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Minutes of the 811th Provincial Council Meeting May 9-11, Hales Corners, Wis.

PRESENT: Fr. Thomas Cassidy, provincial superior; Fr. Byron Haaland, Fr. Ed Kilianski, Fr. Jack Kurps, Br. Duane Lemke and Fr. Bill Pitcavage councilors; Dn. David Nagel, treasurer; Br. Frank Presto, provincial secretary; and Mary Gorski, minutes.

I. Minutes — Councilors acknowledged that they had voted to approve the minutes of the 810th council meeting during a prior conference call.

II. Personal Sharing — Participants took a few minutes to update each other on themselves and their ministries. Some items of note:

- Fr. Cassidy was in Rome for the CMSM visits to various Vatican offices.
- Since construction resumed on Sacred Heart at Monastery Lake the project has been moving along well. Plans are in place to sign the contracts in regards to Stage Two (public apartments and common areas).
- Fr. Pitcavage said that he has been in touch with the Sioux Falls bishop to clarify his situation. Fr. Pitcavage will be able to celebrate Mass and have a farewell gathering at the end of June at St. James in Chamberlain. He will then move his belongings from the rectory.
- Fr. Kurps noted the impact of the flooding of the Mississippi River in Tunica. Much of the casino area is flooded (hotels and casino entrances), so the casinos are closed. This had a significant impact on Mass attendance in Robinsonville where it is estimated that three-quarters of the church-goers are tourists from the casinos.
- Fr. Kilianski reported that Our Lady of Guadalupe in Houston received 28 people into the Church during the Easter vigil.
- Br. Presto said that while his facial surgery went well, he has been having difficulties with a staph infection.

III. Visioning: Continued Discussion of Leadership

- A. Follow-up — During the previous visioning session councilors asked if there was a rite of installation for local coordinators/superiors. Br. Presto distributed the rite to councilors. It is thought that it dates back to the 1970s or 1980s and has not been used in many years.
- B. Ideal Qualities of a Local Community — Councilors focused their visioning session on the local community. Prior to the meeting they outlined the qualities of an ideal community. There were several common qualities noted, including:
- Hospitality – to each other and to visitors
 - Mutual accountability

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- Affection
- Listening
- Common time, including meals and prayer
- Faith sharing
- Promoting healthy living
- A commonality in ministry — an “SCJness” to ministry even if the tasks are different; also, a realization that “community” in itself is a ministry. Living religious life is an SCJ’s primary responsibility. Everything else flows from it.
- Common life of oblation.

Councilors noted the difficulty in making community life — religious life — a priority. Ministry can be very consuming and sometimes religious life becomes secondary to it. Some thought that the retirement and formation communities often have a better opportunity to live community life than other communities.

And while most communities make time for common prayer and meals, it was suggested that SCJs in community do not always know how to spend unstructured time together. This is especially difficult in communities where there are men in parish ministry who often have ministry obligations in the evening.

Individualism and privacy issues were mentioned as obstacles to religious life. Instead of gathering around a common television most members watch TV in their rooms. Questions about what an SCJ is doing or where he is going are often interpreted as prying.

Communities in some other provinces have a tradition of gathering at the end of the day to check-in and socialize. SCJs make a choice to be a part of this. How can something like this happen without mandating it? How can “common time” become something that SCJs choose to be a part of?

How does the province support individuals who seek to build community, especially if such an SCJ lives with those who may have become indifferent to community living?

How does the province inspire individuals to take action instead of waiting for someone else to “do something,” be it organizing a movie night or simply inviting others to sit and talk at the end of the day?

How can reflective skills be developed or enhanced? How can people be invited to reflect collectively, not just in private?

How can SCJs be encouraged to live community life more “intentionally?”

- C. Action — Prior to the July assembly members will be asked to outline — just as councilors did — the elements of an ideal SCJ religious community; a local community. Perhaps the council can share the elements that they identified here and ask, “What would you add to this?” A process will be developed to process these reflections at the assembly. Fr. Kurps will organize this and send the exercise to SCJs along with other information in regards to the assembly.
- D. Future Visioning — Prior to the August meeting members of the council are to read John Allen’s *The Future Church*. They will discuss the first challenge presented in the book during the council’s next visioning session.

IV. Administration

A. Sacred Heart School of Theology

- 1. Succession of Rector-President — Fr. Cassidy told the SHST board that he would have a succession plan for the president-rector to share with the board at its May 25 meeting.

The council voted to request that the SHST board open the search for a new president-rector to allow for the consideration of non-SCJ candidates as was recommended by the SHST Leadership Study Committee in 2010 (see the minutes from the 802 Provincial Council meeting). As the committee also suggested, the council mandates that SCJs always be given preferential consideration for the position. It was noted that the SHST board will have to change its bylaws to allow for this change.

Fr. Cassidy will write a letter to the province about the position of SHST rector-president and explain the council’s deci-

sion to open the job to non-SCJ candidates. He will note the work of the SHST Leadership Study Committee, an ad hoc committee he established to advise him and the council on this issue.

2. SHST Vice President for Institutional Mission — The council voted to mandate that the SHST board create an office at Sacred Heart School of Theology — at the vice president level — to ensure that SCJ spirituality and the Dehonian charism continue to be a strong part of the seminary's culture and mission. This position is especially important as the SCJs' physical presence diminishes at SHST.
- B. Sacred Heart Southern Missions — The council voted to re-elect the following individuals to the SHSM board: Sr. Catherine Bertrand, Sr. Deborah Hughes and Fr. Jack Kurps. They will serve a three-year term. It was suggested that the executive director have an ex officio, not elected, position on the board.
- C. St. Joseph's Indian School
1. Board Membership — The council voted to approve expanding the C-POSH board to up to 15 members.
 2. Local Superior — The council voted to make the local superior of the SCJ community in South Dakota an ex officio member of the C-POSH board.
 3. Dn. Alfred Jetty — The council voted to reappoint Dn. Jetty to the C-POSH board.
- D. Clarksdale — Although there are a variety of personnel options that could make a team ministry approach to the Clarksdale parishes possible, several variables are still in flux. Bishop Joseph Latino has a priest who can cover the parishes for the next year so the province has a bit of time to prepare for ministry at the parishes. Councilors indicated that in general, there has been a positive response from the membership regarding ministry in Clarksdale. However, some do have concerns regarding personnel; the province already has a difficult time meeting some of its ministry obligations. Is it appropriate in such a climate to commit to more?

Those in favor of Clarksdale cite the type of ministry it allows — ministry to African Americans and the poor, very Dehonian ministries.

The council voted to tell Bishop Latino that the province will assume ministry for the Clarksdale parishes as of July, 2012, for six years, contingent upon having a pastoral team in place by December 31, 2011.

- E. Personnel
1. Br. Long Nguyen — As of July 1 he will be assigned to Vocation Central.
 2. Frater Luis Fernando Orzoco Cardona — The council approved his request to be accepted to the ministry of acolyte.
 3. Br. Bernard Taube — Br. Taube is with the St. Francis community at this time while he receives medical treatment in Milwaukee.
 4. Bishop Joseph Potocnak — The bishop will be returning to South Africa at the end of August to assume a one-year commitment in Port Alfred.
 5. Fr. Tim Gray — It was announced at the parishes that Fr. Gray's assignment in Mississippi comes to an end and that he will be moving to Chicago.
 6. Fr. Brian Benoit — Fr. Benoit has been diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease.
 7. Fr. Jerome Clifford — Fr. Clifford has been diagnosed with stage one lung cancer.
- F. Province Plan Updates
1. Justice, Peace and Reconciliation — Fr. Kilianski said that the JPIC Commission had a meeting scheduled for June 6. Among its tasks is preparation for the Justice and Peace component of the July Province Assembly and review of the grant process.

Fr. Kilianski said that in the future the commission may propose that it has a role in the province investment process.

2. Vocations; Ongoing and Initial Formation — Br. Lemke has a meeting scheduled with this committee on June 13.
3. Spirituality — Fr. Haaland has met with Fr. Joe Dean to begin preparation for the province retreat in Pinellas Park. Fr. Haaland also met with Mike Tyrell and Fr. Kurps about revitalizing the Dehonian Family Committee; a mission awareness gathering is planned for 2012. Smaller mission awareness efforts have taken place between Sacred Heart Southern Missions and St. Joseph's Indian School. Fr. Cassidy suggested that SCJ ministries in the Milwaukee area be plugged into this. It was also noted that Schools in Collaboration continues to have regular activities.

Fr. Jim Schroeder is working on adapting the SCJ prayer book for non-SCJs. This is something that might be produced and distributed through the development offices. Councilors were favorable toward the idea but noted a few concerns, in particular, could the book be adapted to serve people from a variety of backgrounds? Words like "oblation" and "reparation" might need explanation, or might need to be presented in more common terminology.

How the book is used also determines how it is written. If it will be used in mixed settings with both SCJs and non-SCJs it is important that SCJ concepts and terminology remain strong. It was noted that at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton in Houston that lay people prayed alongside SCJs with the current prayer book.

Fr. Haaland will continue to report on the book as work moves forward.

- G. Philippines — The Philippine District is preparing to apply for regional status. As a part of this process the U.S. Province, its primary financial backer, must write a letter to the general administration confirming that it will continue its commitment. This commitment has included an annual grant of \$350,000, as well as a start-up grant of \$250,000 for the district to begin its own fund raising program. It is thought that with this program the Philippines will gradually become less dependent on outside funds.

The U.S. Province also sends personnel for short-term assignments, such as Fr. Bernie Rosinski, who is there now.

The council voted to write a letter confirming its continued financial support of the SCJ entity in the Philippines.

- H. Praesidium Update — Br. Presto noted that the province has just one issue to attend to in the Praesidium reaccreditation process: that each member and candidate of the community must sign the policies regarding boundaries with minors to indicate that he has read and understood them. The policies were recently mailed to members of the province along with the signature sheet. Councilors were asked to encourage members of their communities to return the signed sheets as soon as possible.
- I. Baileys Harbor — Concerns have been expressed about the use of the property which formerly housed St. Joseph's Retreat Center. The property's use was donated to the Diocese of Green Bay by the province. The diocese has sub-leased it to a youth organization. Fr. Pitcavage reported that he is making plans to visit the site, along with a representative from the Green Bay Diocese.
- J. Sacred Heart Monastery — Fr. Cassidy did a consultation with the Sacred Heart Monastery Community on May 10. The council voted to appoint Fr. Jim Walters as local coordinator/superior. The council also voted to appoint the whole community as council, though a first councilor will need to be named. Fr. Cassidy suggested that this be done closer to autumn when the community has a better idea of its membership.

Finally, the council voted to appoint Fr. Wayne Jenkins as treasurer.

- K. Upcoming Leadership Terms — It was noted that the terms of several local coordinators come to an end in 2011 including that of the Dehon Formation Community, the Mississippi Community, 37th Street, Villa Maria and St. Francis Residence. The last three are in flux due to the summer move to the new development.
- L. North American Councils Meeting — On May 23-24 the councils of the U.S. and Canada will meet in Chicago. Br. Frank Presto will send all participants the minutes from the last meeting in Montréal, as well as an agenda for the meeting. Agenda possibilities include prayer with the local community, both personal and province/regional check-ins and updates, a discussion of how to animate local communities, a discussion of the state of each entity (including hopes and concerns for the future), the proposed presence in Mexico, the July assembly of the U.S. Province (the Canadians will be invited to send

representatives to the assembly), the European Conference on Secularism (Frs. Cassidy and Bill Marvee will attend this in October —do the councilors have any input on it?), and follow-up to the discussions that took place in Montréal (especially in regards to collaborative efforts with parishes and in spirituality).

Br. Lemke is to confirm dinner arrangements for Monday evening.

- M. Follow-Up to Local Coordinators/Superiors Meeting — Fr. Pitcavage shared the follow-up mailing that he plans to send to the province regarding the March Coordinators/Superiors meeting. It was suggested that Fr. Pitcavage limit reflection questions to three.
- N. Province Assembly — Fr. Kurps gave a rough outline of the assembly schedule. The gathering will begin on Monday evening with the jubilee celebration. Fr. John van den Hengel will present most of Tuesday's sessions. He will discuss the congregational plan and then move into a presentation on the Dehonian charism, similar to what he presented at a German gathering. Fr. van den Hengel notes a theory that has been presented regarding a discord as to what the charism means, a discord that goes back to the founding of the congregation and perhaps continues today.

On Wednesday the focus will be on local communities, and Thursday morning is being planned by the Justice and Peace Commission. The gathering will end with Mass following the JPIC activities.

A social event (such as a play) will be planned for Wednesday evening.

Fr. Kurps will soon get a mailing out to the province regarding the assembly.

V. Finance

- A. Sacred Heart at Monastery Lake — The new contractor — Horizon — has been making good progress with the building and has been comfortable to work with. The project completion date is July 1 with an anticipated occupancy date of July 15. It is hoped that Villa Maria can be demolished in August to allow for work to begin on Stage 2. The council toured the construction during a meeting break.
- B. Budgets — The council reviewed the following budgets, all of which were also reviewed and recommended for approval by the Province Finance Commission:

1. Province Development Office — Dn. Nagel said that the office's Spanish file is doing well. This is a market on which the office needs to continue to focus.

The council voted to approve the budget for the Province Development Office for a total of \$24,287,000, and voted to approve a capital expense of \$44,107 for roof replacement.

It was noted that the current budget is a deficit budget but that it is hoped that this will not be the case in the next fiscal year.

2. Sacred Heart School of Theology — The Finance Commission was appreciative of the amount of information presented with the budget. The seminary is requesting an increase in its province grant to cover increasing health care costs. In the future it is hoped that the employees of SHST, the Province Development Office and the Provincialate can be pooled together for health care savings.

The council voted to approve the SHST budget for a total of \$6,070,100.

3. Sacred Heart Southern Missions — SHSM has found that devotional mailings are not doing as well as in the past but that social service and education mailings are showing promise. An 8th grade has been added to Holy Family School. Finally, the Finance Commission noted that the budget was clear and easy to follow.

The council voted to approve the budget for Sacred Heart Southern Missions for a total of \$21,966,115. The council also voted to approve the following capital expenditures that exceed \$25,000: install storefront and new entrance wall at the Sacred Heart Thrift Store for \$25,500 and purchase new computer servers for \$36,000.

4. Sacred Heart Southern Missions Housing Corporation — The council voted to approve the SHSM-HC budget for

\$40,605.

5. St. Joseph's Indian School
 - a. Museum Expansion — The council voted to approve the expansion of the museum for a total cost of \$3,224,495. It was noted that this will also need the approval of the General Curia.
 - b. Capital Expenditures — The council voted to approve the following capital expenditures:
 - PC Software for Development, \$100,000
 - Computers for Campus, \$45,000
 - PC Replacement, \$45,000
 - Key Fob System, \$25,000
 - Forklift, \$25,000
 - Bobcat and Attachments, \$40,000
 - Museum Humidifier, \$25,000
 - Promethean Boards (“smart boards”), \$40,000
 - Partitions for Donor Services, \$30,000
 - Furnishings for Stevens and Mathias Home, \$64,000
 - Vehicles, \$80,000
 - Museum Artwork and Artifacts, \$50,000
 - AC for Healthcare Center and Small Chapel, \$25,000
 - Upgrades to Chapel Pump Room, \$27,170
 - Tuckpointing Benedictine Building, \$32,000
 - Thermostats for School, \$32,500
 - Drainage Plan, \$35,000
 - Relocating Old Museum Storage Building, \$37,750
 - Carpet for Chapel and School, 54,533
 - Rerouting Electrical Lines, \$83,000
 - Fiber and Phone System/Voice Mail Upgrade, \$85,000
 - Museum Storage Units, \$92,000
 - Stevens and Mathias Home Renovations (the last of the eight home renovations that have taken place in recent years), \$850,500.
 - c. St. Joseph's Indian School Budget — Fund raising is going well; an increase is projected for the coming fiscal year. The presentation of the budget was detailed. The council voted to approve the budget for St. Joseph's Indian School for a total of \$60,190,627.
6. Sacred Heart Center — This is funded by St. Joseph's Indian School and its expenses are included in the St. Joe's budget. It was noted that the new director is doing well at the center. The council voted to approve capital expenses (primarily for upgrades and additions to equipment, including the Child Services security system) of \$42,000. The council also voted to approve the center's budget for \$1,731,400.
7. Lower Brule Ministries — The council voted to approve a capital expenditure of \$45,000 to replace the roof at St. Mary's in Lower Brule. The council also voted to approve the budget for Lower Brule Ministries for a total of \$578,840.
8. South Dakota SCJ Community — It was noted that the community presented a budget with an \$11,127 deficit. Next year it is hoped that the community can present a balanced budget. The council voted to approve the budget for a total of \$309,277.
9. Houston Community — The Finance Commission asked that a more descriptive narrative accompany next year's budget. The council voted to approve the Houston budget for a total of \$162,630. It includes an excess of \$24,630 in income.
10. Raymondville Community — It was noted that the bookkeeper has been let go and that Fr. Richard MacDonald is now doing the books for the two-member community. The council voted to approve the budget for a total of \$49,645.
11. Sacred Heart Monastery Community — It was noted that the community often hosts SCJs from other provinces which

adds an expense to the budget. The expenses of international SCJs who reside with the community while in school fall under the mission budget. The council voted to approve the SHM budget for a total of \$393,253.

12. St. Francis Community — It was noted that this, as are all communities in the Milwaukee area, is in flux pending the completion of the new development. The council voted to approve the budget for a total of \$78,350.
13. 37th Street Community — The community will be relocating to the fourth floor of the new development. The council voted to approve the budget for a total of \$542,576.
14. Dehon House — The council voted to approve the budget for a total of \$72,850.
15. St. Michael's Community — It was noted that the community has returned \$75,000 in excess cash to the province in FY11. The council voted to approve the budget for a total of \$403,600.
16. Villa Maria — The budget for the community was submitted as “The Not Yet Named” community since the members will be moving to the new development. The community includes SCJs who are living at the Congregational Home, as well as Fr. Francis Vu Tran, who will reside with the community when he isn't in Rome. This is the province's largest community. The council voted to approve the budget for a total of \$1,139,065.
17. Pinellas Park — The council voted to approve the budget for a total of \$556,305.
18. Dehon Formation Community — Br. Peter Mankins is retiring and moving to Sacred Heart at Monastery Lake. Br. Duane will assume his duties as treasurer. The receptionist will do most of the day-to-day bookkeeping. The community anticipates the possibility of two new candidates for fall. The Finance Commission asked that there be more narrative next year.

The council voted to approve the budget for a total of \$832,194.

19. SHST/SHM Major Maintenance Fund — A facility study is being done to determine how the building can be better utilized and improved. It will be done in stages with incremental improvement suggestions. One of the concerns to be studied is the gymnasium, which needs floor repair and possibly air conditioning.

The largest major maintenance item for FY12 is the repair of the roadway to Rawson Ave. and the coating of surfaces for a \$100,000. The council voted to approve the budget for a total of \$230,000.

20. Formation Department — The council voted to approve the budget for the Formation Department for a total of \$6,400.
21. Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation — Grants make up the majority of budget expenses, including grants to St. Martin of Tours School and Our Lady of Guadalupe for children who need tuition assistance. The overall grant process is to be discussed by the JPIC Commission in June. The council voted to approve the budget for a total of \$211,850.
22. Vocation Central — It was noted that this is Br. Ray Kozuch's first year as director of the office and the first with the newly created position of vocation coordinator/office manager, which is filled by a lay person. The council voted to approve the budget for a total of \$336,259.
23. Communications — The council voted to approve the budget for a total of \$137,070. Extra money is being budgeted for website work.
24. Archives — The council voted to approve the budget for a total of \$54,450.
25. Dehon Study Center — The council voted to approve the budget for a total of \$65,100.
26. Dehon Affiliates — It was noted that the next Mission Education Conference is set for the fall of 2012 and that the Schools in Collaboration programs have been going well. The council voted to approve the budget for a total of \$11,200.
27. ESL Program — This budget includes the academic portion of the program (tuition) as well as the living expenses for

SCJs in it. It also includes tuition at Marquette and Cardinal Stritch Universities for international SCJs. Expenses of the ESL Department are covered under the SHST budget. The council voted to approve the ESL budget for a total of \$317,300.

28. Foreign Missions — All grants to foreign missions are coordinator through the Generalate. Beyond itemized expenses is a \$55,000 contingency fund for unforeseen needs that arise during the year. The council voted to approve the budget for a total of \$1,872,990.
29. San Antonio — The council voted to approve the budget for the San Antonio community for a total of \$104,000.
30. Fr. Jim Schroeder — The council voted to approve the budget for a total of \$55,394 without the excess. It was noted that Fr. Schroeder has budgeted an excess of \$60,000, which is sent to the province.
31. Member Services — This budget includes the expenses for SCJs in advanced academic work as well as men in sabbatical programs. It also includes expenses for province celebrations and events, the Dehon Study Center, Fr. Joseph Gole's retirement expenses and individual aid (family emergencies) as well as departure expenses. The council voted to approve the budget for a total of \$270,760.
32. Province Budget — The overall province budget of \$10,139,009 has a deficit of \$124,851. If needed, this deficit will be funded by the Province Ministries Fund. The council voted to approve the budget.

Dn. Nagel, the Treasurer's Office and the Finance Commission were thanked for their work in the budget process. In recent years the process has gone much more smoothly due to the continued work of the staff of the Treasurer's Office in helping entities with bookkeeping and budget preparation. The notes from the Finance Commission's discussion of the budget were very helpful to the council. Most of the larger entities have provided better narratives in recent years.

It was suggested that only two days are needed for the budget meeting instead of the usual three that are scheduled.

C. Financial Information — Dn. Nagel shared a few brief items:

- There will be an Investment Committee meeting on June 14. It is thought that the investments will exceed the goal of an 8% return.
- The delay in the building project has allowed the province to acquire more cash so that money will not need to be borrowed from the Support and Maintenance Fund as was originally planned.
- The estate of Fr. Justin Guiltane is taking longer to settle than anticipated but should be wrapped up soon.

VI. Conference Call — The council will meet by conference call on Monday, May 16, at 1 p.m. to review these minutes.

CALENDAR

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| June 11: | Dn. Duy Nguyen's priesthood ordination (Sacred Heart Monastery) |
| Week of July 11: | Province Assembly, Hales Corners, Wis. |
| July 11: | Province Jubilees |
| August 30-31: | Provincial Council meeting |
| October 4-5: | Provincial Council meeting |
| November 14-16: | SCJ Retreat, Pinellas Park |
| December 14-15: | Provincial Council meeting |

UPDATES

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NECROLOGY

FR. AFFONSO ROBL, a member of the South Brazilian Province, died May 15. He was born in 1929, professed in 1950 and ordained in 1955.

BR. ETIENNE CHEVALIER, a member of the Franco-European Province, died May 2. He was born in 1945 and professed in 1971.

FR. GILBERT RIGHETTINI, a member of the Franco-European Province, died on April 17. He was born in 1934, professed in 1958 and ordained in 1967.

FR. ISRAEL BATISTA DE CARVALHO, a member of the Central Brazilian Province, died on April 11. He was born in 1949, professed in 1976 and ordained in 1982.