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Minutes of the 768th Provincial Council Meeting

May 1-2, 2007, Hales Corners, Wisconsin

PRESENT: Fr. Richard MacDonald, provincial superior; Fr. Yvon Sheehy, Fr. Jack Kurps, Dn. David Nagel, Fr. Thomas Cassidy and Fr. Joseph Dinh, councilors; Fr. Bernard Rosinski, provincial secretary, and Mary Gorski, minutes.

I. Minutes — The council acknowledged that the minutes of the 767th meeting of the Provincial Council were approved with corrections made during an April 4 conference call.

II. Finance

A. Budgets and Financial Requests — All budgets were reviewed by the Finance Commission. Dn. Nagel presented the budgets, along with the commission's comments. The commission recommended approval of all the budgets.

1. Sacred Heart School of Theology — Spending is up 11% for FY08 but the grant request from the province remains the same. A depreciation fund will be started to help with major capital expenses. The province will allocate \$750,000 in July, 2007, from the Province Ministries Fund and then contribute \$250,000 per year for on-going capital needs at SHST/SHM. It was noted that the largest variable in regards to the budget is student enrollment. During the current fiscal year there were 39 new students including 20 from St. Francis Seminary.

The council voted to approve the SHST budget for a total of \$5,570,016.

2. St. Joseph's Indian School (C-POSH) — St. Joseph's has increased its subsidy to the province from \$750,000 to \$1 million. Planned fund-raising revenue for FY08 is \$49.9 million, which is a 10.2% increase over last year. St. Joseph's will provide a \$1,240,000 endowment to Cheyenne River Ministries to help the diocese staff and operate ministries there. Over the next three to four years, St. Joseph's will continue to contribute to the endowment until it has given \$3.75 million.

Health care and pension costs are up. Renovations of the student homes begin this year; all will be renovated over the next six years. The Finance Commission noted that the budget was well presented, as it has been in the past.

The council voted to approve the C-POSH budget of \$47,641,284 which includes the following capital expenditures:

- Dining hall tables: \$32,900
- Vehicles: \$120,000
- Museum collections: \$50,000
- Health Care Center air conditioning: \$25,000
- Recreation Center lower roof repair: \$25,000
- Panels for computer and control systems: \$50,000
- Fire alarm system: \$100,000
- Asbestos removal: \$100,000
- Benedictine Homes remodeling: \$200,000
- Lakota Homes remodeling: \$500,000

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3. Sacred Heart Center – The biggest change at the center is the loss of revenue from the South Dakota Department of Social Services. Because of federal changes in the Title 19 program, the adolescent program will no longer qualify for Title 19 reimbursements. The change places the future of the adolescent program at the Sacred Heart Center at risk. The heart of the change is an emphasis on community-based services that will not require placement in a treatment facility. A variety of options are being discussed by both the center’s board and the C-POSH board. Suggestions have included using the space from the adolescent program to expand the women’s shelter, or to establish an independent treatment program for youth. C-POSH is confident that it can cover the anticipated deficit in FY08, but it was noted that this is a transition year for the center.

The council voted to approve the Sacred Heart Center budget of \$1,789,866, including capital expenditures of \$45,000 for computers and other equipment.

4. Baileys Harbor Community – Included in the budget are expenses for those living at St. Joseph’s and those living outside of but attached to the community.

The council voted to approve the budget for the Baileys Harbor Community for a total of \$231,290.

5. SCJ Formation Community, Chicago – The primary change in the next fiscal year is that Br. Duane Lemke and Fr. Vien Nguyen will be joining the community. It is anticipated that there will be 24 members of the community: 10 professed, 12 college students and two theology students. The Finance Commission recommended (for the second time) that the community hire a full-time maintenance person, noting that both the old and new sections need regular maintenance and repair that is beyond the time and availabilities of those living there. The council endorses this recommendation and is very open to having the community hire such a person. Councilors expressed their hope that the formation community follows the suggestion made by the Finance Commission.

The council voted to approve the budget for the SCJ Formation Community in Chicago for a total of \$770,290, with capital expenditures of \$83,000 that include \$40,000 for automobiles.

6. Dehon House and Dehon Study Center — The Finance Commission noted that routine maintenance of the building needs better attention. This was also noted last year. The council endorsed the commission’s suggestion that maintenance needs be investigated and tended to.

The council voted to approve the budget for Dehon House and the Dehon Study Center for a total of \$84,110 (Dehon House) and \$65,890 (Dehon Study Center).

7. Pinellas Park Community — There will be 12 SCJs in residence during FY08. The subsidy to the community is lower because more members will be receiving retirement benefits. The council voted to approve the Pinellas Park Community budget for a total of \$551,576.

8. Sacred Heart Monastery — There will be six residents in the community in FY08; Fr. Brackin and Br. Willis are moving to Villa Maria and Fr. Bisgrove leaves for India. The council voted to approve the SHM budget for a total of \$232,535.

9. St. Francis Residence – The budget was done before Fr. Russo committed to continuing as pastor of St. Martin of Tours Parish for the next year. The province grant will be reduced in light of Fr. Russo’s salary as pastor. Also noted: Br. Presto will be done with his studies in December and Fr. de Jong will return from his sabbatical. The council voted to approve the budget for a total of \$185,797.

10. St. Michael’s Community House, Nesbit – The budget serves a community of 14. The council voted to approve the budget for a total of \$434,360.

11. South Dakota Community – There will be personnel changes in FY08: Br. Duane Lemke is moving to Chicago and Fr. Gary Lantz is retiring. The budget includes a car for use by visiting SCJ students. When not in use, it is to be in the fleet at St. Joseph’s Indian School. The Finance Commission thought that perhaps an unused auto in the Hales Corners area could serve this purpose. Fr. Sheehy, province formation director, said that the formation community is responsible for providing cars to the students, not the host communities who welcome the students for ministry.

A councilor asked if the parishes that the Lower Brule Pastoral Team serves provide any income. Dn. Nagel said that they do, including payment of the retirement and medical benefits for SCJs.

The council voted to approve the South Dakota Community budget of \$321,407.

12. 37th Street Community – It was noted that there have been structural problems with the house that have required major work. Next year's community includes seven members, one of whom is retired. The council voted to approve the budget for 37th Street for a total of \$365,078.

13. Villa Maria — Fr. Kluckman will be moving to Pinellas Park and Fr. Brackin and Br. Willis will move into the VM community. As a result, the grant to the community will go up \$23,320. It was noted that the community returns excess cash to the province and if monthly support checks are not needed they are not requested. The Finance Commission and the council had questions regarding the large increase in the category for vacations. It did not seem in keeping with past spending behavior in the community. Retired seniors are welcome and encouraged to take vacations, but again, the figure should reflect what is typical of the community.

The council voted to approve the Villa Maria budget for a total of \$456,148 but with a question regarding the \$20,000 allocated for vacation. Councilors thought that \$10,000 would be a more appropriate estimate, again, based on past spending habits.

14. Lower Brule Ministries – This budget covers the two SCJs in Lower Brule, four lay ministers and four religious sisters. A concern for the future is the age of the sisters – how long will they be able to continue in their ministry on the reservations? The Finance Commission had questions about a few entries but it seemed that changes were primarily due to re-classifications between the community budget and the ministries budget. It was noted that St. Mary's Parish is just about self-sufficient; it is hoped that soon its grant (which is already small) can be eliminated.

The council voted to approve the Lower Brule Ministries budget for a total of \$449,124.

15. Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation – There was a contribution increase of \$15,000 to the Metropolitan Organization and a decrease of \$2,500 to the National Catholic Aids Network. It was noted that this is Fr. Kilianski's last year as JPIC director.

The council voted to approve the JPIC budget for a total of \$132,500.

16. Sacred Heart League – The League has not had a deficit budget since FY05. There were surpluses in FY06 and now in FY07. There is a positive ratio of current assets to current liabilities. In the next year, SHL will withdraw \$1 million from its reserve fund to help build a church. Dn. Nagel was pleased to see innovative fund raising ideas and positive changes in the League. Fund raising forecasts seem realistic and there has been good communication with the office. The Finance Commission asked that the narrative with the budget be enhanced. Dn. Nagel said that Steve Koepke, SHL director, did add additional detail as requested.

The council voted to approve the SHL budget for a total of \$22,357,617.

17. Purchase of Sacred Heart Church – Sacred Heart Church in Walls and St. Anthony's Mission in Tunica are working toward the construction of a church that will consolidate both faith communities into one. Sacred Heart Southern Missions would like to use the buildings and land in Walls for creation of a shrine chapel for the Sacred Heart Auto League. The board of directors of Sacred Heart Southern Missions approved giving the faith community of Sacred Heart \$250,000 for the buildings and land which can then be used toward the construction costs of the new combined church.

The council voted to approve the donation of \$250,000 to Sacred Heart Parish in Walls in exchange for the land and buildings of the parish in Walls. The donation will go toward the construction of the new church being built in Robinsonville with the community of St. Anthony Mission.

18. Sacred Heart Southern Missions – The SHSM budget is up 15.9% this year because of a loan for a new church in Robinsonville (\$1.2 million). This will require moving \$1 million from the SHL/SHSM reserve fund. Wages and benefits are up because of increased pension contributions. Dn. Nagel said that the budget was well presented and clear.

The council voted to approve the SHSM budget for a total of \$9,601,964, which includes the following capital expenses in excess of \$25,000:

-Computers, Sacred Heart School: \$55,000

-Robinsonville Church: \$1.2 million

19. Sacred Heart Southern Missions Housing Corporation — The budget has a small deficit that will be covered by reserves. There was an increase in insurance expenses because an employee previously not covered now needs coverage. The council voted to approve the budget of the SHSM Housing Corporation for a total of \$271,853.

20. ESL/IVP Programs – Administration of the academic portion of both programs falls under Sacred Heart School of Theology’s budget. Non-academic costs are charged to the province. The Finance Commission expressed its belief that the ESL program is an important benefit to the congregation.

The Finance Commission would like the budget to be clearer. Dn. Nagel noted that the budget presented was the last of several versions. However, he added that it is better than it has been in the past and that there is much better monitoring of expenses.

The ESL program is expected to have 40 students during the busy summer session. During the winter semesters, it is estimated that there will be about 10 students. This large fluctuation between the summer and winter semesters makes staffing decisions difficult. There is one full-time ESL teacher and two “contract” teachers that are used as needed.

Councilors agreed that the program’s operation needs to be evaluated now that it falls under the SHST umbrella. It was noted that this will be Fr. Paul Grizzelle-Reid’s last year as director.

The council voted to approve the ESL/IVP budget for a total of \$396,367.

21. Vocation Department – The budget is down \$41,296 from last year, primarily due to the retirement of Diane Smits. The Finance Commission thought that the budget looked reasonable. The council voted to approve the Vocation budget for a total of \$294,050.

22. Formation Department – The budget is less than last year primarily because no one is preparing for final vows. The council voted to approve the budget for a total of \$7,100.

23. Dehonian Family – The Finance Commission questioned the amount budgeted for SCJ Schools in Collaboration. It appeared that nothing was spent last year for this item yet \$10,000 was being budgeted for it in FY08. Dn. Nagel noted that expenses for SCJ Schools in Collaboration activities might have been absorbed by the host schools. However, the money remains available to the program in case a school cannot afford the costs of an activity.

Fr. MacDonald asked if the budget could cover the expenses of possible lay attendees at the upcoming educators’ conference in Spain. Dn. Nagel said that there was enough money in the budget for it.

The council voted to approve the budget for the Dehonian Family for a total of \$43,950.

24. Province Archives and Communications – Neither of these budgets was much different than previous years. It was suggested that both be placed within the overall operating budget of the Provincialate Offices.

The council voted to approve the budgets of the Province Archives (\$50,900) and Province Communications (\$120,757) with the stipulation that both be folded into the operating budget of the Provincialate Offices as of July 1, 2007. Major expenses for either department are to be coordinated with the provincial secretary.

As a side note, it was suggested that in preparation for the upcoming administrative change that job descriptions of province staff and support staff be reviewed – both tasks and lines of accountability.

25. Senior Life Director – The Finance Commission said that more narrative regarding the activities and province programs for the upcoming year would have been helpful. The council voted to approve the Senior Life Director’s budget for a total of \$71,170.

26. Fr. James Schroeder – It was noted that Fr. Schroeder forwards his excess income to the province. His budget reflects

both his living expenses and his office expenses. The council voted to approve Fr. Schroeder's budget for a total of \$54,717.

27. San Antonio SCJs – The budget includes Fr. Nick Brown and Br. Frank Snider. The council voted to approve the budget for \$82,000.
28. Raymondville Community – There are several uncertainties in FY08 in regards to the Raymondville Community; the budget may need to be adjusted during the year. Fr. Chuck Kelly will not be with the community and there may be other personnel shifts. The Finance Commission asked for clarification regarding VA benefits and social security income. Also, the community has talked about hiring a social worker. Councilors asked that if a social worker is hired, would s/he receive benefits? Would the social worker be under the guidelines of the Province Employee Handbook, or another? Fr. MacDonald said that his impression was that the position would require no more than \$30,000 a year in salary and other expenses.

The council voted to approve the Raymondville budget for a total of \$103,575 with the understanding that the community also planned to hire a social worker for a total cost of \$30,000.

29. Foreign Missions (Mission budget and Mission Secretary's budget) – Fr. Bisgrove will be going to India for two years beginning in July. His expenses are included in the Mission budget. Fr. Sunardi of the Indonesian Province continues his studies at Marquette University; his expenses, including room, board and tuition, are in the Mission budget. Other items of note in the budget: 1) \$100,000 to help renovate St. Olaf's Church in Finland (the U.S. Province has had a strong relationship with the region for several years; SCJs from the U.S. Province have given retreats and assisted in Finland, and two SCJs, including the regional superior, have studied in the United States); 2) the District of India is requesting \$30,000 more than last year; and 3) \$200,000 will be donated to the Polish Province to assist it in building a retirement home (as with the Finnish Region, the U.S. Province has had a strong relationship with the Polish Province; many Polish SCJs have studied and ministered in the United States).

Councilors asked for more information regarding the needs of St. Olaf's. Dn. Nagel noted that while Finland is not an economically poor country, there are not many Catholics. A parish can span hundreds of miles. There are simply not enough Catholics to financially meet many of the Church's needs.

The council voted to approve the budget for Foreign Missions for a total of \$1,204,509.

30. Sacred Heart Monastery/School of Theology Major Maintenance – Projects for FY08 include a new roof for the gymnasium (\$71,000), carpet replacement (\$20,000) and driveway sealing (\$15,000). Also, plans are being developed to replace 400 windows on the main building at a cost of \$780,000 (the windows are of a special construction that go from ground to roof). The window project may be spread over two years. As was noted in item No. 1 (SHST budget) the province will start a Depreciation fund in FY08. See II, A. 1. for further detail.

The council voted to approve the expenditures from the SHM/SHST Major Maintenance Fund as noted above.

31. Br. Michael Fette's Sabbatical Budget – Councilors thought that Br. Fette may have underestimated his expenses. Mindful of that, they voted to approve his budget for a total of \$10,070.
32. Br. Frank Presto's Academic Budget – Dn. Nagel said that Br. Presto has an \$800 scholarship for the summer semester. It is expected that he will finish his MBA studies by December, 2007. The council voted to approve Br. Presto's academic budget for a total of \$2,550.
33. Fr. David Szatkowski – This will be Fr. Szatkowski's third year studying in Rome. The council voted to approve his budget for a total of \$26,800.
34. St. Joseph's Retreat Center – The Finance Commission had questions regarding the budget, noting that it lacked a descriptive narrative. Br. Ray Kozuch responded to the commission's concerns and drafted a narrative, noting that the center had 906 guests in FY07, 75% of which were new visitors. Retreatant fees cover about 25% of the center's budget. The commission thought that a good goal to strive for would be to have retreat income cover 50% of the budget. This would help to reduce the province subsidy to the center. Br. Kozuch said that employee benefits are costly. Members of the Finance Commission suggested that the center examine its staffing needs. Most visitors come to the center during the summer,

yet a full staff is maintained year-round. It was noted that two people are leaving in the near future.

The farm is a financial wash – revenue generated from it covers costs associated with it. Br. Kozuch would like to close the farm at the end of the next fiscal year.

Retreat options are being expanded to allow people to take shorter one-to –two-day retreats.

Commission members said that they would like to learn more of the philosophy of the center and see it develop a five-year plan.

The council recognized that this is a difficult time for retreat centers. Around the nation many are struggling financially.

A councilor asked if there are guidelines for the use of the center's semi-endowment fund. Dn. Nagel said that it is designed to be an emergency fund. It shouldn't be used for every-day operating expenses, but it could finance future remodeling or expansion projects.

The council voted to approve the retreat center's budget for a total of \$690,165 and the budget of the Waseda Farm for \$2,675. Councilors added that they were pleased to see that the advisory board is now in place.

35. Priests of the Sacred Heart Development Office – The Finance Commission asked the Province Development Office for more information regarding the budget before it recommended it for approval. The Treasurer's Office and the Finance Commission are concerned about the office's deficit budget. Dn. Nagel noted that at times a deficit budget is necessary and not a cause for concern, but when it happens several years in a row there is reason for concern. Expenses at the office are up 16% but income is only up 4%. During FY05 and FY06 the office gave the province a larger subsidy than budgeted, but the additional grant was taken from the gift annuity program excess, not operations.

Reporting procedures at the Province Development Office are different than those at the other two development offices. Dn. Nagel has asked the Province Office to give monthly reports the Treasurer's Office as do St. Joseph's and the Sacred Heart League. The Province Development Office estimates its campaign income as a whole instead of estimating what each individual campaign might generate. Again, this is a different procedure than at the other offices.

The cost to raise a dollar at the Province Development Office is higher than at the other two. Of the money that is raised, more goes back into office operations than to the ministries which it was designed to fund.

The province is expected to not only fund ministries in the United States, but the congregation depends upon it to fund general needs as well. The role of the Province Development Office is vital. Its mission needs to be well-defined – its primary purpose is to raise funds for the province, some of which are also distributed to the worldwide congregation.

Dn. Nagel noted that the office director is open to the suggestions of the Finance Commission and the Treasurer's Office. He and the office are open to trying new ideas and have been willing to address concerns. Fr. MacDonald said that the last board meeting at the office went well and that there is good discussion.

Councilors agreed that the work of the Province Development Office is vital and that its financial picture, especially its deficit, needs to be well monitored.

The council voted to approve the budget of the Province Development Office for a total of \$28,824,200 including the following capital expenditures:

- Accounting software: \$25,000
- Printers for AS/400: \$190,000
- Scanners: \$40,000
- Refurbished Inserting Machines: \$125,000

36. Province Budget – Dn. Nagel noted that expenditures are down in the Province budget. The council voted to approve the Province budget for a total of \$8,070,693. In doing so, councilors noted that as of July 1, 2007, the budget will also include the Communications Department and Archives as a part of its general operating expenses.

37. Our Lady of Guadalupe School, Houston – Previously, the school's grant has gone through the Houston community. In

recent years, the grant request has gone directly to the province. The council voted to approve a \$45,000 grant to OLG for FY08.

38. Education Grant, St. Martin of Tours School – The school has requested a \$10,000 grant from the province to assist needy students. Since the province has assisted other schools where SCJs are located, the council voted in favor of the grant. In the future, all grants should go through the budgeting process (this was submitted after the process) so that they are evaluated in the same manner as other province expenditures.
39. Houston Community – The community prepares a good budget; it sends excess funds back to the province. Councilors are aware that there will be some personnel shifts in Houston during the next fiscal year but were comfortable voting for the budget as presented, based on a community of eight people. The council voted to approve the Houston community budget for a total of \$92,240.

The council thanked Dn. Nagel, his staff and the Finance Commission for its extensive efforts during the budget process. Their excellent work helped the council to expediently review the budgets and approve all of them during the council meeting.

B. Financial Updates

1. Kuglitch House – Dn. Nagel updated the council on the Kuglitch property on Rawson Road, adjacent to the SCJs' property. Dr. Kuglitch has offered to sell his house at the end of the drive to the Priests of the Sacred Heart. The Kuglitches built a new house across from the old. Dn. Nagel looked at the house but following consultation with others, decided that the asking price is too high for the property. Dr. Kuglitch came to Dn. Nagel recently and offered to lower the price to \$700,000. This continues to seem high for a property that is valued at \$420,000, especially since it will need a lot of repairs and updating.
2. Human Resource Conference – Dn. Nagel informed the council that there will be a Human Resource Conference at the Provincialate Offices on Wednesday, May 16. The province attorney will review a number of human resource concerns such as family medical leave, disability insurance, job descriptions and performance reviews, employee use of province property, HIPPA requirements, pensions and benefits. Dn. Nagel noted that a new employee handbook is in place for province employees.
3. Real Estate
 - a. Homestead Realty – Homestead contacted Dn. Nagel, stating that it wants to advertise the land where the Development Office is located to be developed as commercial property. The realtor thought that the land would list for between \$7.3 and \$7.8 million. The estimated replacement cost of the two buildings is about \$5 million. Dn. Nagel has several concerns about selling the property at this time. It would take at least a year to build a new structure for the development office and the land will most likely increase in value in the years ahead. The Finance Commission is against pursuing the sale of the property.
 - b. Follieri Group – Follieri is a Catholic non-profit group that helps Catholic organizations determine the best use of their land. They have been reviewing the Villa Maria property and will soon provide a report to Dn. Nagel explaining how the 13 acres can be used for possible assisted living and independent living facilities for aging SCJs.

III. Administration

- A. Provincial Conference – The council said that it is essential that the entire province membership have the opportunity to gather as soon as possible to discuss the future of the province – where the congregation is called to serve as SCJs in the United States and how it can best do that. It is not good planning to simply close ministries as personnel run out. There needs to be an overall plan that gives reason and purpose to necessary consolidation but also possibilities for new life in the province. The future shouldn't just be about hanging onto ministries until the province is no longer able to operate them but also about what ministries it can operate and why. Decisions about reorganizing and/or giving up local ministries can no longer be done in isolation. They must be done in light of broader province concerns.

The council voted that it would hold a Provincial Conference July 31 through August 1 that will be open to all members of the province. It will be an opportunity for the membership to speak with the new provincial superior and council and to share opinions regarding the future direction of the province. Originally, a transitional council meeting was scheduled for the old and new administrations on July 30-31. The councils will instead meet July 30, then with the membership July 31 through August 1, and then in a council meeting August 2.

The installation of the new administration will be done at this time. People will also have the opportunity to remain for the jubilee and profession celebrations.

Fr. MacDonald will communicate information regarding the conference as soon as possible.

B. Frater Mark Mastin

1. Perpetual Vows – The council voted to approve Frater Mastin for final vows. The ceremony will take place June 4 at Sacred Heart Monastery.
2. Diaconate – The council voted to approve Frater Mastin for ordination to the diaconate. The ceremony will take place June 30 at Christ the King Church in Mississippi. Fr. Rosinski will contact Fr. Speck, pastor of the parish, to confirm the date with him.

C. Frater Duy Nguyen – The council voted to approve Frater Nguyen for the ministry of Acolyte. The ceremony will take place during the Election Assembly.

D. Frater Greg Schill – The council voted to approve Frater Schill for the ministry of Acolyte. The ceremony will take place during the Election Assembly.

E. Vietnamese Ministry – Fr. MacDonald reported to the council that he spoke with Bishop Richard Sklba regarding the Milwaukee Archdiocese's request that the SCJs take on ministry to the Vietnamese and that they worship at St. Martin of Tours. Reflecting what the council expressed at its last meeting, Fr. MacDonald said that the province would take on the ministry but that it could not commit to a specific time period (originally the archdiocese had asked for a 10-12 year commitment). It was suggested that letters between the archbishop and the provincial superior be exchanged so that the obligation is stated in writing. Archbishop Dolan will be responsible for informing the Vietnamese community and the St. Martin of Tours community about the changes.

F. Election Assembly – Fr. Kurps reported on plans regarding the Election Assembly. Among the activities planned: celebration of perpetual vows, acolyte ceremony, mission ceremony and a thanksgiving celebration for the out-going administration.

It was noted that the novices will be invited to the assembly and will serve as tellers. Voting will take place in the chapel as previously discussed. Arrangements are being made to help transport SCJs who will need assistance getting from the conference center to the chapel.

Fr. Claudio Dalla Zuanna, general councilor, will be present at the assembly.

G. Praesidium – Fr. Rosinski reported on continued efforts regarding Praesidium. On-site visits will take place in May.

Fr. Rosinski presented the comments of the Milwaukee Area Review Board in regards to the following documents:

- Province Policies on Responses to Allegations of Sexual Abuse of Minors
- U.S. Province Policy Statement – Reporting Procedures: Abuse of Minors or Vulnerable Adults
- U.S. Province Policy Statement – Appropriate Behavior in Ministry with Minors
- U.S. Province Policy Statement – Sexual Abuse of a Minor

The council authorized Fr. Rosinski to incorporate the comments of the MARB into the above cited documents. The council will approve the revised documents at its July meeting.

Fr. Rosinski noted that the province safety plans also need to be presented to MARB for review.

H. Board Meetings

1. C-POSH – Dn. Nagel reviewed some of the discussions that took place at the recent C-POSH meeting, most of which centered on the budget. The organization is beginning a strategic planning process and is hiring a consultant to assist with it. The board voted to approve Terry Johnson for another term on the board of directors. The Provincial Council voted to approve the appointment of Terry Johnson to a three-year term on the C-POSH board that ends in January 2010.

2. Province Development Office – The council voted [unanimously] to endorse the following as officers of the POSH board:

- Board President: executive director of development office
- Vice President: provincial superior
- Treasurer: provincial treasurer

3. Sacred Heart League and Sacred Heart Southern Missions – Fr. Kurps reported that the SHSM board recommends the re-election of its officers for one year. Discussions are taking place regarding the combination of SHL and SHSM into one corporation. It is hoped that this can take place by July 1, 2008. At that time a new board will be established to oversee the combined corporation.

The two entities are currently involved in a combined strategic planning process. Fr. Kurps hopes to include parish pastors in the process as well.

The council voted to approve the renewal of the SHSM board members for another year.

4. Next administration – It was noted that the next administration needs to be briefed on the work of all the province boards.
- I. Combined Meeting of North American Administrations – Councilors said that it was good to meet with the Canadians. Sharing of information is always beneficial. Dn. Nagel noted that as a follow-up to the meeting he sent a copy of the province driving policy and information from the Senior Life Committee to the region.
 - J. St. Joseph’s Retreat Center Advisory Board Meeting – Councilors reviewed the information sent by Br. Kozuch from the meeting of the advisory board. The council noted that good conversations seem to be taking place. Councilors said that they were in favor of the Finance Commission’s recommendation that the retreat center develop a five-year plan. It is hoped that the advisory board will undertake this task soon.
 - K. Inter-American “SCJs in Parishes” Meeting in Buenos Aires, Argentina, July 2-21 – The council thought that it would be good to have province representation at this meeting. If possible, it would like to see two SCJs from the United States attend.
 - L. Open Listings – There has been no response regarding the ESL director’s job and minimal response concerning the opening at St. Martin of Tours.
- IV. Conference Call — The council will have a conference call to approve these minutes on May 11 at 10:15 a.m.

CALENDAR

June 4-8	Provincial Election Assembly
June 4	Final Vows, Frater Mark Mastin
July 30, August 2	Provincial Council meeting (combined meeting with new provincial and council)
July 31 - August 1	Provincial Conference
August 4	Province Jubilees, Vow Renewals
August 5	First Professions
September 17-21	Provincial Secretaries meeting, Rome
October 23-31	Major Superiors meeting, Rome
July 14-23, 2008	Educators meeting, Salamanca

UPDATES

FR. TOM WESTHOVEN is now at St. Mary's/Mary House Transitional Care Unit in Pierre, SD. It is expected that he will be there for one to two months. His contact information:

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NECROLOGY

FR. LUIGI MORELLO, a member of the North Italian Province, who died April 3. He was born in 1934, professed in 1953 and ordained in 1963.

FR. ENRICO AGOSTINI, a member of the North Italian Province, who died April 5. He was born in 1910, professed in 1928 and ordained in 1935.

FR. UMBERTO CHIARELLO, a member of the South Italian Province, who died April 30. He was born in 1930, professed in 1947 and ordained in 1958. Fr. Umberto had served both his province and the congregation at the administrative level for many years. During Bishop Virginio Bressanelli's second term, Fr. Umberto was vice-general. He served as fourth councilor during Bishop Bressanelli's first term.

