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Minutes of the 881st Provincial Council Meeting June 5-6, 2018, Hales Corners, WI

PRESENT: Fr. Ed Kilianski, provincial superior; Fr. Quang Nguyen, Fr. Christianus Hendrik, Fr. Duy Nguyen, Fr. Jack Kurps, and Br. Frank Presto, councilors; Dn. David Nagel, provincial treasurer; Fr. Tom Knoebel, SHSST president-rector, for updates on the seminary; Sr. Cathy Bertrand, SSND, for discussion of the Provincial Chapter and Assembly; and Mary Gorski, recording secretary.

I. Check-in — Councilors took time to update each other on themselves, their ministries and communities. A few items of note:

- The Fr. Gregory Bezy Volunteer House is just about complete; personnel from Sacred Heart Southern Missions are going through the punch list to ensure that all details have been addressed. Some of the furniture from the formation community in Chicago will be used in the volunteer house.
- Several members of the Sacred Heart Community at SHML have had health challenges. Fr. Tony Russo is recovering well following hip surgery.
- The vocation office anticipates having three to four men ready for the next Admissions Board weekend.
- Fr. Bernie Rosinski is recovering from walking pneumonia.
- The South Dakota community appreciated a presentation recently organized by Br. Duane Lemke regarding human trafficking in the area. Two speakers from the tribal office were present. Members of the community were surprised to learn of the extent of the problem.
- Fr. Hendrik helped to lead a youth retreat in suburban Toronto in May; there were 64 participants. Members of the local SCJ community were also involved. The group is in the process of developing a Dehonian Youth Community.
- Dn. Nagel was in Madrid recently for the General Finance Commission meetings.
- Fr. Tim Gray recently celebrated his 40th anniversary of priesthood; a reception was held at Our Lady of Guadalupe in Houston.
- Remodeling at Our Lady of Guadalupe is complete, allowing for some members of the community to move into the newly created rooms at the church property. Extra space is needed to welcome more members to the community, including Frater Juan Carlos Castañeda Rojas, who will serve at the parish following his ordination to the diaconate.

II. Finance

- A. Province Development Office — The fundraising team from St. Joseph's Indian School was on-site May 9-11. Net revenue is strong and cost-cutting improvements have been implemented; the office recently received a \$300,000 discount from one of its vendors due to the new team's efforts.
- B. Sacred Heart Monastery renovation — On April 27 the building contractor informed Dn. Nagel that the SHM renovation could not be completed on time. Dn. Nagel authorized up to

\$100,000 to extend the working hours of sub-contractors so that the fourth floor can be completed by July 1 and the full project by August 1. The council toured the construction site at the end of its meeting. Dn. Nagel noted the challenges that the SHSST community has faced during the construction process. It has been inconvenient for seminary staff; however, the renovation has allowed for an updating of several safety features (including the sprinkler systems). The council again expressed its appreciation to the SHSST community for dealing with the challenges that the renovation has placed on staff and students at the seminary.

It was noted that a process needs to be established for SCJ and student room assignments. Will the formation community assign rooms to its members? Will the process involve the full monastery community?

- C. Mass intensions — The General Administration recently sent a letter regarding Mass intentions. Priests can contact the Province Treasurer's Office to receive Mass intensions from Rome. Stipends from the Masses remain with the local community in which they are celebrated.
- D. Car insurance — The province automobile insurance policy will be renewed soon; SCJs will receive updated documentation to keep in their vehicles.
- E. Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology — Sally Smits, SHSST Vice President of Finance, is retiring at the end of June. A new person has been hired to take on SHSST finance duties as of July 1, 2018.
- F. Studies in Fundraising — Two SCJs will be studying development (fundraising) in the US Province. Fr. Praveen Kumar of the Indian District recently arrived following his completion of the treasurer's course in Rome and has begun with ESL studies at SHSST; he will be in the US Province for two years. Besides taking on-line courses, Fr. Praveen will spend time with each of the province development offices; he will be available for help-out ministry in the areas when he is there. A member of the Vietnam District will come in August for four months of study about development.
- G. Budgets — All budgets were reviewed and recommended for approval by the Province Finance Commission.
1. Province Development Office — This is the first budget developed by the leadership team from St. Joseph's Indian School. The council voted to approve the budget of the Province Development Office for a total of \$14,245,832. The office projects revenue of \$16,135,510, allowing a transfer of \$1,889,678 of excess to the province. The Annuity Investment Fund contributes to payment of annuity contracts. The council also voted to approve capital expenditures of \$132,550 for a new HVAC system, a janitor's sink and the replacement of the phone system.
 2. Sacred Heart Southern Missions — The budget is balanced and is similar to prior years. The council voted [unanimously] to approve the SHSM budget for a total of \$24,076,926. The council also voted to approve capital expenditures of \$259,750 which include updates at Holy Family School (\$65,000) and Sacred Heart School (\$150,000), plant updates for social services programs (\$66,000), and updates to the SHSM office complex (\$23,750).
 3. SHSM Housing Corporation — The council voted to approve the budget of the SHSM Housing Corporation for a total of \$441,450. The budget anticipates an excess revenue of \$8,845.
 4. Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology — The budget is similar to the previous year; however, the province grant will be reduced from \$2,279,990 to \$1,279,990. The savings will be used by the province to help pay for the renovations of Sacred Heart Monastery. The seminary is looking at various possibilities for making up the difference; if needed, it can take funds from its endowment (which the province established for the needs of the seminary). Councilors asked for clarification of shared expenses of SHM and SHSST; Dn. Nagel has a meeting scheduled with SHSST staff to further define how shared expenses will be addressed. The council later confirmed with Fr. Tom Knoebel, SHSST president-rector, that the SCJs will receive the same tuition discounts as offered to other entities with large numbers of students at the school.

The council voted to approve the SHSST budget for a total of \$6,331,725.
 5. St. Joseph's Indian School — The council voted to approve the budget for St. Joseph's Indian School for a total of \$92,242,541. Total income is budgeted at \$95.8 million, leaving a surplus of \$3.6 million. The council also voted to approve capital expenses of \$3,827,286 (\$447,000 for computer hardware and software, as well as phone systems; \$773,400 for equipment; \$160,500 for furnishings, fixtures and appliances; \$80,000 for fleet vehicles; and \$495,000 for various capital projects such as outdoor lighting, HVAC improvements, pavement upgrades, and general facility needs).

6. Sacred Heart Center — The council voted to approve the budget for the Sacred Heart Center for a total of \$2,354,505. The council also voted to approve a \$60,000 request to repair the roof due to damage from water leaks. St. Joseph's Indian School provides over half of the center's income.
7. Lower Brule Ministries — The council voted to approve the budget of Lower Brule Ministries for a total of \$356,909, plus capital expenditures of \$28,270. Capital expenditures include replacement of the water heater in the convent trailer and buying a new car for Fr. Mark Mastin to use.
8. Native Hope — Native Hope is a social media outreach program initiated by St. Joseph's Indian School. It has re-focused some of its efforts toward social action. This will be reviewed during the next year to determine whether the focus affects the organization's status in the Catholic Directory. The council voted to approve the budget for Native Hope for a total of \$1,850,711. Most of the organization's funds come from St. Joseph's Indian School. In October, Native Hope will receive the Fr. Johnny Klingler Social Action Award from the US Province.
9. Houston SCJ community — The council voted to approve the budget for the Houston community for a total of \$263,529. This budget includes two retired SCJs and five in active ministry, including Frater Juan Carlos Castañeda Rojas and Fr. Francois Tsanga, who will move to OLG this summer.
10. Raymondville — The council voted to approve the budget for Fr. Richard MacDonald in Raymondville for a total of \$31,850.
11. Sacred Heart Monastery — Kevin Stanke prepared a budget for the monastery that includes expenses for the formation community, which will be joining SHM in the next fiscal year. It was noted that the budget is a guideline; the expanded community will have a better sense of its actual expenses in the months ahead. The council voted to approve the SHM budget for a total of \$360,460.
12. St. Francis Community — The council voted to approve the budget for the St. Francis Community for a total of \$135,546.
13. St. Joseph's Community at SHML — Several people from SHM have been living with the community during the remodeling of the monastery. There have also been several changes in the community membership, including Fr. Joseph Dinh's move to Rome for the extended formation program. The council voted to approve the budget for St. Joseph's Community for a total of \$383,592.
14. Dehon House — The council voted to approve the budget for Dehon House for a total of \$71,268.
15. South Dakota SCJ Community — The community includes three SCJs in Lower Brule and three in Chamberlain; two of the SCJs in Chamberlain are retired. The council voted to approve the budget for the South Dakota SCJ Community for a total of \$233,499. The community projects a revenue excess of \$3,101.
16. St. Michael's Community, Mississippi — The community submitted a break-even budget; if a grant is needed to offset expenses it is to come from SHSM. The house in Holly Springs is vacant but being cleaned so that it can be sold. The council voted to approve the budget of St. Michael's Community for a total of \$405,190.
17. Sacred Heart Community at SHML — This is the largest community in the province and includes SCJs in senior care and/or assisted living off-site. Fr. Q. Nguyen, local superior, had a meeting with the community to discuss the budget so that members had a better sense of expenses. The council voted to approve the budget for the Sacred Heart Community at SHML for a total of \$1,735,386.
18. Sacred Heart Community, Pinellas Park — The council voted to approve the budget for the Sacred Heart Community in Pinellas Park for a total of \$453,425.
19. Formation Community — As noted in discussion of the Sacred Heart Monastery budget, the formation community will be joining SHM this summer. The budget is a guideline; in the months ahead, the formation team should have a better sense of actual expenses in the new location. The council voted to approve the budget for the Formation Community for a total of \$778,300. It is expected that the budget will be significantly less with the program in Milwaukee than it was in Chicago.

20. Sacred Heart Novitiate — It is anticipated that there will be three novices, the novice master and an assistant novice master. The budget reflects the purchase of a new vehicle for the community. The council voted to approve the budget for the Sacred Heart Novitiate for a total of \$269,584.
21. Senior Life Commission — This is a new budget and includes expenses primarily for travel to meetings. The council voted to approve the Senior Life Commission budget for a total of \$8,950.
22. Province Archives — The council voted to approve the budget for the Province Archives for a total of \$26,600.
23. Province Communications — Many of the expenses of the office are covered in other budgets. The bulk of the cost for updating the province website was spent in the previous fiscal year. The council voted to approve the Province Communications budget for a total of \$160,590.
24. Dehonian Associates — This budget includes \$15,000 for Schools in Collaboration. The council voted to approve the Dehonian Associates budget for a total of \$105,630.
25. Dehon Study Center — Most of the expenses in this budget are for printing and translations. The council voted to approve the Dehon Study Center budget for a total of \$6,100.
26. ESL Program — There are expected to be 55 students in the summer ESL program. The budget is larger due to the fact that more activities are offered for the students. The council voted to approve the budget for the ESL program for a total of \$472,560.
27. Foreign Missions — This budget not only includes assistance to missionary provinces, but also tuition for international students doing extended study in the United States. The council voted to approve the budget for Foreign Missions for a total of \$2,406,610.
28. Formation — There is no province formation director at this time. Funds from this budget will be available if a director is named. This is not the budget for the actual formation program. The council voted to approve the Formation budget for a total of \$4,150.
29. Justice, Peace and Reconciliation — There is a reduction of \$40,750 due to the elimination of most grants from the office (when the Provincial Council created the JPR director's position it was done so with the understanding that the position would be funded, in part, by the elimination of JPR grants).

There was a question about how grants to the schools are done, especially in the case of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Houston. The parish has a financial commitment to the school. Would it be possible for the province to give its grant to the parish and then the parish can use the funds for its commitment to the school? This would mean that the school would not get a separate grant from the province, only the parish commitment. The province would be assisting the parish in meeting that commitment. Fr. D. Nguyen, OLG pastor, said that the school has developed a variety of funding resources and that it could probably make up the funding difference. The parish has fewer financial resources and thus the commitment to the school is a challenge in the budget.

For FY19, the grant will go directly to the school as in the past. However, the issue will be reviewed in preparation for the following fiscal year.

The council voted to approve the JPR budget for a total of \$174,200.

30. Province Vocation Office — Fr. Q. Nguyen noted that fees to set up vocation booths at events have gone up. There is one part-time employee at the office and Fr. Chuck Wonch assists. The council voted to approve the Vocation Office budget for a total of \$228,944.
31. North American Migration Committee — The budget primarily covers travel expenses of the committee members. The council voted to approve the NORAM Migration Committee budget for a total of \$25,000.
32. SHSST / SHM Major Maintenance — Because of the remodeling, no new projects are budgeted in the next fiscal year;

the budget will only cover the costs of carry-over projects. The council voted to approve the Major Maintenance budget for a total of \$102,000.

33. Fr. Guy Blair — Fr. Blair ministers in San Antonio to the deaf community. The council voted to approve his budget for a total of \$44,960.
34. Fr. Joseph Dinh — Fr. Dinh is to take part in the extended formators program in Rome. The council voted to approve his budget for a total of \$45,560.
35. Fr. Bob Bossie — Fr. Bossie will be moving to a retirement community to remain close to his brother after the formation community moves to SHM. The council voted to approve his budget for a total of \$29,750.
36. San Antonio — This budget is quite a bit less than last year because it only covers Br. Frank Snider; Fr. Nick Brown recently moved to SHML. The council voted to approve the budget for San Antonio for a total of \$68,475.
37. Fr. Duy Nguyen — The budget is to cover Fr. D. Nguyen's expenses during his sabbatical. The council voted to approve Fr. D. Nguyen's budget for \$19,800 plus retirement and medical expenses.
38. US Province — The council voted to approve the budget for the US Province for a total of \$12,444,821. This budget includes many of the budgets previously reviewed and approved by the council.

H. Personal donations — A councilor asked if there is a policy regarding personal donations made by SCJs. Most members of the council are comfortable with the idea of personal donations; several make donations to causes that are important to them. It was suggested that if there is a concern about an individual SCJ making excessive donations that it be dealt with on the local level by the local superior and local treasurer. It is also a concern that could be raised with the provincial superior prior to the visitation so that he could talk about it with the individual.

III. Administration

A. Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology

1. Updates with the president-rector — Fr. Tom Knoebel, SHSST president-rector, updated the council on the seminary. He said that details are falling in place for the October 8-11 symposium on Pope Francis. Among the presenters he noted were Bishop Robert Barron, auxiliary bishop of Los Angeles and founder of Word on Fire Catholic Ministries (he will speak via video from Rome), Cardinal Blase Cupich of Chicago, and Archbishop Christophe Pierre (Apostolic Nuncio to the United States). Approximately 200 have registered; SHSST anticipates up to 500 participants. Work will be done on the SHSST gymnasium this summer to convert it into a welcoming conference space.

The Lilly Foundation has invited the seminary to apply for a \$1 million grant from its "Thriving in Ministry" initiative. It is aimed at organizations that create or enhance programs that create mentor relationships with clergy that would assist them, especially during critical moments of their ministerial careers. It not only aims to enhance ministry, but to support ministers so that they are not susceptible to isolation and burn-out. SHSST applied, along with others, for the grant. Recipients are to be announced in October.

Fr. Knoebel also spoke about the seminary's strategic planning process; each of the values identified in the initial draft of the strategic plan is rooted in Dehonian spirituality, including use of the terms "Ecce Ancilla," "Sint Unum," "Adveniat Regnum Tuum," and "Ecce Venio." He noted that the seminary is at a major turning point in which its stated focus will not be on second career seminarians. He emphasized that SHSST is not turning its back on older seminarians but acknowledging the reality that fewer dioceses and religious communities are accepting older candidates.

Fr. Knoebel expressed great enthusiasm for the future of SHSST but noted that it must constantly be aware of changing moments in the Church and society.

Before concluding he noted his concern regarding SHSST's ability to maintain the seminary aspect of its mission. Without a core group of seminarians and faculty participating in the full life of the seminary, including prayer and formation, SHSST risks becoming more of a school of theology, something similar to Catholic Theological Union, where students only come for academic training. Currently, students from St. Francis do all of their formation on their own campus. The Salvatorians are similar. The SCJs will move their formation program to Sacred Heart Monastery, but there is a sense that they will also follow this model: students will do their academic studies at SHSST but not be a part of the

wider life of the seminary. Students for a religious community need formation for religious life. However, Fr. Knoebel wondered if there might be opportunities for the SCJ formation community to be a part of the wider seminary community in formation and prayer, helping to maintain the full seminary experience.

Continually SHSST must look at ways of better integrating all students into the life of the seminary. How can international students be better welcomed and integrated? How can they get a better sense of the Church in America, and educational norms? How can different groups within the seminary be better integrated, even at lunch? This is a significant challenge for the future.

Fr. Kilianski reminded Fr. Knoebel that SHSST and the province formation team need to be in regular contact regarding schedules. Those in province formation will be finishing a retreat on August 10; orientation for SHSST is on August 11. The province formation team needs to be aware of such items with SHSST so that calendars can be coordinated.

He confirmed with Fr. Knoebel that the province will receive the same tuition discount that other dioceses or communities with large numbers of students at SHSST receive. Fr. Q. Nguyen confirmed that students in the province formation program need to go through the SHSST admissions process. This is primarily to assist with academic placement.

It was suggested that after the General Chapter Fr. Kilianski, members of the province formation team and Fr. Knoebel meet for a general discussion about the upcoming academic year.

2. SHSST Board of Directors — The council voted to approve the three-year renewal of terms to the SHSST Board of Directors for Bishop William Callahan, Dr. Barbara Anne Cusack and Fr. Robert Wild, SJ. The new terms conclude on June 30, 2021. The council also voted to renew the term of Dr. Barbara Anne Cusack as chairperson for two years, ending on June 30, 2020, and for Dr. Marna Boyle as vice-chairperson for two years, ending on June 30, 2020.

The council voted to approve the following new board members for three-year terms ending on June 30, 2021: Fr. Quang Nguyen, Fr. Andrzej Sudol and Fr. Jeff Wocken, SDS (Fr. Wocken is to be the new provincial superior of the Salvatorians; traditionally the provincial superior sits on the SHSST Board of Directors).

- B. Advancement in formation — The council voted to approve Hubert Senam Kodjovi Liassidji and Jose “Angel” Romero for entrance to the novitiate, and to approve Duy Henry Bui Nguyen and Phong “Paul” Hoang for first vows.
- C. Chicago community — The council voted to suppress the province’s religious community in Chicago; the formation community will join the Sacred Heart Monastery community this summer. Once the suppression document from Cardinal Blase Cupich is received, the request for suppression of the community will be sent to the General Superior for his approval.
- D. Houston community — Fr. Duy Nguyen will take a six-month sabbatical beginning on August 6, 2018. The council voted to present Fr. Francois Tsanga to Cardinal Daniel DiNardo as temporary administrator of Our Lady of Guadalupe parish during Fr. D. Nguyen’s absence, beginning on August 15, 2018. Fr. Tsanga is currently in Mexico updating his Spanish language skills.

After consultation with the Houston community, the council voted to name Br. Andy Gancarczyk as temporary administrator of the SCJ community in Houston during Fr. D. Nguyen’s sabbatical.

Fr. Kilianski said that this is a critical time for the Houston community. Frater Juan Carlos Castañeda Rojas will be there as a deacon, Fr. Tsanga is joining the community as parish administrator. It is important that SCJs in Houston make healthy community living a priority. There must be a deliberate effort by all members of the community to spend time together as a community in prayer and in social activities. There must be greater transparency in the community.

- E. Visitations and related discussions — Fr. Kilianski noted that all community visitations are complete; he just has three individuals to see. The theme of “vocations” was well received, as was the format of the visitations. The challenge is in the follow-up. Fr. Kilianski writes a letter to local communities after the visitation and asks the communities how they plan to respond. He generally does not get a response to the follow-up. Each community should commit to a concrete goal as a follow-up, especially in regard to vocations. Even a commitment to weekly prayer intentions for vocations is a concrete goal. He noted that last year the Mississippi made a concrete goal of paying for the legal fees of an immigrant family.

Fr. Kilianski will write a letter to the local superiors asking that they have a community meeting as a follow-up to the visita-

tion. The communities are to name concrete goals in regard to vocations, the theme of the 2018 visitations.

The South Dakota community would very much like to host those in formation for short-term ministry assignments. Students need exposure to South Dakota ministries. It was noted that Hubert Liassidji will be with the community for ministry this summer.

This raised an issue. Councilors said that regardless of where those in formation go for ministry, they should not be sent alone. It would be better to send three to one place as opposed to two students to one and one student to another. They need peer support.

Councilors talked about other possibilities to involve local communities in vocation and formation development. Could “Come and See” weekends be held in venues outside of Hales Corners? It is important for potential students to know where they will study, but it also important that they have a sense of the province’s ministries.

For many years the Vocation Office hosted a six-week Christian Summer Experience. It required a significant commitment on the part of the vocation staff, but it was an excellent opportunity for young men to live and work in an SCJ ministry (generally, St. Joseph’s Indian School’s summer program). Perhaps this could be done with a shorter time commitment. Fr. Q. Nguyen, vocation director, agreed that it would be a good opportunity but also acknowledged that many potential candidates have jobs or other commitments that would make it difficult for them to spend two or more weeks away.

Regardless of what type of program is done, it is important that the vocation and/or formation team work in collaboration with the local communities. If students are going to come to South Dakota, they need to come at a time when there are appropriate programs for them to plug into.

Fr. Q. Nguyen will speak with Fr. David Szatkowski about ministry possibilities for those in formation.

F. Future meeting topics — There may be topics to be addressed following the Provincial and General Chapters. It is important to make time for such topics at the September transition meeting with the out-going and in-coming provincial administrations. Perhaps something from one of the chapters would be appropriate as a theme for the 2019 provincial visitations.

G. Personnel

1. Frater Long Nguyen — The council voted to approve Frater L. Nguyen’s request for exlaustration for one year for vocational discernment beginning on July 1, 2018.
2. Fr. Yvon Sheehy — Due to health concerns he took a temporary leave from the ESL program. However, it appears that his rehabilitation will continue for quite some time. He remains at St. Camillus and it is unlikely that he will be able to take part in the summer ESL program. Fr. Sheehy is also unable to fulfill his duties as administrator of the Sacred Heart Monastery community.
3. Br. Duane Lemke — The council voted to appoint Br. Duane Lemke as temporary administrator of the Sacred Heart Monastery community until a consultation takes place for the canonical superior.

Br. Lemke will receive assistance with the summer ESL program from Frater Huan Duy Pham and Josh Stanke (Mr. Stanke previously assisted with the program).

4. Br. Diego Diaz — Br. Diaz spent a week in Mississippi following the Racine retreat. He and the community found it to be a positive experience. Br. Diaz would like to minister in the US Province with the intention of becoming a member of it in the future. The council voted to appoint Br. Diego Diaz to the Mississippi community as of January 1, 2019. He will be involved in social services and youth ministry, as well as be available for assistance in parish ministry, especially among the Spanish-speaking. Until his assignment he will continue in the ESL program.

It was suggested that when Br. Diaz returns to Argentina for a home visit that he get his transcripts so that it can be determined what further education he may need for future ministry.

5. Vacations — Councilors talked about the need for greater parity in vacation time. Some international SCJs take an extended vacation for a home visit on top of significant vacation time in the States. Some in education have the full summer away from ministry along with vacation time during the academic year.

All SCJs should be encouraged to take adequate vacation; it is vital for an individual's well-being. However, some members of the province are taking significantly more vacation than others. Although there can be exceptions, the standard for members of the province is four weeks of vacation a year.

It was suggested that those with regularly scheduled extended vacation time — such as educators who have the summer free — be automatically assigned to a summer ministry if they do not inform their superiors of plans for the bulk of their summer. Such plans could include ministry, but also educational programs. It was noted that an SCJ who serves at SHSST has been asked to spend part of his summer assisting with ministry in Mississippi. This is a possibility that can be worked into educators' schedules, allowing others in ministry to take vacation time themselves.

- H. Province Chapter and Election Assembly — The council met by video conference with Sr. Cathy Bertrand, SSND, who will be the moderator of the Province Chapter and the Province Election Assembly.

The chapter has two tasks: 1) to elect two delegates for the province to go to the General Chapter; and 2) to offer the opportunity to surface topics to bring to the General Chapter from the US Province. Councilors reviewed the process for the Provincial Chapter; it will include opportunities for small group discussions.

The voting process for General Chapter delegates will be administered by the Provincial Secretary. He will count the votes in front of the Provincial Chapter delegates. This will be the process for delegates and alternates.

Because time will be quite limited for the Provincial Chapter, delegates will be invited via email to submit potential topics for the province to submit to the General Chapter. Br. Presto is to write the email inviting the delegates to do this. They will be asked to submit topics to Mary Gorski who will compile them to be reviewed at the Provincial Chapter. Br. Presto will also send delegates a schedule for the chapter and assembly.

The primary task of the Election Assembly is to elect a new provincial administration. Councilors reviewed the process outlined by Sr. Bertrand for this. An adjustment was made to allow more time for the Provincial Superior's State of the Province. This report will be sent to members prior to the Assembly for their review. Councilors were given a draft of Fr. Kilianski's report. They were asked to get suggested corrections and changes to Mary Gorski by June 11. She will incorporate the comments and give the report to Fr. Kilianski for his final review; it is to be sent to the membership on Tuesday, June 12.

It was noted that it is important to allow time in the process for the membership to offer its thoughts on the province's challenges for the future.

After discussions, each table will be asked to submit three names for consideration for provincial superior. A straw vote will then take place. The assembly will only be asked to consider a move to a canonical vote if there is clearly a significant preference for one candidate. A candidate needs a two-thirds vote to be named provincial superior. If it does not seem that a particular candidate will receive the two-thirds majority on the first canonical vote then the canonical vote will be held until the next day. It was noted that once the canonical voting process begins it does not end until a person is elected.

Following the election of the Provincial Superior the delegates will have small table discussions at which they can surface names for consideration for council. Each table will be asked to submit four names. The voting process will begin. Adjustments in the process may be made by the moderator in dialogue with province administration.

The council voted to appoint the following for the 2018 Provincial Election Assembly:

Br. Frank Presto as secretary, Mary Gorski as recording secretary, Frater Huan Duy Pham, Henry Nguyen and Phong "Paul" Hoang as tellers.

The same people will be presented to the Provincial Chapter for approval in the same positions.

- I. Conference call — The council will meet by conference call at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 12.

Notes from Justice Peace & Reconciliation Commission Meeting

June 5, 2018

Provincialate Offices

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

The meeting began with a prayer written by Br. Duane Lemke for his workshop on Human Trafficking which he recently presented to the South Dakota community.

Mark gave a brief report on his activities since the last Commission meeting. Followup was done with Fr. Jack and Fr. Thi in Mississippi after our workshop there in February. Resources were also shared with Fr. Duy for possible use in Houston. He took part in a lobbying event in Washington DC as a representative of CMSM in early May on behalf of foreign aid funding and was able to meet with staff of both WI senators and Rep. F. James Sensenbrenner. All three representatives say they do not want to see the administration-proposed cuts to this aid take place, but we encouraged them to even work to increase it, as it has fallen to 60% of what it had been under President Reagan.

Mark's three sessions with Fr. Byron and our novices Henry and Paul on Catholic social teaching was well-received, and interest was expressed in further sessions in the future. Mark has continued to work with the North American Migration Committee, which recently had Barbara Graham back for another presentation at the Provincialate Office. Lastly, he has been working with Seventh Generation Interfaith Coalition for Responsible Investing to recruit new members from a broad range of faith-based organizations as well as investment firms that share our values. He has met with representatives of the Islamic Society of Milwaukee, the Catholic Community Fund, the Greater Milwaukee Foundation, and Edgewood College. Most of those he talked with are open to learning more, but there may need to be continued dialogues before they agree to join.

The commission discussed the Klingler Award presentation, which will be made at the CPOSH Board meeting in Chamberlain on Oct. 18th. Mark will coordinate the planning of the half hour program with Mike Tyrell, who will connect with Native Hope leadership to invite them to give some testimony. We will make sure that local news coverage is requested and invite the Communications Director for St. Joseph School to cover it as well. Fr. Hendrik will be in Indonesia at that time, but he will talk to other members of the South Dakota SCJ community to see if they would like to meet with members of the JPR Commission while we are out there. We will also make sure that all US Province members are invited and get it covered in Fridge Notes and/or the SCJ News so as to raise awareness of this new award that we hope is seen as a Province award as opposed to just a JPR program.

The Commission heard of the request from the School Sisters of St. Francis in Milwaukee for US Province participation in a fundraiser for DACA recipients who need \$500 for their renewals (which they are doing in hopes the program will be saved). Fr. Ed told Mark that he fully supported the effort, and that the Province was willing to make a \$1000 contribution. Mark will go to the planning meeting and keep Milwaukee area SCJs informed of ways they could participate or support this collaboration.

The commission reflected on Seventh Generation Director Frank Sherman's presentation at our March meeting, and talked about ways to make the Province more aware of how membership in SGI increases our ability to ensure that invested assets not only grow and benefit our ministries and retirees, but that we use the "clout" stock ownership gives us to influence companies to work for the common good. Mark will focus from time to time in the JPR newsletter on what SGI and ICCR (its national parent organization) are doing, and Commission members will educate ourselves more about this "ministry of corporate engagement" in order to better promote it. Mark will make sure commission members get an invite to SGI's 45th Anniversary celebration this coming October.

We again reviewed our Commission goals and see some goals accomplished, others in process, and a couple still in the talking stages. One possibility we want to look into is whether those in SCJ formation or others in the province would be interested in any type of "immersion experience" of the type some have taken part in over past years. Mark will speak to Byron and John will mention it to the Formation Team. Our next objective is to develop materials around Laudato Si and Climate Change like we did last summer with Immigration. We agreed that a look at the connections between migration and climate change would be an excellent focus, but we will look at other resources to

recommend as well, especially for parishes and schools. We also hope to address the spiritual dimensions of the issue (Bob will send us a talk he gave on the subject), find an action campaign to promote, and possibly bring in a speaker.

Bob pointed out one of the flaws of the DREAM Act, which promotes military careers for DACA recipients. He will do some research and possibly author a future column on it.

Next meeting: Our next full meeting will be September 20/21, on Thursday afternoon and Friday morning. We will likely need a call-in meeting over the summer to go over Laudato Si resources. The Sept. agenda will include planning for the next Johnny Klingler Award and further education on SGI and corporate engagement.

CALENDAR

- 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 5-11: Retreat for those in formation, Racine
August 14: Entrance to Novitiate
August 15: First Professions
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)

UPDATES

Kevin Stanke

A member of the Provincial Treasurer's Office, Kevin has a hearing impairment. Please call him on his cell phone, which has been adapted to allow him to hear more easily. The number: 414-333-8750

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NECROLOGY

+Fr. Petrus Egidius Driedonx, SCJ, a member of the Dutch-Flemish Confederation, died June 3. He was born in 1928, professed in 1948 and ordained in 1954.

+Fr. Umberto Cardillo, SCJ, of the South Italian Province, died May 25. He was born in 1947, professed in 1972 and ordained in 1978.

+Fr. Joseph Doscher, SCJ, of the US Province, died May 14. He was born in 1933, professed in 1966 and ordained in 1973.

+Br. Alfredo Engel, SCJ, a member of the South Brazilian Province, died May 6. He was born in 1938 and professed in 1958.