this. Fr. Jim Schroeder will be asked to work with Fr. van den Hengel on the text and to also make a recommendation as to how the text should be presented. They will be asked to complete the project within a year.
 - J. State of the Province report — With the exception of Fr. Kilianski's introduction, the written portion of the State of the Province report is complete. The video portion has been delayed. If the video cannot be completed in the near future the written report will be sent to the membership; it needs to be reviewed and discussed in local communities prior to the Election Assembly.
- III. Finance
- A. Province Development Office — The new management team is settling in; they will be on-site for three days in May. Recent mailings have performed well. The province has received \$1.5 million from St. Joseph's Indian School during the current fiscal year to ensure that province needs are covered; however, there is better cash flow than in recent years.
 - B. Renovation of Sacred Heart Monastery — As with most construction projects there have been a few setbacks. However, the majority of the work is still expected to be completed on schedule. Framing has begun on the fourth floor. SHSST will support the construction project via a \$1.5 million reduction in the \$2.7 million grant that it was scheduled to receive from the province. The seminary will make up the difference by taking money from its Endowment Fund.
 - C. Procedural Audit of the Growth and CGA pools — The auditors found no significant concerns regarding management of the investments. The council voted to approve the procedural audit of the investments.
 - D. Budgets — All province budgets have been submitted to the Provincial Treasurer. The Province Finance Commission will review them during its April 25-26 meeting; the Provincial Council will go over the commission's recommendations at their June 5-6 meeting.
 - E. Human Resources — The province's human resource directors will meet on April 24 to review the Employee Medical Plan and other HR concerns.
 - F. General Finance Commission — Dn. Nagel will take part in the General Finance Commission meeting in Madrid, Spain, May 21-24.
 - G. Pick-up trucks — Several members of the province have asked to purchase pick-up trucks as personal vehicles.

The council said that such purchases should be made on a case by case basis and that if approved, the type of truck allowed should be appropriate to the need.

Addendum A

SENIOR LIFE COMMISSION MEETING 3-21-18

Present: Byron Haaland, David Nagel, Bill Pitcavage, Brian Tompkins, Jim Schroeder, and Vincent Suparman (by phone). Mary Balistreri, Province Director of Healthcare, was present.

Absent: Ray Kozuch and Pat Lloyd.

Provincialate, 9:30-12:00.

Agenda:

1. Introduce and orient Mary Balistreri, RN: At the request of the Provincial, Mary will be participating in meetings, not as a Commission member, but with voice and no vote. Mary summarized her extensive history as a nurse in caring for seniors and religious.

2. Membership: Because staggered terms were randomly assigned on 9-20-16, we needed to recommend new terms or replacements for several members. Kozuch's and Lloyd's terms expired 9-20-17. Pitcavage was assigned on 9-18-17 to the opening left by MacDonald. His and Schroeder's and Tompkins terms are to expire on 9-20-18. **Action:**

Kozuch: Five suggested keeping him for another 3 year term. One gave no comment.

Lloyd: Five suggested keeping him for another 3 year term. One preferred asking for someone else from Pinellas Park. Pat said he does not like the travel, but will serve if asked

Pitcavage: Five suggested keeping him for another 3 years. Bill did not vote, and said he would prefer to be off, but would serve if asked to serve. If he is not reassigned we will use email to surface names of someone to replace him. [After the meeting Bill wrote that he does not want to serve any longer.]

Schroeder: Three suggested keeping him for another 3 years. One said it was up to Jim. One would prefer someone new. Jim did not vote, and said he is willing to serve.

Tompkins: Five suggested keeping him for another 3 years. One had no opinion.

3. Proposed Budget: In reviewing the proposal budget, one said we might spend more if we have a workshop, and that we might spend some on literature or materials on senior issues to send to the Province. Two are pleased there are funds for travel, even by air, if they stay on the Commission. A copy is attached below—there are no changes from last year.

Action: All six members voted to approve the draft budget and send it to the Council.

4. Senior SCJs Living Alone: The Provincial had requested that the Commission consider pastoral ways to bring back into community senior SCJs living alone. Currently there are 6 solo seniors, one of whom is under guardianship outside the Congregation. All of the other 5 are in Texas (Johnston 85, Wittouck 80, MacDonald 79, Nick Brown 75, Snider 71). It was noted that the older 3 are involved in the Province, whereas the younger 2 do not participate at all.

It was stated that these men are solo because of a lot of history that cannot be re-written or unwritten. We agreed that we need to acknowledge the history, but not be stuck by history. We agreed that these men need to be addressed on a case by case basis, and that "pastoral" and "fraternal" should be #1 in addressing them.

A question was raised as to the source of the pressure for these men to move back into community.

First, all of these men are under the same local superior, who has enormous pastoral and community responsibilities. As the men age, the local community is concerned about their support and care.

Secondly, Canon Law, 665.1, states that “religious are to live in their own religious house,” and that lengthy absence is only permitted for health, studies, or an apostolate in the “name of the Institute.”

Thirdly, by vows there is a relationship, and the Province feels responsible, and is responsible, for these men. Sometimes the Province is more concerned for each man than he is for himself, and all need to let the Province be responsible with them. This is part of being pastoral.

Action: One member made a suggestion that was unanimously supported, and added to:

1. That the Council re-affirm the suggestion which the Senior Life Commission made on 9-20-16. This will be copied below.
2. That a pastoral and fraternal approach would be to leave everyone where he is for now.
3. Each could continue to live alone until he physically, mentally, emotionally, or spiritually needs greater support, or his care becomes a greater financial burden. Some conditions would be required to live alone:
 - A. An annual visit with the Province Director of Healthcare.
 - B. An annual physical exam and mental status assessment, reported to the Province nurse. Our Nurse has not yet visited these men, but intends to do so in April.
 - C. That each man maintain regular contact with his community.
 - D. That each man participate in some Province events, such as: Chapters, Assemblies, retreats, jubilees, funerals, professions, etc.
 - E. That each man have two Power of Attorney agents and an Advanced Care Plan.

A question was raised as to whether the Provincial should be the one to help a man face the reality that he needs to live in community for his own welfare. Depending on the case, the Provincial could delegate that to a Councilor, to another SCJ, or to the Province Nurse, who does not know the history or have the emotional involvement, and could work out of objective criteria.

5. Pre-Retirement Workshop: This issue was raised because only one SCJ had requested it. We discussed it at another meeting. Ray Kozuch found that Dr. Johnson is not healthy enough to give a workshop, but we can still use his assessment instrument for retirement readiness. Ray also found a Maryknoll brother, renowned for such workshops, who could be available to offer one for us.

Action: All agreed that we really do not need such a workshop now. Over half of the Province is retired and retirement has almost become our identity. Our men see many who have retired and can see how it is done. If any are interested, we could make available a list of resources, or even make available some talks that were given at past workshops. Our Treasurer’s Office helps men with their Medicare enrollment and insurance, and with the stipend from the Province when they retire.

6. Power of Attorney (POA) and Criteria for Agents: A draft of a document on who to choose for POA agents was borrowed from the American Bar Association, with some adaptations and additions particular to

SCJ life. The Province has had real difficulties with some non-SCJ agents. We have had real difficulties in getting appropriate care because an agent did not speak English well enough to understand the doctors and others giving information. We have had real difficulties in getting timely care because one agent only received and returned calls after several days. Some SCJs still have not named primary and secondary agents as their POAs. It was suggested that all make sure to appoint a primary agent and a backup that are legal.

Mary Balistreri said that some of the “tips” in this document speak of people who legally cannot be a POA, so the wording needs to be changed. This will be done. The current draft is below.

It was agreed that there be an annual audit of POAs. It was also agreed that copies be kept by the Provincial Secretary and the Province Director of Healthcare. It was suggested that an SCJ make sure his primary physician, his superior, and his agents, as well as the Provincial Secretary and Provincial Director of Healthcare have copies of his POA to insure he get the care he wishes if he can no longer speak for himself.

Action: The Commission unanimously voted that all SCJs in the Province have 2 agents as POA.

Action: The Commission unanimously voted to recommend that the Provincial and Council state that SCJs should only have other SCJs as POA.

7. Health Directive for Dementia: A document developed by several neurologists specializing in dementia has been drawn up. It is attached below.

Although the document in itself is not a legally binding document, it could be used by an SCJ’s POA agents and could be part of his Advanced Care Plan. The document is attached below.

Action: The Commission agreed that all SCJs be informed of this and be encouraged to use it.

8. Next Meeting: We agreed to meet next on Wednesday, September 26, 2018.

POWER OF ATTORNEY GUIDELINES

Think carefully about the person you may choose to be your health care agent.

Your health care agent or agent, for short will have the authority to make life and death decisions for you according to your wishes. Make sure that the person you pick is willing to be your agent.

When you ask someone to be your health care agent, you should think about several things. For example, usually it is best to name one person as your **first choice**. Then choose at least **one back-up** agent, in case the first person is not available when needed.

Some other tips for choosing an agent:

Choose a person who comes closest to meeting all these qualifications.

Choose someone who meets the legal requirements to act as an agent. (Some states call an agent a proxy or representative.) State requirements differ greatly, so to meet the combined requirements of every state, your health care agent should be an adult who is of sound mind, and NOT anyone in the following list:

DO NOT choose your health care providers or the owner or operator of a health or residential care facility that is currently serving you.

DO NOT choose a spouse, employee, or spouse of an employee of your health care providers.

DO NOT choose anyone who professionally evaluates your capacity to make decisions.

DO NOT choose anyone who works for a government agency that is financially responsible for your care (unless that person is a blood relative).

DO NOT choose anyone that a court has already appointed to be your guardian or conservator.

DO NOT choose anyone who already serves as a health care agent for 10 or more people.

Important criteria for choosing an agent:

*Choose someone who will talk with you now about your wishes, who will understand what you want and your priorities about health care, and who will do as you ask faithfully when the time comes.

*Choose someone who can understand the medical information he will get from your doctors, and who can articulate your needs and wishes.

*Choose someone who takes and returns calls in a very timely manner, within an hour or two.

*Choose someone who lives near you or could travel to be with you, if needed.

*Choose an SCJ. Having a non-SCJ as POA has proved very difficult because he or she does not understand the involvement of superiors, community, obedience, and poverty.

*Choose someone who can handle conflicting opinions from family members, friends, and medical personnel.

*Choose someone who can be a strong advocate for you if a doctor or institution is unresponsive.

*Choose someone you trust with your life.

Once you have decided whom you would like to serve as your health care agents and they have agreed, involve them in Step 2.

You may also want to give them a guide that explains what it means to be a health care agent. One guide is Making Medical Decisions for Someone Else: A How To Guide, available free at: Ambar.org/AgingProxyGuide. Think about what guidance you want to give your health care agents in making treatment decisions for you. It would be helpful to also consider creating a Health Directive for Dementia. Then talk about your decisions. Talking about what you want is very important because your agents must try to make decisions the way you would.

Have a real conversation with your agents and with anyone else who could be involved in your care if you were seriously ill. This is not easy to do, so it is best to use resources to sharpen your thinking and to help guide you through the conversation.

The important thing along with completing the form A Power of Attorney for My Health Care is to have a serious conversation about end-of-life care with your agents and with anyone else who could be involved in your care if you were seriously ill. This process is called advance care planning.

To help make this difficult task easier, try using one of the guides listed below. They all aim to help you clarify what is important to you about your health care, what your current goals for your health care are, and what values and priorities you would want your agents to follow in making decisions for you. Plus, they create a record that you can refer to and change as your circumstances change.

You don't have to spell out specific medical treatments that you want or don't want. In fact, that is usually a bad idea to try to do, unless you are facing a situation now in which you need to decide about a specific plan of care. Even though the distant future is unpredictable for most of us, who we are as a person remains fairly stable.

Here are three free resources that might be helpful: Consumer's Tool Kit for Health Care Advance Planning, by the American Bar Association (ABA) Commission on Law and Aging. Go to: Ambar.org/AgingToolkit

Caring Conversations Workbook, published by the Center for Practical Bioethics. Go to: www.practical-bioethics.org/cpb.aspx?pgID=986

Advance Care Planning Conversation Guide, plus other resources from the Coalition for Compassionate Care of California. Go to: <http://www.coalitionccc.org/advance-healthplanning.php>

Many other resources are available for free or for modest cost. Go to the ABA Resource page: Ambar.org/AgingAdvancePlanning

Now you are ready to move to Step 3. Fill out the form and follow the instructions for signing it in the presence of 2 witnesses. Although most guides give you space to add anything that is really important to you, it is better to use one of the help guides to fully talk about your wishes and goals.

The "universal" legal form from the American Bar Association is not accepted in Texas or Wisconsin, or Indiana, New Hampshire, and Ohio. You can obtain a valid form from the Province Attorney, Ms Kathleen Dahlgren, Esq.

What If I Had Dementia?

Planning for the future

Alzheimer's disease is one of the most common problems people face in their 70's and 80's. One of the most important things you can do is tell people who would be taking care of you what you would want for medical care if you were to develop worsening dementia.

What is dementia?

Over 5-20 years, people with Alzheimer's (and other forms of dementia) lose their memory and completely lose the ability to understand what's going on around them. Eventually people with dementia no longer recognize people they know, and eventually need help from others cleaning themselves up after they go to the bathroom.

There is no known cure for dementia. Gradually people lose the ability to speak, eat, and walk. Eventually people die from dementia, often from dementia-related pneumonia. This process takes anywhere from 5 years to 20 years. The *average* time it takes dementia to progress to a severe form (of not being able to dress or feed oneself) is about 8 years.

One of the most important questions to consider is:

What kind of medical care would you want if you were to develop worsening dementia?

Why it's important to express your wishes

People with advancing dementia lose the ability to make decisions for themselves. Their families need to make medical decisions for them.

Giving family members guidance about what kind of care you'd want if you were to develop worsening dementia can ease the burden of their decision making and make you feel more secure that you'll receive the care that you would want.

Your guidance today will help the people taking care of you in the future.

What kinds of guidance can you give?

As dementia gets worse, many medical tests and procedures become harder for people to go through, with more risk of side effects and bad reactions. As people lose the ability to understand what is happening they can become fearful and agitated by unfamiliar surroundings.

As their mind fades away, many people feel that life loses much of its meaning, especially when they're no longer able to understand what is happening around them. At points along the way, many people might not want medical care which would keep them alive longer. Instead they might want only medical care that would help keep them comfortable.

On the following pages are descriptions of the stages of dementia. By filling out this form you can give guidance to your loved ones. Read the description of each stage, then mark the box that reflects what goals of medical care you would want for yourself if you were at that stage of dementia.

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Stage 1 -- Mild dementia

People may often lose ability to remember recent events in their lives.

Routine tasks become difficult (such as cooking.) Some tasks can become more dangerous (such as driving.)

If you were to be at this stage of dementia what level of medical care would you want for yourself?

Select one of the 4 main goals of care listed below to express your wishes. Choose the goal of care that describes what you would want at this stage.

If I had mild dementia then I would want the goal for my care to be:

- To live for as long as I could.** I would want full efforts to prolong my life, including efforts to restart my heart if it stops beating.
- To receive treatments to prolong my life, but if my heart stops beating or I can't breathe on my own then do not shock my heart to restart it (DNR) and do not place me on a breathing machine.** Instead, if either of these happens, allow me to die peacefully. Reason why: if I took such a sudden turn for the worse then my dementia would likely be worse if I survived, and this would not be an acceptable quality of life for me.
- To only receive care in the place where I am living. I would not want to go to the hospital even if I were very ill,** and I would not want to be resuscitated (DNR). If a treatment, such as antibiotics, might keep me alive longer and could be given in the place where I was living, then I would want such care. But if I continued to get worse, I would not want to go to an emergency room or a hospital. Instead, I would want to be allowed to die peacefully. Reason why: I would not want the possible risks and trauma which can come from being in the hospital.
- To receive comfort-oriented care only, focused on relieving my suffering such as pain, anxiety, or breathlessness.** I would not want any care that would keep me alive longer.

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Stage 2 -- Moderate dementia

People lose the ability to have conversations, and communication becomes very limited.

People lose the ability to understand what is going on around them.

People require daily full-time assistance with dressing and sometimes toileting.

If you were at this stage of dementia what level of medical care would you want?

Select one of the 4 main goals of care listed below to express your wishes. Choose the goal of care that describes what you would want at this stage.

If I had **moderate dementia** then I would want the goal for my care to be:

- To live for as long as I could.** I would want full efforts to prolong my life, including efforts to restart my heart if it stops beating.
- To receive treatments to prolong my life, but if my heart stops beating or I can't breathe on my own then do not shock my heart to restart it (DNR) and do not place me on a breathing machine.** Instead, if either of these happens, allow me to die peacefully. Reason why: if I took such a sudden turn for the worse then my dementia would likely be worse if I survived, and this would not be an acceptable quality of life for me.
- To only receive care in the place where I am living. I would not want to go to the hospital even if I were very ill,** and I would not want to be resuscitated (DNR). If a treatment, such as antibiotics, might keep me alive longer and could be given in the place where I was living, then I would want such care. But if I continued to get worse, I would not want to go to an emergency room or a hospital. Instead, I would want to be allowed to die peacefully. Reason why: I would not want the possible risks and trauma which can come from being in the hospital.
- To receive comfort-oriented care only, focused on relieving my suffering such as pain, anxiety, or breathlessness.** I would not want any care that would keep me alive longer.

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Stage 3 -- Severe dementia

People are no longer able to recognize loved ones and family members. People may be awake through the night, disruptive, and yelling.

Some may be calm or serene most or all of the time, but many become angry and agitated at times, and sometimes even violent toward people they love.

People need round-the-clock help with all daily activities, including bathing and wiping off their genitals, generally needing to wear an adult diaper at all times.

If I had **severe** dementia then I would want the goal for my care to be:

- To live for as long as I could.** I would want full efforts to prolong my life, including efforts to restart my heart if it stops beating.

- To receive treatments to prolong my life, but if my heart stops beating or I can't breathe on my own then do not shock my heart to restart it (DNR) and do not place me on a breathing machine.** Instead, if either of these happens, allow me to die peacefully. Reason why: if I took such a sudden turn for the worse then my dementia would likely be worse if I survived, and this would not be an acceptable quality of life for me.

- To only receive care in the place where I am living. I would not want to go to the hospital even if I were very ill,** and I would not want to be resuscitated (DNR). If a treatment, such as antibiotics, might keep me alive longer and could be given in the place where I was living, then I would want such care. But if I continued to get worse, I would not want to go to an emergency room or a hospital. Instead, I would want to be allowed to die peacefully. Reason why: I would not want the possible risks and trauma which can come from being in the hospital.

- To receive comfort-oriented care only, focused on relieving my suffering such as pain, anxiety, or breathlessness.** I would not want any care that would keep me alive longer.

Signature

Print Name

Date

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Summary of the Meeting of the Councils of Canada and the United States April 9, 2018 • Hales Corners, WI

PRESENT: Fr. Edward Kilianski (provincial superior, United States), Fr. John van den Hengel (regional superior, Canada), Fr. Christianus Hendrik, Fr. Jack Kurps, Fr. Maurice Légaré, Fr. Quang Nguyen, Br. Frank Presto, Fr. Richard Woodbury, and Mary Gorski (minutes). Frs. Tony Russo and Jan de Jong joined the meeting for a report on the North American Migration Committee, and David Schimmel was present for discussion of Dehonian Associates and the Dehon Study Center.

- I. Mass— The councils began the day with Eucharist at the Provincial Conference Center chapel. Fr. Kilianski was the main celebrant.
- II. Sharing and Updates — Participants updated each other on various items, including:
 - A. Triduum in Mississippi — Fr. Kilianski scheduled his visitation of the Mississippi community during Holy Week so that he could assist with the worship schedule. He said that it was the first time that he had celebrated all of the Triduum services; in the parish he usually shared the schedule with others. He enjoyed the experience and enjoyed having the opportunity to celebrate in Spanish.
 - B. Come and See — Fr. Q. Nguyen just finished a Come and See weekend. The vocation office hosted it with the formation community. Four men took part. Frater Juan Carlos Castañeda Rojas received the ministry of acolyte during Saturday's Mass.
 - C. Internationality in Ottawa — The SCJ community in Ottawa is hosting two students from the Vietnamese District for two months of ESL. Also, the worship community at the house was present for the reception of several members of a family from Burundi into the Catholic Church.
 - D. Fire in Lower Brule — Fr. Hendrik shared his experience of the fire at the community house in Lower Brule. He had a respiratory illness when the fire took place and the smoke irritated his throat quite a bit. Although the fire was contained to the entrance area of the house, smoke damaged many items that had to be replaced. The cost of cleaning and repairs is approximately \$35,000. Arson is suspected. Several other buildings in the area were set on fire last year.
 - E. Fr. Rein van Leeuwen — Health concerns necessitated that Fr. van Leeuwen move into nursing care; he is living at a facility operated by the Sisters of Providence.
 - F. Province Healthcare — Mary Balistreri, hired as province healthcare director last fall, has been very helpful to the community, especially at SHML. She has served as a resource on a variety of healthcare concerns, including post-surgery rehabilitation needs.
 - G. Remodeling of Sacred Heart Monastery — As with most construction projects, there are a few delays and unexpected issues. However, it looks like the majority of work will be done in time for the formation community to move in as planned this summer.
 - H. Immigration — Immigration has become more challenging in both Canada and the United States, delaying and sometimes even cancelling the travels of SCJs to North America. In the United States it is more difficult for an international SCJ to get permanent residency than before. Those who are not US citizens can no longer get Social Security numbers, which makes it difficult for a person to get a driver's license, get health care or apply for other things in which Social Security numbers are the standard for identification.
 - I. Fr. Gregory Bezy Volunteer House — The volunteer house in Mississippi was to have been completed in September. For many reasons, completion has been delayed. It is hoped to be finished at the end of April. Regardless, there will be a dedication of the building at the end of the month. Although progress has been slow, the building itself is quite nice and will be very well used by the many volunteer groups that serve in Sacred Heart Southern Missions.
 - J. Séminaire du Sacré-Coeur — Classroom structures are being changed at the school in Pointe-au-Chêne to allow for a new, community-centered teaching style. The school will be interviewing for a new chaplain; this is to be a full-time position. Student numbers are lower than what is optimum.

- K. Parishes in Quebec — As noted at the previous meeting, the eight parishes at which Fr. Woodbury ministers are being consolidated into two. Fr. Woodbury and another priest (non-SCJ) were to minister to the parishes; however, the other priest had a stroke. He is not capable of ministry at this time. The parish situation is in a state of flux.

III. Entity updates

A. US Province

1. US Provincial Conference — The province held a conference for those in active ministry January 31 – February 1. It was titled “Our Future: Together in Community and Ministry.” Most of the response to it has been very positive. One of the results of the conference discussions was the need for the province to better enculturate international SCJs prior to ministry.

The conference was an excellent opportunity for younger members of the province to find their voice. Another conference will be planned for 2019 and follow-up activities will be done in-between the conferences.

2. US Province website — Mary Gorski gave a brief update on the newly developing province website. Most of the work with the website developer is complete; she is now incorporating current photos and text. The only area that will require a password will be the phone book, the rest of the Members section will be open. It is hoped that this will make the area more user-friendly. The phone book is designed to work easily on a cell phone or other mobile device. The new “Open Hearts and Mind” logo is incorporated in the design, as is the common name of the congregation, “Dehonians.” The site should go live by the beginning of the summer.
3. Formation — Frater Juan Carlos Castañeda Rojas will be ordained to the diaconate on June 16; this will be the first ordination for the province in eight years. Two men are expected to make their first professions on August 15 and five novices are expected to be received into the novitiate on August 14 (two will be from the Vietnamese District).
4. Aging — Fr. Kilianski noted that 11 members of the US Province have died since he took office; there is not only a personal sense of loss but it is especially draining on the retirement communities. The majority of those who have died were members of either Sacred Heart at SHML or Sacred Heart in Pinellas Park. Although there are positive signs of growth in the US Province, there are more retired SCJs than those in active ministry at this time. This is one of the reasons why the Provincial Conferences for those in active ministry are important; these SCJs need to have a significant voice in the future of the province.

B. Canadian Region

1. Personnel — Fr. Antonio Maria Resende of the Brazil Sao Paulo Province joined the community in Toronto. Newly ordained; he was quickly put to work after he arrived due to the death of Fr. Willyans Prado Rapozo’s father. Fr. Resende has celebrated the Portuguese Masses at Our Lady of the Rosary in Scarborough in Fr. Rapozo’s absence. Fr. Martin Anthony Khas of the Indian District has also joined the Toronto community. Fluent in Spanish, he will eventually be a part of the pastoral team at St. Thomas More parish.

In September, Fr. Rapozo will begin post-graduate studies in systematic theology at Regis College of the University of Toronto.

Fr. Greg Murray is now a member of the Montréal community, where he will join the pastoral team.

2. Toronto updates — Becoming Neighbors, the outreach program to migrants with which Fr. Peter McKenna is involved, will be moving in August or September to Presentation Manor. As a part of the move, the center will re-evaluate how it does its ministry. Presentation Manor is a senior residence being developed by a group of religious communities (spearheaded by the Basilians). The SCJs have contributed \$500,000 to the project, which is to be completed in late summer. It is located in Scarborough, a suburb of Toronto.

A lay Dehonian group continues to meet in Toronto; last year several large sessions were held. From that, a core group of nine meets with Fr. Jim Casper, using materials prepared by David Schimmel. It was noted that more material will eventually need to be developed for the meetings.

3. Fr. Luca Zottoli, general treasurer, and his assistant Aldo Ivaldi, will visit the Canadian region in July.

4. The region is beginning its discernment for a new administration; Fr. Greg Murray is the scrutineer.
5. The regional assembly will be October 1-4 in Kingston, Ontario. The region will have its yearly gathering for the feast of the Sacred Heart in Ottawa.

IV. Agenda items

- A. Minutes — The councils reviewed the minutes of their last meeting. It was noted that these were already published; the review was a way of touching base with the conversations that had taken place in October.
- B. North American Dehonian Retreat: Open Hearts — Fr. van den Hengel, a member of the retreat organizing committee, gave an update on the May 6-11 retreat that will take place at the Siena Center in Racine, WI. The process used at the Mississauga retreat went well; the Racine retreat will be very similar. There will most likely be adaptations for the formation retreat in August. It was noted that the August retreat will be the final retreat for the novices before they profess vows and the retreat for the postulants before they enter novitiate. It is important that both groups have a good immersion in Dehonian content.

Fr. van den Hengel said that he gave a retreat in Macau based on the North American retreats, though added quite a bit to adjust for the longer format and his own style. During the retreat he said that he became aware of the fact that younger SCJs may not have a strong foundation in knowing who Fr. Dehon was or a good background of SCJ spirituality.

Fr. Kilianski suggested that the SCJs from Vietnam coming for their pastoral year attend the retreat, as well as the new candidates for fall. Fr. Nguyen is to inform incoming candidates that they need to arrive in time to take part in the August retreat.

C. International members —

1. Students — Both entities continue to welcome international SCJs and students. An SCJ in temporary vows from Vietnam is studying at SHSST. Currently he lives with the St. Joseph's Community at SHML but will join the community at Sacred Heart Monastery and be a part of the formation program when it relocates to SHM this summer. The two SCJ candidates from Vietnam are studying ESL in Ottawa for two months and Fr. Francis Vu Tran has contacted Fr. van den Hengel about having other Vietnamese do their formation in Canada, with the possibility of some staying for ministry. Similar arrangements are to continue in the US Province.

The councils talked about the need to coordinate such efforts. The Canadian Region does not have a formation program; perhaps the Vietnamese District should send its students in initial formation to the US Province. Fr. Kilianski said that he welcomed this, but that the US Province had committed itself to sponsoring a certain number of students from Vietnam. If the Canadian Region also sponsors students, but sends them to the US Province for study, it is hoped that the region would then assume the financial burden for their students.

Related to that, if the Canadian Region sponsors international students who study in the US, and some of those students are expected to do ministry in Canada, would they be appropriately enculturated for Canada if their formation is in the US Province?

There is also the need to be mindful of what it means to have a formative experience in a culture other than one's own. It is not unusual for people from different cultural backgrounds to interpret things quite differently. This is a question beyond language. Fr. Andrzej Sudol is doing his thesis on enculturation; perhaps he can be of assistance as the two entities look at further international formation experiences. It was suggested that he give a workshop to the two councils at their next joint meeting. It is especially helpful that Fr. Sudol is a part of the formation team.

Fr. Kilianski noted that the US Province is currently sponsoring several international SCJs studying in Chicago. After the formation community moves to SHM, these SCJs will move into student housing and be encouraged to take part in province events in Wisconsin as much as possible. In the future, because the province no longer will have a house in Chicago, the province will no longer sponsor students who choose to study there. There are several excellent universities in the Milwaukee area, such as Marquette, where graduate and post-graduate studies can be done.

Although they are not members of the entities, it is important that those who come to North America for study feel both welcome and integrated into the life of the SCJ community. They should not feel like visitors; they should be made to feel like fellow SCJs who are simply studying in a country other than their own.

2. Ministry — How do the two entities best enculturate international SCJs not only for study, but for community life and ministry? Fr. van den Hengel noted that in Montréal there are three SCJs from Africa; they have all taken workshops organized by the archdiocese to assist with enculturation to Canada, in particular, Quebec.

The Toronto community has dedicated itself to being an intentionally international community. This means not just welcoming SCJs from other countries but allowing the community to be impacted by them, to be changed by its new members; to live internationally, not just as individuals from different countries under the same roof. There needs to be a structure in all of the communities that allows for international members to truly feel that they have a voice. As a part of this commitment, the Toronto community ministers as a community. Although only some are based at the parish, ministerial commitments are the responsibility of the full community. Community members decided together to establish vacation schedules for all members of the community that do not negatively impact the community's ministry. For example, instead of an international SCJ taking a home-visit of several months every few years, he, as do others in the community, take a yearly month-long vacation that isn't as disruptive to the community's ministry.

Looking ahead, both entities anticipate welcoming SCJs from a variety of countries, including Brazil, India, Indonesia. What type of commitment should be expected of both the host entities and the international SCJ? Some come as long-term missionaries, planning to spend most of their years of active ministry in the host entity. Others prefer shorter commitments. Should there be a minimum expectation of commitment to a host entity? Currently the US Province requires an initial three-year commitment; after that, the person would be expected to join the province. In Canada, international members are usually welcome to join the region soon after they arrive. Would it be helpful to have a North American policy?

- D. Vocations — The Canadian Region hopes to renew its vocation efforts, focusing on St. Thomas More parish in suburban Toronto. Two vocations have come from this parish (not to the Priests of the Sacred Heart). Younger SCJs from Vietnam and India will be in Toronto; they might be able to develop youth outreach with a Dehonian focus. Fr. Nguyen noted that there are vocations in North America, but it requires a significant investment of time to develop them. University events are very helpful.

It would be good for the US and Canada to collaborate on vocations. Fr. Nguyen and Fr. van den Hengel will meet with the Toronto community once the new members are established. The two will also work together to create vocation prayers.

Fr. Nguyen said that someone from Canada had contacted him with a vocation inquiry; he referred the person to Fr. van den Hengel. The person found the contact for Fr. Nguyen via the internet. It was a reminder to ensure that the SCJs' online presence — both in the US and Canada — is current and engaging.

- E. North American Migration Committee — Fr. Tony Russo and Fr. Jan de Jong updated the councils on the work of the NORAM Migration Committee.

Committee representatives were responsible for presentations at both North American assemblies in 2017; Fr. de Jong said that he felt very welcomed by the Canadians at their assembly.

Frs. Russo and de Jong noted the educational component of the committee, which has scheduled speakers on a number of migration issues, such as Cendi Trujillo Teña, an immigrant with DACA status, who spoke to SCJs at Sacred Heart at Monastery Lake in November. Fr. Russo cited an informative interjection from Fr. Nguyen at that presentation which he hoped could be shared with others.

In South Dakota, Br. Duane Lemke is to work with the committee in giving a presentation on human trafficking. Barbara Graham, Director of Legal Services for Catholic Charities Milwaukee, will speak on the current state of immigration policy and faith-based responses on May 29. It will take place at the Provincial Conference Center. This will be open to the public.

In the future, it is hoped that Br. Frank Presto can speak about the administrative issues involved in having a person from outside of the United States legally study and/or minister in the country. Fr. Andrzej Sudol is to speak on enculturation.

It is important that the committee help make the issues of immigration better known at the local level. Ideally, it would be good if the committee could help communities know about the resources that are available to them locally.

The committee has sent several e-blasts on migration issues to SCJs in North America and worked with Mary Gorski to present immigration topics in various online and print communications. In recent months the committee compiled stories of SCJs and collaborators reflecting on their interactions with migrants. Fr. McKenna is working with Mary Gorski to determine how they can best be shared with others.

The US Province JPR Commission gave an in-service on immigration issues to the staff of Sacred Heart Southern Missions. Focusing on immigration from the perspective of the Gospel was very well received. Such a presentation might work well at SHSST or other North American ministries. It was noted that an in-service is a mandated event, so would most likely have a higher turn-out than an invitation event. If such a presentation was developed for parishes, organizers should keep in mind that the turn-out might be different.

Sr. Norma Pimentel, MJ, executive director of Catholic Charities in the Rio Grande Valley, has developed a workshop for parishes focusing on how they can respond when migrants come to them. Such a workshop would most likely be well-attended; perhaps the committee could look at hosting one.

Most of the North American Migration Committee meetings have been in Hales Corners. It was suggested that a future meeting be in Canada since the committee is international. Also, it is hoped that a younger SCJ could be encouraged to join the committee.

Increasingly, people are experiencing personal stories of immigration. Councilors shared several stories of people they knew who were detained unexpectedly by border authorities, or who had difficulties in having paperwork approved for international visitors. This is an issue in both the US and Canada.

Councilors said that the North American Migration Committee is vital in keeping the reality of immigration in the forefront of people's attention, especially SCJs and those with whom they serve. The committee was thanked by the councils for its work.

- F. Dehonian Associates — David Schimmel, director of Dehonian Associates for the US Province, updated the councils on his work.

The electronic publication *Dehonian Spirituality* has approximately 255 subscribers. However, the publication is often used as a resource well after individual issues are published.

Schimmel continues to keep in contact with the Dehonian Associates group in Mississippi; nine associates went through the Spiritual Path last year. Mike Tyrell at St. Joseph's Indian School has adapted the Spiritual Path into a Dehonian Leadership Team program; Fr. Bernie Rosinski and Fr. Anthony Kluckman are working with a group of six members of the Child Services Team. The hope is to expand the program after its first year. Five employees at SHSST had planned to begin the Spiritual Path last fall, but that has been postponed to the fall of 2018.

On February 21, SCJs in Toronto held the first formation session of the Spiritual Path. Participants are primarily from St. Thomas More parish.

The Dehonian Associates office has sent mailings in conjunction with SCJ Memorial Day, Advent/Christmas, and feast of the Sacred Heart. Mary Gorski has assisted with these. The office also began the "Dehonian Esprit de Coeurs" to facilitate fellowship among SCJs, former SCJs and SCJ seminary alumni. Schimmel sends a quarterly mailing to the group; there has been discussion of a possible get-together.

Schimmel gave a presentation at St. Joseph Indian School connected with March 14 and will again do a presentation on at the feast-day celebration at Sacred Heart Monastery. The theme this year: "Preaching the Love of the Heart of Jesus with Commonplace Images,"

He noted that the general director of the Séminaire de Sacré-Coeur in Point-au-Chêne has joined SCJ Schools in Collaboration. The summer institute will only be for administrators and teachers this year; it will be in Mississippi, June 10-13. Bridget Martin, principal of Sacred Heart School in Southaven, is on the international education committee in Rome. She will be able to talk about the networking that the committee has been working on in regards to educators in the congregation.

Schimmel will soon be meeting with the Province Development Office to look at ways in which he can assist the office in sharing information about Fr. Dehon and Dehonian spirituality.

It was suggested that in the future David Schimmel give a presentation on the Spiritual Path in Montréal. However, there is the challenge of language. Most of the materials are in English.

- G. Dehon Study Center — David Schimmel has been the director of the Dehon Study Center for a year. This is a very part-time task (three hours a week). Much of the focus has been on simply identifying what is in the center, dispersing items that no longer need to be in the center, fulfilling requests and basically preserving materials. He has made three articles from the center available to the membership via e-blasts.

Fr. van den Hengel noted that the Dehonian Theological Commission (congregational level) would like each continent to have a Dehon Study Center. These centers would be places of study, connected to each other and the theological commission. The Centro Studi Dehoniani in Rome is concerned with translating more of the founder's works into English. Perhaps a North American Dehon Study Center could work on this. The challenge is finding people to do the work. Schimmel said that one of his long-term goals is to find a young SCJ who is willing to prepare for and carry on the work of the center.

- H. General Conference — Fr. Nguyen was informed that the General Conference might be cancelled or postponed due to the need for a General Chapter to elect a new administration. If the conference goes on as planned, Fr. van den Hengel has been asked to give a presentation.
- I. North American Theological Commission — Fr. van den Hengel, chairperson of the commission, noted that the group has been meeting twice a year. Members include Fr. Gustave Lulendo, Fr. Zbigniew Morawiec, Fr. Charles Brown and Fr. van den Hengel. Each continent is to have such a commission; the chairperson sits on the meetings of the General Theological Commission. Currently the North American commission is researching the idea of "pure love" and Fr. Dehon's perception of the spirituality of the Sacred Heart in the social sphere. Each member of the commission is focusing on a particular area of research which is then shared with the group in its meetings.

Fr. van den Hengel said that the commission could be a resource for research on spiritual topics. He welcomes suggestions from the two councils (and others) for research topics.

- J. Rule of Life — There are very limited printed copies of the Rule of Life in English; though there is an electronic edition available for download on the US website. Members of the councils talked about the current format. It has been suggested that the next time an edition is printed that the Constitutions and Directory be separated and that sense lines be added. If this is done, it would be beneficial to review the English translation. This could be a shared North American project that is then offered to other English-speaking entities. It was suggested that the two councils discuss this separately. Fr. van den Hengel said that he would be willing to work with another to review the English text if the project is pursued.
- K. This Day of God — Although there are quite a few copies of the prayer book left, councilors suggested that the next time it is done that more prayers be included, especially seasonal prayers. It was noted that the North American prayer book is one of the few in the congregation that includes a prayer of reparation.
- L. New leadership— The US Province will hold its election assembly June 18-22; the Canadian Region has begun its discernment process for regional leadership.
- M. Next meeting — It was suggested that the next meeting of the North American administrations be scheduled following the leadership selection process of both entities. Ottawa is the next stop in the meeting rotation; generally, the councils hold a meeting in October or November. When the next administrations are named, the superiors of each entity will look at calendars and find a meeting date.

-Mary Gorski

Notes from Justice Peace & Reconciliation Commission Meeting

March 21, 2018
Provincialate Offices

Present: Fr. Bob Bossie (via phone), Fr. John Czyzynski, Fr. Wayne Jenkins, Fr. Ed Zemlik, Mark Peters.
Excused: Fr. Guy Blair, Frater Juancho Castaneda Rojas.

The meeting began with a prayer based on a followup story on Jorge Garcia, who was seen being deported in a video at the SHSM inservice, and who is now living in Mexico. We also read a reflection for Wed of the 5th Week of Lent about fidelity.

We spent some time evaluating the recent In-Service for Southern Missions and our visit with the Mississippi community. We heard a lot about the experience of Christ the King Parish in particular with regard to the growth in number of Hispanic immigrants and the growing fears among undocumented residents. Many are afraid to come to Church for fear of ICE. One thing this community sees is a need locally for legal assistance for migrants. Mark spoke to Amelia McGowan (an immigration attorney with Catholic Charities of the Jackson Diocese – a counterpart there to Barbara Graham in Milwaukee), and will pass on what he learned to Fr. Thi and Fr. Jack. He will also share with them anything learned from the May 29th presentation on ICE and Sanctuary that is being planned by the North American Migration Committee.

We want to let local communities know that the JPR Office and Commission want to be of assistance in any way we can, without adding to their burdens. For example, pastors were sent one-page bulletin inserts on immigration this summer to aid in parish education on this issue. Sr. Emily Morgan, RSM, the religious ed. Coordinator for our MS parishes, has used them and said they were very helpful. We've let all the local communities we've met with know that we are willing to create any such resources they may need, develop presentations like the one we did for SHSM for any groups who desire them, and/or resource them on legislation affecting their people and communities. We're also happy to work with any laity who may wish to learn more about Catholic social teaching or apply it to local issues.

We hope to meet later this year with the pastoral team at St. Martin of Tours to learn more about their efforts and offer ourselves as a resource for justice education and social action.

We reviewed our Commission goals and saw we've made much progress on community visits and immigration, but little so far on climate change and promotion of Laudato Si, which was the recommendation of the Provincial Council for our next-highest priority issue. We will try to address this in the coming year, in part by developing parish and school resources on stewardship of the Earth.

Mark has also had 3 meetings at the new Novitiate House with Fr. Byron, Henry Nguyen and Paul Phong Hoang to explore Catholic social teaching, and is still engaged to some extent with formation at SHSST. When the Formation program gets re-settled at SHSST, he will offer the same services to the team there. Lastly, we will begin to explore the possibilities for some type of "immersion experience" that could be offered to SCJs, candidates and other Dehonians as another justice formation opportunity.

We discussed the Klingler Social Action Award and agreed we would ask that our lay employees be invited to submit nominations, in line with the directive of the Council when it approved the criteria for the award. We will aim to complete the nomination process by mid-April so as to make a recommendation to the Council in May. We hope to give out the first award this summer at an appropriate Province gathering.

We approved our budget request for 2018-19, with the only major change being the elimination of the

Social Justice Grant program. Groups that have received funds were notified last year that the program would be ending and had the opportunity to request a smaller transitional grant this past year as the program was phased out.

Frank Sherman joined us in the afternoon. Frank is the new Executive Director of Seventh Generation Interfaith Coalition for Responsible Investment, of which the US Province is a member and Mark Peters a board member. Frank talked about the history of the U.S. free market and the perennial struggle between calls for regulation and more ethical practices and the belief that the market itself is the best corrective. At many points in the past and recently, however, reality has shown that a lot of people will get hurt before the system corrects itself, to the point where what we have today are “people and the environment being used as assets that are exploited for the benefit of the economic system rather than the other way around.” He quoted Pope Francis saying that “markets serve the interests of peoples and the common good.”

Frank explained that “all investing is impact investing,” either for good or ill. Our investments are moral decisions. Jewish, Christian and Muslim scriptures and doctrine all have principles and guidelines about the use of money. In the 60’s and 70’s, many investors started looking at “negative screens” to rule out “sin stocks” like tobacco, alcohol, nuclear weapons, and apartheid. Today the field of socially responsible investing has grown to include proxy voting, shareholder resolutions, dialogues with companies, and positive screens/impact investing. The Vatican had its first impact investing conference in 2014.

Today we are recognizing more and more that we are on an unsustainable trajectory (as the Pope taught us in *Laudato Si*). Much shareholder activity today is centered on this problem. Many large investment firms and other institutions have now joined faith-based investors in demanding ESG (Environmental, Social & Governance) best practices being incorporated into business planning and goals.

SGI was founded in 1973 by Michael Crosby, OFM Cap, and today has grown to 25 institutional members, mainly women’s and some men’s religious congregations from Wisconsin, Iowa, Minnesota, South Dakota, and Illinois. The recent loss of Fr. Mike Crosby has led the leadership of the organization to recognize that with the aging and shrinking of religious orders, the sustainability of SGI will depend on us truly living up to our name of becoming more ecumenical and interfaith, and even inviting in more investment firms and other organizations who share our values. The Board recently developed a strategic plan which was approved by the membership this fall and focuses on engaging current members more deeply, recruiting new members, and finding new streams of revenue besides member dues.

There are at least 3 levels of involvement among current members: 1) paying dues, reading reports and attending semi-annual membership meetings; 2) filing resolutions and/or taking part in corporate dialogues; 3) looking at their entire portfolio and trying to ensure that the whole portfolio mirrors our social justice values. Few if any members of SGI are beyond level 2 right now, though a higher percentage of the members of the national umbrella organization (the Interfaith Center for Corporate Responsibility or ICCR) to which it belongs are.

We agreed it would be good to request a meeting with some of our Finance people to learn more about their efforts to engage in socially responsible investing (such as their use of a “religious values” proxy-voting service), and to make them more aware of Seventh Generation and its mission.

Next meeting: We will have a special session in late April to consider Klingler Award nominees, and our next full meeting will be the week of June 4-8, to be determined after consulting our absent members. Agenda will include promotion of *Laudato Si* and possibilities for Immersion program.

CALENDAR

- May 6-12: North American Dehonian Retreat, Racine
May 23-24: Dehonian Media Experts Meeting, Rome
June 5-6: Provincial Council Meeting
June 16: Frater Juan Carlos Castañeda Rojas is ordained to the diaconate
June 18: US Provincial Chapter
June 19-22: US Province Election Assembly, Hales Corners
July 14-27: General Chapter, Rome
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 (participants will do Italian studies prior to the course)

NECROLOGY

+ **Fr. Luigi Lorenzetti**, a member of the North Italian Province, died March 8. He was born in 1931, professed in 1948 and ordained in 1957.