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Minutes of the 883rd Provincial Council Meeting August 14-15, 2018, Hales Corners, WI

PRESENT: Fr. Ed Kilianski, provincial superior; Fr. Quang Nguyen, 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; David Schimmel for discussion of an initiative from the Dehonian Associates Office; and Mary Gorski, recording secretary. Excused: Fr. Christianus Hendrik for a home visit to Indonesia.

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

- Fr. Kilianski will have a transmetatarsal amputation on August 20; last week, he wrote a letter to the province concerning this. If all goes as planned, he will have a six-week recovery period. During this time he hopes to continue his duties as provincial superior, gradually increasing his workload.
- The province has a full occupancy permit for the remodeled Sacred Heart Monastery. Students and other members of the community are moving in. Some of the windows from the Chicago chapel have been installed; some are in the new lobby and some are to be placed by the new elevator. There are still a number of items from the move that need to be unpacked.
- The vocation office anticipates having a Come and See weekend in September; two men are expected to take part.
- The internet connection at the Provincial Offices is to be upgraded soon.
- Br. Presto is to have surgery in September to remove a lesion from his head.
- Fr. David Szatkowski is settling in well on the pastoral team in Mississippi. He, Fr. Thi Pham and Fr. Greg Schill were scheduled for a team-building activity later in the week.
- Fr. Duy Nguyen has begun his sabbatical. In September he will do a hike on the Camino De Santiago with a group from Houston. In October he will go on an eight-day Jesuit retreat in Dallas.

II. Membership

- A. Fr. Paul Kelly — Fr. Kelly has been placed on retirement status for medical reason; he is transferred to the Sacred Heart Community at SHML.
- B. Dn. Juan Carlos Castañeda Rojas — He is settling well at Our Lady of Guadalupe and is well appreciated by the parish. Br. Presto noted that Dn. Castañeda Rojas recently received his R1 visa.
- C. Fr. Vincent Suparman — The council voted to appoint Fr. Vincent Suparman as local superior of the Sacred Heart Community in Pinellas Park, FL. The appointment is effective September 1, though Fr. Suparman will not be on-site until September 21.
- D. Fr. Mark Mastin — The council voted to present Fr. Mastin as pastor of the Lower Brule Pastoral Team - west side, to Bishop Robert D. Gruss of Rapid City.

- E. Fr. Greg Schill — Fr. Schill has requested permission to serve as a military chaplain. The council discussed the request, noting that there is a significant shortage of Catholic chaplains in the military, but that the province also has staffing concerns. The council voted to allow Fr. Schill to pursue the possibility of becoming a military chaplain; however, he may not enter active duty until September 1, 2019.
- F. Fr. Christianus Hendrik — The council voted to approve Fr. Hendrik for a second term as local superior of the South Dakota community.

III. Administration

- A. Minutes — The council voted to approve the minutes of the 2018 Provincial Chapter, the 2018 Provincial Election Assembly and the 882 Provincial Council meeting. All are to be included in the August 2018 *Cor Unum*.
- B. Our Lady of Guadalupe, Houston — Fr. D. Nguyen shared several updates from the parish: there was recently a break-in at the cocinita; Br. Andy Gancarczyk is now administrator of the SCJ community in Texas; Fr. Francois Tsanga is administrator of the parish; and an anonymous donor has offered to buy property that the parish is seeking for parking space. Bishop Sheltz, the chancellor, agreed that the acquisition of the lots is beneficial to the parish and he has given the approval to determine whether the asking prices of the two lots are reasonable.

Fr. D. Nguyen also shared plans for remodeling the former rectory into meeting space. Some work has already begun, much of it by volunteers. Fr. D. Nguyen asked the council if it would consider granting the parish \$20,000 toward the purchase of materials for the project. Councilors agreed that the meeting space is needed and appreciated the parish's efforts at finding donated services and labor. However, councilors stressed that the archdiocese needs to be informed of the remodeling plans and that permits should be sought before more work is done. If these two things are done, the council voted to approve a province donation of \$20,000 to the project. It was noted that Fr. D. Nguyen is on sabbatical; Dn. Juan Carlos Castañeda Rojas has agreed to pursue the project in the months ahead.

- C. SCJ Alumni Retreat — David Schimmel, director of Dehonian Associates, spoke to the council regarding the possibility of an SCJ alumni reunion; several men with whom he has been in contact through the Dehonian Esprit de Coeurs have expressed interest in a reunion that would include SCJs. Besides visiting with SCJs, those who have responded indicated that they would be interested in a spiritual component, an update on what the congregation is doing now and the challenges for the future, and information on planned giving opportunities with the Priests of the Sacred Heart. Some would like to share how they have been affected by the Dehonian charism.

Mr. Schimmel suggested that the reunion be done in conjunction with the Province Jubilee Celebration or another province event.

Councilors were very open to the idea of a reunion. It is an opportunity to share information about the congregation to a receptive audience; this could provide opportunities for benefactor development as well as vocations (alumni might share information about the SCJs with those they know who may be discerning a vocation).

Tasks that will need to be addressed: hotel arrangements (will a block of rooms be reserved; who will do this?), meals, invitations, and the program itself, including materials that may need to be developed for it.

Later in the meeting the council decided to schedule the reunion for Monday, June 10, 2019. The Province Jubilees will be held that evening and the Province Assembly will be June 11-14. Scheduling the reunion for a Monday will allow participants the opportunity for informal visits and activities during the weekend prior to the reunion.

Br. Presto is to inform Mr. Schimmel of the date.

- D. Mission Secretary — The term of the previous Mission Secretary has expired. The council discussed whether such an appointment is needed. Dn. David Nagel serves as Mission Procurator. Councilors noted that several members of the US Province interact with mission entities on a regular basis through on-site teaching and retreats. This allows for significant contact with the missions; financial concerns go through the Mission Procurator. The council decided not to fill the position of Mission Secretary.
- E. Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology — Fr. Tom Knoebel, SHSST president-rector, updated the council on the seminary. He noted that it was a year ago that he first met with the council and that much of the vision identified for the school at that time has been addressed. He reported that there will be approximately 145 students at Sacred Heart at the start

of the 2018-19 academic year. This includes seminarians, those in master's programs, and ESL students. There are 19 diocesan seminarians living on campus plus six from the SCJ formation program.

Fr. Knoebel met with Frs. Tom Cassidy and Bob Tucker to discuss transition details for the SCJ formation program. This is the first year that the program is at SHSST so there are a few items to be worked out. In December, three Indian SCJs will come to SHSST as a part of the master's program developed in conjunction with the Indian District.

SHSST orientation was going on during the week of the council meeting; Fr. Zbigniew Morawiec gave an introduction to the Dehonian charism.

Over 300 people have registered for the October St. Francis Symposium; Fr. Knoebel thanked the province for its \$25,000 donation toward it.

He noted that the seminary has received two media inquiries in the wake of the recent clergy abuse scandals in the news. The reporters asked generic questions about the impact of such scandals on the seminary. Dr. Christopher J. McAtee, SHSST Vice President for Institutional Development and External Affairs, prepared a statement and is the seminary's spokesperson for such inquiries.

The summer ESL program is going well; 25 students will continue with the second summer semester and thus will be present for the Pope Francis Symposium. The seminary is considering renaming the ESL program so that the public has a better sense of what it offers. It is much more than an English language program; the SHSST ESL program is specifically designed for those in or preparing for church ministry. Besides a formative and spiritual component, the SHSST program provides experiences that allow a student to develop cultural awareness of the United States.

Fr. Knoebel will meet with the new council in September; Br. Presto will contact his secretary to ensure that it is on the rector's calendar.

Later in the meeting councilors briefly discussed the orientation process for new SHSST faculty and staff. Are they given appropriate background about the Priests of the Sacred Heart? It was reported that a new staff member did not realize that the SCJs own and operate the seminary and that the provincial superior is the seminary's ordinary. However, it was also noted many SCJs do not know that each of the values identified in the initial draft of the seminary's strategic plan is rooted in Dehonian spirituality, including use of the terms "Ecce Ancilla," "Sint Unum," "Adveniat Regnum Tuum," and "Ecce Venio."

The seminary and the province need to continue to find ways to be in better dialogue with each other. The regular meetings between the Provincial Council and the SHSST president-rector have been very helpful.

- F. Formation program at SHM — Frs. Tom Cassidy and Bob Tucker, formation directors at SHM, will be asked to attend the September council meeting to talk with the new council about the newly transitioned formation program. The current council found it helpful to be in regular dialogue with the formation team and suggests that the practice continue with the next administration.
- G. Consultations — After members of the SHM community have fully moved into the renovated monastery, a consultation needs to be done for the local administration of St. Joseph's community. A consultation will also need to be done at SHM.
- H. Admissions Board — Several members of the Admissions Board are completing their current terms; one needs to be placed. The council suggested that this might be an opportune time to introduce younger members to the board. Board membership will be discussed at the September council meeting. In preparation for the discussion, a list of trained interviewers will be compiled and the policies regarding membership of the Admissions Board will be reviewed. Br. Presto distributed copies of the Admissions Board policies at the end of the meeting. New councilors will also need copies of these.
- I. General Chapter — The council reviewed the final message from the General Chapter and noted that the new general administration will probably determine priorities from it in the months ahead. The council extended its congratulations and good wishes for the new superior general and his council and noted in particular Fr. Stephen Huffstetter's willingness to continue for a second term.
- J. Suppression of Dehon House of Formation, Chicago — Cardinal Blase Cupich of Chicago accepted the province's request to suppress the former formation house in Chicago. This has been submitted to the general administration for its review.

- K. Provincialate entrance — While using a wheelchair in recent weeks, Fr. Kilianski has come to realize that the front doors to the Provincialate Offices / Provincial Conference Center are not ADA compliant. It is very difficult to open the doors from a wheelchair. He has asked Mark Wenzel to investigate possibilities for installing an automatic door opener, not just for himself, but for others with disabilities who enter the building.
- L. Personnel directory — Fr. Kilianski asked that Mary Gorski do the next North American personnel directory (phone book). It is tentatively planned to be published in September.
- M. 2019 Province Assembly — The next US Province Assembly has been scheduled for the week of June 10, 2019. As noted earlier, on Monday, June 10, there will be an SCJ alumni reunion organized by the Dehonian Associates Office. This will be open to those who have been in vows, as well as currently vowed SCJs. The Province Jubilee Celebration will be held the evening of June 10. Reunion participants will be invited to attend. The Province Assembly will begin Tuesday morning, June 11 and conclude after lunch on Friday, June 14.

IV. Finance

- A. Province Development Office — The office audit is currently being done by Schenck Business Solutions. The recent fiscal year was very positive with a reduction in expenses and an increase in net profits. The partnership with St. Joseph's Indian School has been good; in October several Province Development Office managers will visit at St. Joseph's. The Province Office is considering changing its database to the same system that St. Joseph's uses.
- B. Sacred Heart Monastery renovation — The province has full occupancy permits for the building. A few minor details need to be addressed, but the bulk of the SHM remodeling is complete. The province paid an extra \$112,000 in over-time to ensure that the fourth floor was completed by July 1 and the remainder by August 1. As noted earlier in the meeting, glass from the chapel windows in Chicago has been installed in the new SHM lobby; more will be placed elsewhere. Trees have been planted and the water retention area has been increased to address concerns from the City of Franklin.

The council expressed its gratitude to Dn. David Nagel and Br. Frank Presto for their work on the project.

- C. Investment Committee — Sally Smits retired from SHSST; Dn. Nagel asked Linda Church, province human resources director, to serve on the committee. She agreed. Other committee members include Br. Presto, Br. Raymond Kozuch and John Kuxhause.
- D. Province Finance Commission — Because he is now a member of the Provincial Council, Br. Andy Gancarczyk needs to be replaced on the Province Finance Commission. The council voted to appoint Br. Frank Presto to the commission; his term begins with the new administration.
- E. Insurance — The SCJ Medical Plan is up for renewal in October; the plan is being reviewed. Stop-loss coverage is being negotiated. Dn. Nagel said that the new novices have been added to the plan. The Employee Medical Plan is also being reviewed.

A question was raised regarding automotive insurance: are the novices covered? Dn. Nagel said that province vehicles are covered, so candidates, novices and members of the province are covered when driving a province vehicle. Those who are not members of the province are probably not covered by province insurance when they rent vehicles.

It was suggested that all students and novices receive the province driving policy. Dn. Nagel will take care of this.

- V. Conference call — The council will meet by conference call on Tuesday, August 21, at 2:00 p.m. Those who are unable to be on the call are invited to send changes/corrections to the minutes to Mary Gorski prior to the meeting.
- VI. Last meeting — This was the final meeting of the current provincial administration. Fr. Ed Kilianski thanked members of the council, as well as provincial staff, for their assistance to him during his first term. The first meeting of the new administration will be September 18-19.

Minutes of the 882nd Provincial Council Meeting June 18, 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; Mary Gorski, recording secretary.

- I. Frater Long Nguyen — At his request, the council voted to rescind Frater Nguyen's decree for exlaustration. After careful reflection, Frater Nguyen has determined that his vocation is with the Priests of the Sacred Heart. He is assigned to the formation community at Sacred Heart Monastery but will commute to Chicago once a week to finish his M.Div. at Catholic Theological Union. This summer, he will assist Br. Duane Lemke with the ESL program; in the fall he will focus on pastoral ministry at St. Martin of Tours parish in Franklin.
- II. Fr. David Szatkowski — The council voted to assign Fr. Szatkowski to the Mississippi community as of July 1; he will serve as a member of the pastoral team in Mississippi. There is a need for extra personnel on the pastoral team, especially in Spanish ministry. It was suggested that the local community work with Fr. Szatkowski to make arrangements for him to enhance his Spanish-language skills.
- III. Fr. Tom Cassidy — With Fr. Szatkowski's assignment to Mississippi, another SCJ is needed on the formation team. Although he is retired, Fr. Cassidy agreed to serve as a formation director for the next academic year. The council voted to assign Fr. Cassidy to Sacred Heart Monastery as a member of the formation team for one year, beginning July 1, 2018.
- IV. Tellers — The council voted to appoint Postulant Angel Romero as a teller to the Election Assembly. He will join those who already sworn in as tellers at the Provincial Chapter.
- V. Admissions — Fr. Q. Nguyen spoke briefly of the preliminary admissions board process; he questioned whether the psychological report is necessary at this stage. Councilors agreed that Fr. Q. Nguyen presented valid concerns but changes in the admissions process need to come from the Admissions Board, not the Vocation Office. It was suggested that Fr. Q. Nguyen ask the Admissions Board to review the preliminary admissions policies on the recommendation of the council. The council is open to having a discussion with the director of the Admissions Board.

Minutes of the 2018 Election Assembly of the U.S. Province

June 19-20, 2018 • Hales Corners, Wisconsin

- I. Opening Prayer — Br. Ray Kozuch led morning prayer.
- II. Announcements — Fr. Ed Kilianski welcomed SCJs to the assembly and shared information from the previous evening's Provincial Council meeting:
 - A. Frater Long Nguyen — At his request, the council voted to rescind Frater Nguyen's decree for exclaustation. After careful reflection, Frater Nguyen has determined that his vocation is with the Priests of the Sacred Heart. He is assigned to the formation community at Sacred Heart Monastery but will commute to Chicago once a week to finish his M.Div. at Catholic Theological Union. This summer, he will assist Br. Duane Lemke with the ESL program; in the fall he will focus on pastoral ministry at St. Martin of Tours parish in Franklin.
 - B. Fr. David Szatkowski — There is a need for more personnel in Mississippi, especially for ministry to the Spanish-speaking. The council voted to assign Fr. Szatkowski to the Mississippi pastoral team. Fr. Kilianski thanked Fr. Szatkowski for his willingness to serve in the new assignment.
 - C. Fr. Tom Cassidy — With Fr. Szatkowski's assignment to Mississippi, another SCJ is needed on the formation team. Although he is retired, Fr. Cassidy agreed to serve as a formation director for the next academic year. The council voted to assign Fr. Cassidy to Sacred Heart Monastery as a member of the formation team for one year, beginning July 1, 2018. Fr. Kilianski thanked Fr. Cassidy for his availability to the province's needs.
 - D. Postulant Angel Romero — The council voted to appoint Postulant Angel Romero as a teller to the Election Assembly. He was sworn in by Fr. Kilianski and will join those who were already sworn in as tellers for the Provincial Chapter.
- III. Introduction — Sr. Cathy Bertrand, moderator, talked about the primary task of the assembly: to elect a new provincial administration for the US Province. She quoted Constitution No. 127, noting that "The task of animating and governing the province belongs to the Provincial superior. In this task he is assisted by his council." She urged SCJs to reflect on what the province is at this time in history. Where is it going, where does the membership want it to go? Coming from a contemplative and reflective place, members of the assembly need to decide who among them is appropriate to animate and govern the province at this time.
- IV. State of the Province
 - A. Video — The assembly viewed a video introduction to the State of the Province prepared by Br. Andy Gancarczk.
 - B. Fr. Kilianski — Following the video, Fr. Kilianski spoke about the State of the Province. Two written reports had been sent to members of the province prior to the assembly; one included individual reports from local communities and ministries, and the other was Fr. Kilianski's personal reflection, as provincial superior.

He thanked Br. Gancarczk for his work on the video. The photos showed SCJs happy in their life together and their ministry. It reinforced Fr. Kilianski's belief that the state of the province is very strong. He hopes that members of the assembly read the written reports. He emphasized that communication is a priority of his administration. Fr. Kilianski thanked those who had served on the Provincial Council and that their support, help and counsel was vital to him in his ministry.

He said that he was humbled by the province's support of him in leadership and by people's trust in him, especially in one-on-one conversations during provincial visitations. Fr. Kilianski noted the 12 SCJs who died during his three-year term and how he felt their deaths in a very personal way. He encouraged the membership to look at the future of the US Province with open hearts and minds.
 - C. Table discussions — In small groups participants talked about what they had read and heard in the State of the Province reports and video. A representative from each table reported on its discussions (Note: tables are identified by number only to differentiate one table from another; the tables did not actually have assigned numbers):
 1. Table 1 — The video was good and uplifting. It showed the variety of what the province is doing. It would make a good vocation tool or could be something to share with other entities. Some people focus on diminishment, but this shows that there is much to look forward to, much to build on especially with the help of international confreres.

2. Table 2 — Our table affirmed the work that David Schimmel, province director of Dehonian Associates, is doing in sharing the Dehonian charism. We also affirm the province’s welcome of international SCJs, and increased communication and consultation from the administration.
3. Table 3 — We hope to continue spiritual renewal that infuses us with the vibrancy of community life; we must be careful not to turn too inward.
4. Table 4 — There was joy in the video. It was very moving to see the expressions of SCJs up close. Let’s use this video and these images. We talked about Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology and how its focus on older students is shifting to adapt to changing times.
5. Table 5 — We liked the video. It is important to focus on challenges that we have in the future, including the need to make parishes more obviously Dehonian. We would like to see greater integration of parish and social ministries. Mission Education has been very helpful for province staff; it would be good to create something similar for parish staff and councils to help them learn more about who the SCJs are.
6. Table 6 — We appreciated the video. There is a lot of dedication found in the members of the province. It is important that SCJs continue to learn from and include others. We have many gifts to share, but others — including lay staff — also have gifts that we need to appreciate. Something we have noticed in recent years: as a province we have become more sensitive to each other’s needs and concerns, including illness and other difficulties.
7. Table 7 — Looking at the video it seemed that these guys “knew what the hell they were doing!”
8. Table 8 — The video was good but there was no mention of SHSST, though it is in the written report. The province needs to create a strategic plan for the future, to better prepare people for key roles in the province. In the future, how do we best support the missions with personnel and finances; what is possible?
9. Table 9 — We commend Br. Gancarzyk on the video though noted the absence of SHSST. It is important to note that the seminary is going through a transition period.
10. Table 10 — The new administration needs to focus on 1) the transition of the formation program to SHSST (especially: how is the program both Dehonian and fully integrated into the life of the seminary?), 2) welcoming and enculturating SCJs of other entities, and 3) helping parishes to become more Dehonian.
11. Table 11 — We were impressed by the video. We also spoke about the commemoration ceremony done in anticipation of the closing of the house in Chicago. It was a good way of honoring and grieving; this should be done if/when the province leaves other ministries.
12. Table 12 — There is an appreciation and affirmation of the international SCJs who come here. We are not as large as some other provinces but we do a lot. Concerns for the next administration: 1) how do we make our parishes more Dehonian and 2) how will Dehonian formation look at SHSST?

V. Election of Provincial Superior

- A. Table discussions — In small groups, members of the assembly talked about who they saw as having the qualities needed for service as provincial superior at this time. Each table was asked to surface up to three names and give reasons as to why these individuals should be considered for provincial superior. Results from the table discussions:
 1. Table 1 — Fr. Ed Kilianski because he has a vision for the future of the province and should be given the opportunity to continue what he has begun. Fr. Jack Kurps because of his extensive history of service to the province and wider congregation, as well organizational talents. Fr. Christianus Hendrik because of his energy, his vision, his sense of youthfulness and his international perspective on the province and congregation.
 2. Table 2 — Fr. Kilianski because he doesn’t put problems to the side but tries to solve them. He has a vision for the future, including his invitations to international SCJs to live and serve with us. His visitations have a spiritual aspect with real world consequence. Fr. Kurps because he is creative and has good organizational and processing skills. His prayers show a good grasp of our charism. He is very pastoral. Fr. Quang Nguyen because he has a good background as

vice provincial and in vocations, and he is a “fresh face.”

3. Table 3 — Fr. Kilianski for many of the same reasons already mentioned. He is decisive, a do-er, he has gotten to know us through the visitations and he works hard to collaborate with others. He deeply loves ministry. Fr. Kurps because he knows the province well and has worked at the congregational level. He responds positively to what is asked of him.
4. Table 4 — Fr. Kurps because he is organized, has done a lot of work with the province and on councils, and he is a planner. Fr. Kilianski because he offers continuity and is able to address issues. Fr. Q. Nguyen because of his experience and his background, including studies. He is always willing to help the province.
5. Table 5 — Fr. Kilianski because he is creative, he came up with new ideas regarding the formation program. He is good at finding people to serve province needs, such as Fr. Szatkowski for Mississippi and Fr. Cassidy for the formation program. He provides continuity. Something he needs to focus on is to find a strong SCJ as rector of SHSST. Fr. Kurps is a good leader at Sacred Heart Southern Missions; he is decisive.
6. Table 6 — Fr. Kilianski for many of the reasons already noted; good sense of continuity in governance and leadership.
7. Table 7 — Fr. Kilianski because he has done a good job in his first term and should be allowed to continue and build on his first years. Fr. Kurps has excellent organization and planning skills; he has vision and works well with a diverse group. He has a good sense of liturgy and values our charism. Fr. Q. Nguyen is practical and does what needs to get done.
8. Table 8 — Fr. Kilianski to allow him to finish what he has started; he is compassionate. Fr. Q. Nguyen because he is intelligent, diligent and has had many experiences. Fr. Robert Tucker. Fr. Jim Schroeder because of international experience. Fr. Bill Pitcavage knows the membership.
9. Table 9 — Fr. Kilianski to allow for continuity; he is a go-getter, makes difficult decisions, is a good listener, is very welcoming. Fr. Kurps because he has a good vision for the future and has served in leadership at SHSST (board) and SHSM (executive director). Fr. Q. Nguyen has good leadership skills, is involved in many things, has been on Provincial Council and is very intelligent.
10. Table 10 — Fr. Kilianski because he is a good listener, he is conscious of the well-being of members, he can make hard and controversial decisions. Fr Kurps because he has a good sense of spirituality and understanding of the charism, he has organizational skills and an understanding of the congregation.

B. Straw ballot — Each member of the assembly was asked to place one name on a straw ballot for provincial superior. The results:

Fr. Ed Kilianski – 31
Fr. Jack Kurps – 11
Fr. Quang Nguyen – 8
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C. Canonical vote for provincial superior — A two-thirds majority is needed for election on the first three ballots; 50% plus one for the next ballot. There were 56 votes in the room; 37 votes is the threshold for the two-thirds majority.

1. First canonical vote:

Fr. Guy Blair – 1
Fr. Ed Kilianski – 35
Fr. Jack Kurps – 10
Fr. Quang Nguyen – 9
Blank – 1

2. Second canonical vote:

Fr. Ed Kilianski – 39

Fr. Jack Kurps – 9
Fr. Quang Nguyen – 7
Blank – 1

Fr. Ed Kilianski accepted his election as provincial superior (second term).

VI. Election of Provincial Council

A. Table discussions — In small groups, members of the assembly were asked to discuss names for consideration as provincial councilors. Table reports:

1. Table 1 — Fr. Kurps because he is talented and would offer continuity. Fr. Q. Nguyen provides continuity. Fr. Charles Brown would offer a new voice. Fr. Greg Schill has done good work on the Finance Commission.
2. Table 2 — Fr. Q. Nguyen and Fr. Kurps for the reasons stated above. Fr. Hendrik for continuity and an international perspective. Br. Brian Tompkins for an international perspective and his work with seniors.
3. Table 3 — Fr. Kurps for his strategic viewpoint and planning experience. Fr. Q. Nguyen. Fr. Schill for a new voice. Dn. David Nagel and Br. Andy Gancarczyk.
4. Table 4 — Frs. Hendrik, Q. Nguyen and Kurps for continuity. Fr. Vien Nguyen as a new addition.
5. Table 5 — Fr. Kurps for his vision, organizational and planning skills. He is a good liturgist, is dedicated and cares about the charism. Fr. Hendrik offers a new perspective, he is dedicated to South Dakota and youth ministry, is hard-working, has a great depth of spirituality. Dn. Nagel because he is direct, has keen insight, has the best interest of the province at heart, is realistic and knows the province history (province memory). Fr. Q. Nguyen because he loves the SCJs, he loves community, he is loyal and dependable, he is hard-working and lives out the call to availability.
6. Table 6 — Fr. Q. Nguyen for continuity. Fr. Hendrik for his input, his patience, capability and competence. He is able to speak his mind. Fr. Kurps is very helpful, has leadership skills. Fr. Schill as a new voice.
7. Table 7 — Fr. Charles Brown because of his international experience and his ability to speak up; Fr. Kurps because he is creative, has good organizational skills, is good at processing. Fr. Vien Nguyen for his perspective on internationality.
8. Table 8 — Fr. Q. Nguyen for continuity, his energy and his experience in leadership. Fr. Kurps for his organizational skills and concern for details.
9. Table 9 — Fr. Kurps and Fr. Quang for the reasons already mentioned. Fr. V. Nguyen for a fresh perspective and his experience in parish ministry, formation and on council. Fr. David Szatkowski because of his ability to implement a plan and bring positive changes to formation.
10. Table 10 — Fr. Q. Nguyen, Fr. Hendrik, Fr. Kurps and Fr. V. Nguyen for reasons already noted.

B. Straw vote — To prepare for the canonical vote, SCJs were invited to each submit five names on a straw ballot. The results:

Fr. Guy Blair – 1
Fr. Charles Brown – 14
Fr. Bob Bossie – 2
Fr. Joseph Dinh – 2
Br. Andy Gancarczyk – 13
Fr. Christianus Hendrik – 27
Br. Ray Kozuch – 1
Fr. Anthony Kluckman – 2
Fr. Jack Kurps – 37
Fr. Terry Langley – 2
Fr. Mark Mastin – 4
Fr. Zbigniew Morawiec – 1

Dn. David Nagel – 15
Fr. Quang Nguyen – 40
Fr. Vien Nguyen – 24
Fr. Greg Schill – 17
Fr. Jim Schroeder – 4
Fr. Andrzej Sudol – 5
Fr. David Szakowski – 9
Fr. Vincent Suparman – 1
Br. Brian Tompkins – 14
Fr. Bob Tucker – 3
Fr. Jim Walters – 2
Fr. Ed Zemlik – 3

Blank or invalid votes – 6

- C. Canonical vote for first councilor — A majority of 50% plus one is needed for the election of a Provincial Councilor. There were 55 votes in the room; the threshold was 29. Before and after the start of each canonical voting process the assembly prayed in song.

1. First canonical vote:

Br. Andy Gancarczyk – 3
Fr. Christianus Hendrik – 4
Fr. Mark Mastin – 1
Fr. Jack Kurps – 18
Dn. David Nagel – 2
Fr. Quang Nguyen – 20
Fr. Vien Nguyen – 5
Fr. Greg Schill – 1
Br. Brian Tompkins – 1

2. Second canonical vote:

Br. Andy Gancarczyk – 1
Fr. Mark Mastin – 1
Fr. Jack Kurps – 14
Fr. Quang Nguyen – 36
Fr. Vien Nguyen – 3

Fr. Quang Nguyen accepted his election as the first councilor.

- D. Canonical vote for second councilor — A majority of 50% plus one is needed for the election of a Provincial Councilor. There were 55 votes in the room; the threshold was 29.

1. First canonical vote:

Fr. Charles Brown – 1
Fr. Christianus Hendrik – 6
Fr. Anthony Kluckman – 1
Fr. Mark Mastin – 2
Fr. Jack Kurps – 35
Fr. Vien Nguyen – 4
Fr. Greg Schill – 4
Br. Brian Tompkins – 2

Fr. Jack Kurps accepted his election as the second councilor.

E. Straw vote –To prepare for the next canonical votes, SCJs were invited to submit one name on a straw ballot. The results:

Fr. Charles Brown – 3
Br. Andy Gancarczyk – 2
Fr. Christianus Hendrik – 17
Fr. Anthony Kluckman – 1
Fr. Mark Mastin – 2
Fr. Zbigniew Morawiec – 1
Dn. David Nagel – 5
Fr. Vien Nguyen – 8
Fr. Bernard Rosinski – 1
Fr. Greg Schill – 4
Fr. Andrzej Sudol – 3
Fr. David Szatkowski – 1
Fr. Ed Zemlik – 2
Blank – 1

F. Canonical vote for third councilor — A majority of 50% plus one is needed for the election of a Provincial Councilor. There were 55 votes in the room; the threshold was 29.

1. First canonical vote:

Fr. Charles Brown – 2
Fr. Christianus Hendrik – 30
Fr. Mark Mastin – 1
Fr. Anthony Kluckman – 1
Fr. Zbigniew Morawiec – 1
Dn. David Nagel – 4
Fr. Vien Nguyen – 10
Fr. Greg Schill – 4
Fr. Andrzej Sudol – 1
Fr. Ed Zemlik – 1

Fr. Christianus Hendrik accepted his election as the third councilor.

G. Panel discussion with first three councilors — The first three councilors elected to the new council also serve on the current Provincial Council. Before the election process continued, they were invited to sit together as a panel and reflect on their experience as councilors. Comments are paraphrased below. Note that the numbering is simply for organizational purposes; they do not reference any particular speaker.

1. Being a councilor is a rewarding but challenging experience. For me, coming to council meetings means a long drive (10-11 hours) after weekend masses, and then, a long drive back after meetings. I am grateful to my local community who support me by taking on extra work. You cannot be a councilor without the support of your community.
2. Issues of youth and young people in formation are very important. We need to hear the voice of the young and we need to continue to make formation a priority.
3. Internationality will continue to be a significant issue. How do we better welcome international SCJs? How do we better help them to prepare for community life and ministry in the United States?
4. The extended time spent in prayer and reflection the morning of the first day of the meeting is very good, very enjoyable. It allows the council to talk about concerns with a different sense of energy than is found in the meeting room. It gives me energy to talk about plans for the future when we are based in prayer.
5. What is challenging is that much of the work of the council is not pleasant. It is difficult to speak about problems concerning our members. When you go home, you cannot talk about some of the things that might be bothering

you because the information is confidential. Or, it might simply be a project that is not yet ready to share. You can't call a friend and talk about a difficult situation. It is very hard when an SCJ asks you a question and you cannot answer, especially when the question might concern the person asking it. Confidentiality is vital to serving on council.

6. Attending a council meeting requires not only travel time, but preparation time. If you show up to the meeting without reviewing the materials you are wasting the rest of the council's time and not treating your brothers in the province with respect.
7. Sometimes we can disagree on council. Sometimes the disagreements can be quite strong. However, I am grateful that after the meeting we are friends. We are respectful of each other.
8. It is important for councilors to know what their role is. Generally, we give advice to the provincial superior and it is up to him to take our advice, along with other information that he might have, and make the best decision that he can. I have to accept that sometimes I do not have all of the information that the provincial superior has.
9. It can be difficult to set aside some of the discussions when returning to ministry. Difficult issues can preoccupy councilors when they are at home.
10. The time commitment is easily four to five days: two days for traveling back and forth (even if by plane, travel time is disruptive to ministry), meeting preparation and then the two days of meetings.
11. We would like to do more strategic planning, but it is difficult and sometimes frustrating when we always have to switch gears to deal with crisis management. A problem with any plan is that we have so little room for error, or for unexpected changes. We are trying to prepare people for future province personnel needs, including formation. Fr. Joseph Dinh will be taking the extended formators' course in Rome.

Delegates talked in small groups about what they heard, the skills that they think are needed to complement those already elected to council, and the people who might have such skills.

H. Straw vote –To prepare for the next canonical votes, SCJs were invited to submit two names on a straw ballot. The results:

Fr. Bob Bossie — 1
Fr. Charles Brown – 10
Br. Andy Gancarczyk – 17
Fr. Anthony Kluckman – 2
Br. Ray Kozuch – 1
Fr. Mark Mastin – 2
Fr. Zbigniew Morawiec – 1
Dn. David Nagel – 15
Fr. Vien Nguyen – 19
Fr. Greg Schill – 16
Fr. Greg Speck – 1 (invalid vote; Fr. Speck had previously removed his name from consideration)
Fr. Andrzej Sudol – 10
Fr. David Szatkowski – 1
Br. Brian Tompkins – 2
Fr. Bob Tucker – 2
Fr. Ed Zemlik – 2

I. Canonical vote for fourth councilor — A majority of 50% plus one is needed for the election of a Provincial Councilor. There were 55 votes in the room; the threshold was 29.

1. First canonical vote:

Fr. Charles Brown – 3
Br. Andy Gancarczyk – 11
Fr. Mark Mastin – 1

Dn. David Nagel – 12
Fr. Vien Nguyen – 20
Fr. Greg Schill – 6
Fr. Andrzej Sudol – 1
Fr. Ed Zemlik – 1

2. Second canonical vote:

Fr. Charles Brown – 1
Br. Andy Gancarczyk – 11
Fr. Mark Mastin – 1
Dn. David Nagel – 11
Fr. Vien Nguyen – 27
Fr. Greg Schill – 2
Fr. Andrzej Sudol – 1
Fr. Ed Zemlik – 1

3. Third canonical vote:

Fr. Charles Brown – 1
Br. Andy Gancarczyk – 12
Fr. Mark Mastin – 1
Dn. David Nagel – 12
Fr. Vien Nguyen – 28
Fr. Ed Zemlik – 1

4. Third canonical vote:

Fr. Charles Brown – 1
Br. Andy Gancarczyk – 10
Dn. David Nagel – 11
Fr. Greg Schill – 1
Fr. Vien Nguyen – 30
Fr. Ed Zemlik – 2

Fr. Vien Nguyen accepted his election as the fourth councilor.

- J. Table discussions — Prior to the start of the voting process for the fifth councilor the assembly spent 20 minutes in small group discussions talking about qualities needed for the council and who might best be suited to serve as fifth councilor.
- J. Canonical vote for fifth councilor — A majority of 50% plus one is needed for the election of a Provincial Councilor. There were 54 votes in the room; the threshold was 28.

1. First canonical vote:

Fr. Charles Brown – 2
Br. Andy Gancarczyk – 23
Fr. Mark Mastin – 1
Dn. David Nagel – 17
Fr. Greg Schill – 6
Fr. Andrzej Sudol – 1
Fr. David Szatkowski – 1
Br. Brian Tompkins – 1
Fr. Bob Tucker – 1
Fr. Ed Zemlik – 1

2. Second canonical vote:

Br. Andy Gancarczyk – 29
Fr. Anthony Kluckman – 1
Dn. David Nagel – 18
Fr. Greg Schill – 3
Fr. Andrzej Sudol – 1
Fr. David Szatkowski – 1
Fr. Ed Zemlik – 1

Br. Andy Gancarczyk accepted his election as the fifth councilor.

VII. Priorities and concerns for the future — Delegates were invited to have small group discussions to surface concerns and priorities for the next provincial administration. Following the table discussions, representatives from each table, and then individuals, shared their thoughts. Comments are paraphrased below. Note that the lettering is simply for organizational purposes; the letters do not reference any particular table or speaker.

- A. Encourage collaborative decision making.
- B. The preparation of people for future roles in ministry and in the province must be a priority. Could people be cross-trained so that a person could fill in for another in case of emergency? Young religious need basic business and/or financial training so that they are adequately prepared to lead parishes and other significant ministries. [Note: several tables emphasized the need to prepare SCJs for various roles in the province.]
- C. Vocation animation is not just the responsibility of the vocation office, but we need the office to help and encourage us in vocation development. However, it was also noted that the vocation office needs more assistance to do its work effectively.
- D. Spread the Dehonian charism, especially in schools and parishes [Several tables said this.]
- E. There is an appreciation for the care of seniors; this must continue to be a concern for the province.
- F. The council should continue to focus on Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology, especially in regard to enrollment and finances. This is a transitional moment for the seminary and the province formation program; the administration must be very present to this. How will SCJ students and candidates have both a formative experience in Dehonian religious life and a full experience of the seminary? How can the SCJ presence in the seminary be enhanced so that everyone who attends SHSST is formed to some degree in the Dehonian charism? It is important that the province seek a qualified SCJ to eventually serve as rector. How does SHSST maintain its “seminary” focus so that it is not simply a school of theology? [Note: several tables and individuals said that SHSST is a priority for the next administration.]
- G. More needs to be done in welcoming and helping to prepare international SCJs for community life and ministry in the United States. It would be good for the council to look at what has gone well in regard to internationality and identify what needs improvement. [Several tables cited “internationality” as a priority for the future.]
- H. Fr. Kilianski has done an excellent job making himself available for communication, especially in visitations. However, how can the membership be in more frequent dialogue with councilors?
- I. It is significant that the formation program is moving to SHSST. However, we must be careful that we are not just “re-arranging furniture” when we make such moves. The same with the novitiate. It is the program itself that is important and needs attentions, regardless of where it is located.
- J. As an international SCJ I appreciate the hard work that the US Province does in welcoming members from other entities. Could candidates from other entities do their formation here so that they can be prepared to live and serve in the US Province?
- K. Communication during Fr. Kilianski’s first term was very good; there was a significant effort in getting news from the Provincial Council to the membership as soon as possible. However, there is always room for improvement. How can we better utilize newer forms of communication?

- L. The province is generous financially to the missions; however, could its members cultivate a greater “mission attitude?” How?
- M. The new administration needs to find a way to work with the province to reflect on its ministries and determine what it can really do with the number of personnel it has. Are there different ways of doing ministry that allow SCJs to maintain what they are doing with fewer personnel? It is important to work hard, but not over-work to the point of burn-out.
- N. The North American Dehonian retreats were wonderful. It is important that we continue to regularly do something like this.
- O. The Dehon Study Center is an important resource. How do we keep it active? How can it be better utilized so that the Dehonian charism can be continually shared with SCJs during all stages of their life, not just formation?
- P. Enrollment in the ESL program should be evaluated. Does a limit need to be set as to how many non-SCJs the program can accept? How much does the province pay for non-SCJs?
- Q. The next administration should review spending, both as a province and as individuals within the province. Are we over-spending?
- R. How can we creatively use our retired SCJs without over-burdening them?
- S. Immigration issues should be a priority.
- T. Can the province emphasize *Laudato si’*?
- U. In a diocese, the bishop is the ordinary of the cathedral but he has a cathedral rector who does much of the day-to-day work of the cathedral. This is a good model to keep in mind for SHSST.
- V. The province needs to continually focus on spirituality and community life.

VIII. Closing

- A. Fr. Ed Kilianski — Acknowledging how busy so many people are, Fr. Kilianski thanked SCJs for taking time to be present at the assembly. He thanked them for taking their work seriously and for sharing their thoughts about future priorities and concerns for the province. Fr. Kilianski said that he was humbled by the affirmation he received. He noted the concerns raised about preparing people for various roles in the province and said that this was also a concern during his first administration. As said earlier, sometimes when plans are put in place a crisis or other unforeseen variable turns those plans upside-down.

Fr. Kilianski emphasized that much of the work of the council during his first term was with a focus on the future. He will continue to keep that focus in his second administration.

He thanked the many people who assist the Provincial Council in its work; he also thanked those who helped with the Election Assembly, including Sr. Cathy Bertrand, Br. Frank Presto and those who served as tellers.

Fr. Kilianski encouraged members of the province to take care of themselves, to take time for exercise and leisure time even in the midst of challenging ministries.

He concluded by saying that he will work hard to be the pastor of the province. The Dehonian charism and the mission of the congregation is vital to the world today; the charism speaks to the need for healing and reconciliation.

- B. Fr. Stephen Huffstetter — Fr. Huffstetter, general councilor, said that he appreciated being with the province during its chapter and its assembly. He reminded SCJs that the people elected significantly affect their lives; their decisions have an impact on the life of the province. Fr. Huffstetter noted the unique period of time that the congregation is in as it prepares for an unexpected General Chapter and the election of a new general administration three years earlier than anticipated. Several plans are on hold, including the visitation of the US Province in the fall of 2019. He concluded, saying that he is open to serving in whatever capacity the congregation sees for him, whether it is continuing on General Council or coming back to the US Province.
- C. Fr. Kilianski adjourned the assembly.

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- I. Opening Prayer — The chapter opened with prayer in the meeting hall.
- II. Welcome — Fr. Ed Kilianski, provincial superior, officially opened the XVI US Province Chapter. He extended his welcome to all of the participants and observers (including ESL students), and noted the presence of Fr. Stephen Huffstetter, general counselor, who would be with the province for both its Chapter and Election Assembly.
- III. Chapter staff — The following were proposed by the Provincial Council to serve as staff to the Provincial Chapter: Br. Frank Presto (secretary), Mary Gorski (recording secretary), and Frater Huan Duy Pham, Henry Nguyen and Phong “Paul” Hoang (tellers).

Chapter delegates endorsed the proposed staff, who were then sworn in to serve in their roles.

- IV. Introduction — Fr. Kilianski noted that the Chapter has two goals: 1) to elect two delegates and two alternates from the US Province to the General Chapter and 2) to discuss possible motions or suggestions for the General Chapter. He introduced Sr. Cathy Bertrand, SSND, who would serve as Chapter moderator; he noted that she has worked with the province several times previously and that he was grateful for her presence at the Chapter.

Sr. Bertrand reviewed the plan for the afternoon. The Chapter would begin with discernment for and election of the General Chapter delegates. After that is complete, the Chapter would review the topics submitted for consideration for the General Chapter. She said that there would also be an invitation for the Chapter to publicly condemn the separation of immigrant families crossing the US border.

- V. Voting for General Chapter delegates

- A. Table discussions — In small groups, Chapter delegates discussed who they would like to see represent the province at the General Chapter. At the end of their discussions they were asked to identify two people for consideration.

Names surfaced as potential General Chapter delegates (the number following the name indicates how many tables surfaced the SCJ):

Fr. Charles Brown (3)
Fr. Jack Kurps (3)
Fr. Quang Nguyen (2)
Fr. Vien Nguyen (5)
Fr. Greg Schill (1)
Fr. Jim Schroeder (1)
Fr. Greg Speck (1)
Fr. Andrzej Sudol (1)
Fr. David Szatkowski (1)

Each table briefly discussed what they had just heard. The process was not meant to serve as a vote to narrow the potential list of delegates, but instead, to help Chapter delegates discern the mindset of the group.

Following the second set of table discussions, those who wanted to remove their name from the full list of eligible candidates for General Chapter delegates were invited to do so. Fr. Speck was the only one identified in the table discussions who removed his name.

- B. Canonical votes — The voting threshold for General Chapter delegates was 50% plus 1. There were 48 Provincial Chapter delegates present for each vote. The threshold was 25 votes.
 1. First General Chapter delegate — Fr. Vien Nguyen was elected on the first ballot as the first delegate to the General Chapter. The results of the vote:

Fr. Charles Brown (6)

Fr. Jack Kurps (6)
Fr. Mark Mastin (1)
Fr. Quang Nguyen (5)
Fr. Vien Nguyen (25)
Fr. Jim Schroeder (2)
Fr. Andrzej Sudol (1)
Fr. David Szatkowski (2)

2. Second General Chapter delegate — Fr. Jack Kurps was elected on the second ballot as the second delegate to the General Chapter. The results of each vote:

FIRST BALLOT:

Fr. Charles Brown (13)
Fr. Jack Kurps (19)
Fr. Quang Nguyen (6)
Fr. Jim Schroeder (3)
Fr. Andrzej Sudol (3)
Fr. David Szatkowski (4)

SECOND BALLOT:

Fr. Charles Brown (12)
Fr. Jack Kurps (29)
Fr. Quang Nguyen (3)
Fr. Andrzej Sudol (2)
Fr. David Szatkowski (2)

3. First General Chapter delegate *alternate* — Fr. Charles Brown was elected on the second ballot as the first delegate-*alternate* to the General Chapter. The results of the vote:

FIRST BALLOT:

Fr. Charles Brown (21)
Dn. David Nagel (1)
Fr. Quang Nguyen (11)
Fr. Jim Schroeder (2)
Fr. Andrzej Sudol (5)
Fr. David Szatkowski (6)
Fr. Ed Zemlik (2)

SECOND BALLOT:

Fr. Charles Brown (28)
Dn. David Nagel (1)
Fr. Quang Nguyen (12)
Fr. Jim Schroeder (2)
Fr. Andrzej Sudol (2)
Fr. David Szatkowski (2)
Invalid ballot (1)

4. Second General Chapter delegate *alternate* — Fr. Quang Nguyen was elected on the first ballot as the second delegate-*alternate* to the General Chapter. The results of the vote:

Dn. Juan Carlos Castañeda Rojas (1)
Br. Andy Gancarczyk (1)
Fr. Mark Mastin (1)

Dn. David Nagel (2)
Fr. Quang Nguyen (26)
Fr. Jim Schroeder (4)
Fr. Andrzej Sudol (3)
Fr. David Szatkowski (7)
Fr. Ed Zemlik (3)

VI. Topics and motions for submission to the General Chapter

- A. List of topics — Prior to the Provincial Chapter, members of the province were invited to submit topics for consideration for the 2018 General Chapter. The list of submissions is attached as **Addendum A**.
- B. Introduction of each submission — Each person who submitted a topic was invited to briefly speak about it before the Provincial Chapter.
1. Establishment of a General Commission on Migration — Fr. Richard MacDonald noted that the Church and the Congregation already identified the plight of migrants as a priority. In light of this, he urges the General Chapter to consider establishing a General Commission on Migration, with the purpose and goals of it to be set by the next General Administration. Membership of the commission should represent the geographic areas of the congregation.
 2. Formation — Fr. John Czyzynski noted that the Ratio Formationis Generalis states that formation to internationality is best done following the novitiate, meaning that aspirancy, postulancy and novitiate should take place in the cultural setting of one's origin. Fr. Czyzynski said that some entities are not able to have a novitiate. He asks that the General Chapter direct the new General Administration to establish an ad hoc committee to study and determine how to best address the reality that some young people seeking entrance to the congregation will need to do formation outside of their place of origin.
 3. Lived vow of poverty — Fr. Dominic Peluse asked that the General Chapter direct the next administration to review how the vow of poverty can be more effectively lived in religious life today. He said that this concern was prompted by his work in the Province Development Office where he encounters many benefactors with limited means supporting the life and work of the congregation.
 4. Spreading the Dehonian charism; financial self-sufficiency of entities — Fr. Jim Schroeder submitted two topics for consideration. The first asks the General Chapter to mandate that recently founded districts formulate a concrete apostolic plan to implant and grow the charism of Fr. Leo John Dehon in its territory among laity, clergy, and other religious. This includes implementing the social teachings of the Church on social issues of the country. Fr. Schroeder's second topic concerned financial self-sufficiency of new entities. He asks that the General Chapter mandate that financial subsidies to dependent entities be reduced and that the entities be asked to create a timeline toward financial self-sufficiency. He further suggested that new entities in their first year of development begin planning for financial self-sufficiency.
- C. Table discussions — Chapter delegates discussed the proposals in small groups and identified a first and second choice for submission from the Provincial Chapter to the General Chapter. Results from the table discussions:
1. Table 1 — First choice is the establishment of an international commission on migration; the second choice is the first half of Fr. Schroeder's proposal regarding the development of a plan to spread the Dehonian charism in new entities.
 2. Table 2 — First choice is the establishment of an international commission on migration. The second choice was the second half of Fr. Schroeder's proposal regarding financial self-sufficiency of new entities; in particular, how is the financial commitment to newer entities determined?
 3. Table 3 — First choice is the establishment of an international commission on migration. The second choice was the second half of Fr. Schroeder's proposal regarding financial self-sufficiency of new entities. The delegates at this table noted that Fr. Czyzynski's recommendation regarding the Formation Ratio is significant, and that while Fr. Peluse's submission is important, it might be a topic better addressed in entities.
 4. Table 4 — The table's primary choice is the establishment of an international commission on migration. Delegates discussed the other submissions but did not come to consensus on a second priority.

5. Table 5 — First choice is the establishment of an international commission on migration. The second choice was Fr. Czyzynski's submission regarding formation. The table noted that it also endorsed the first part of Fr. Schroeder's proposal regarding development of a plan to spread the Dehonian charism in new entities. The table echoed what a previous group noted regarding Fr. Peluse's proposal: the topic is important but better addressed in entities.
 6. Table 6 — The table's primary choice is the second half of Fr. Schroeder's proposal regarding financial self-sufficiency.
 7. Table 7 — First choice is the establishment of an international commission on migration. The second choice was Fr. Schroeder's submission, though the table was split on which of his two proposals they preferred.
 8. Table 8 — The first choice was the first half of Fr. Schroeder's proposal regarding the development of a plan to spread the Dehonian charism in new entities. Fr. Czyzynski's proposal regarding formation was the table's second choice. They noted that while migration concerns are significant, they did not see the establishment of a commission at the general level as being helpful to address such concerns locally.
- D. Proposals for the General Chapter — Taking into account the table discussions, the province will submit proposals to the General Chapter regarding 1) the establishment of an international commission on migration, 2) the establishment of an ad hoc committee to study and determine how to best address the reality that some young people seeking entrance to the congregation will need to do formation outside of their place of origin, and 3) that new entities develop a plan for spreading the Dehonian charism and for financial self-sufficiency.

The provincial secretary will prepare the proposals for submission to the General Chapter. See **Addenda B**.

Delegates were reminded that they can also submit individual proposals to the General Chapter.

VII. Letter to the President concerning family separation — Chapter delegates endorsed a letter drafted by Fr Richard MacDonald (in collaboration with the North American Migration Committee) for the chapter to President Donald Trump urging the president to use executive authority to change the policy of separating children from families attempting to enter the United States. The letter was to be finalized outside of the chapter by Fr. MacDonald in collaboration with Mark Peters (US Province Justice, Peace and Reconciliation director). Besides the president, the letter was also to be sent to Attorney General Jeff Sessions, Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, and Speaker of the House Paul Ryan. A news release containing the letter was to be sent to newspapers in the areas in which the province ministers.

VIII. Conclusion — Fr. Kilianski thanked those who prepared and took part in the XVI Provincial Chapter and brought it to a close at 4:20 p.m. Delegates gathered for Eucharist at Sacred Heart at Monastery Lake at 5:00 p.m.; Fr. Kilianski was the main celebrant.

CALENDAR

- September 1: Fr. Heiner Wilmer's episcopal ordination, Hildesheim, Germany
- September 8: Province jubilees
- September 14: SHML celebration of jubilees of ordination:
- September 18-19: Provincial Council Meeting (transition meeting of out-going and in-coming administrations)
- October 1-4: Canadian Regional Assembly, Kingston, ON
- October 1 - June 30: Formators Course, Rome (participants will do Italian studies prior to the course)
- October 8-11: Pope Francis Symposium, SHSST
- October 23-24: Provincial Council Meeting
- December 18-19: Provincial Council Meeting
- January 8-10, 2019: Provincial Conference ("Our Future: Together in Community and Ministry, Part 2," Second Provincial Conference of those in active ministry)

UPDATES

Please note that several members of the province have moved during the past few months. A new personnel directory (phone and address book) will be assembled in September. Until then, please refer to the directory in the Members' section of the US Province website: www.dehoniansusa.org.

NECROLOGY

+**Fr. Tom Burns, SCJ**, a member of the US Province, died June 23. He was born in 1938, professed in 1958 and ordained in 1965.

+**Reiner van Leeuwen, SCJ**, a member of the Canadian Region, died July 25. He was born in 1929, professed in 1949 and ordained in 1956.

+ **Fr. Pedro Gracia Verdú, SCJ**, of the Spanish Province died on July 26. He was born in 1936, professed in 1967 and ordained in 1972.

+**Fr. Florencia Alejandro Ortega**, a member of the Spanish Province, died on August 5. He was born in 1946, professed in 1966 and ordained in 1982.