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## Minutes of the 908th US Provincial Council Meeting May 4-5, 2021

PRESENT: Fr. Ed Kilianski, provincial superior; Fr. Quang Nguyen, Fr. Jack Kurps (video conference), Fr. Christianus Hendrik (video conference), Fr. Vien Nguyen, and Br. Andy Gancarczyk (video conference), councilors; Dn. David Nagel, provincial treasurer; Br. Frank Presto, provincial secretary; Mary Gorski, recording secretary. Fr. Raúl Gómez-Ruiz, SHSST president-rector, joined the council for an update on the seminary; Fr. Byron Haaland, Fr. Andrzej Sudol, Fr. Joseph-Thien Dinh and Fr. Zbigniew Morawiec were present for discussion for the formation program.

- I. Check-in — Councilors updated each other on themselves, their ministries and communities. With most members of the province and many staff now vaccinated, communities and ministries are slowly beginning to take steps toward more interaction and freedom of movement. An extra table has been added to the dining room at Sacred Heart at SHML to allow for more members of the community to eat together. Most meetings that involve participants from different regions are still being done via teleconference, but it is hoped that travel to in-person meetings can start up again by late summer or early fall.

Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology has moved to Phase IV in its COVID-19 response, which means that more people can be on campus. The spring semester comes to an end soon; graduation is on May 7. If students are able to travel, there is room for up to five SCJ students at St. Joseph's Community at SHML for summer sessions of ECS. Guest rooms on SHSST's campus will be unavailable through the summer due to the renovation.

The Vocation Office anticipates that there will be an Admissions Weekend at the end of May; this will take place in-person, not remotely. The potential candidate is fully vaccinated. A tentative Admissions Weekend is planned for October 13-15. It is hoped that the two candidates who were accepted during the past year will be able to soon join the formation program. One recently visited with Fr. Stephen Huffstetter in Rome after a home visit to the Philippines; the second is in the process of adjusting his visa to allow for studies.

Br. Gancarczyk reported that there has been movement in his immigration process (he is seeking permanent residence status).

New members of the South Dakota community in Lower Brule are settling in well; Frater Long Nguyen and Fr. Jean-Claude Mbassi are in the early stages of learning about the communities and needs of the area. Fr. Mbassi has pastoral responsibility for the west side of the river (Diocese of Rapid City).

Fr. Kilianski said that he has completed all of the provincial visitations; he appreciated the meetings that he had with members of the province.

Br. Presto informed the council that the Wisconsin attorney general recently announced that he is going to open an investigation into clergy abuse; the AG had a phone conference with Wisconsin's bishops and provincial superiors last week prior to a news conference. Details about the investigation have not yet been fully outlined by his office.

- II. Finance
- A. IT services — TechFusion has been hired to provide IT services to all of the province entities in the Hales Corners area, including SHSST, the Provincial Offices, the Development Office, the Novitiate and SHML. The costs will be shared by the entities; the unified effort

should assist with cybersecurity and more accessible tech assistance. TechFusion is in the process of backing up files and putting a help desk in place.

- B. SHSST remodeling — Work on the Phase III remodeling project is moving along well; the anticipated completion date is early August allowing for use of the wing for the fall semester. Strong investment returns have lessened the anticipated financial request from SHSST. Regarding the classrooms, the remodeling project's focus is on putting infrastructure in place for future technology; SHSST is hoping to secure grants for the purchase of equipment.
- C. Investments — Dn. Nagel informed the council that the Ryan Group, the province's investment advisors, were ranked 20<sup>th</sup> in Barron's Top 100 Institutional Consulting Teams. Affiliated with Merrill Lynch, the group works primarily with faith-based, Catholic organizations along with longtime healthcare clients and a few family offices. Dn. Nagel said that the SCJs' investment policy statement follows the US bishops' guidelines for responsible investments. Proxies are implemented by a group that focuses on Catholic values. Mark Peters, the retired director of Justice, Peace and Reconciliation, encouraged the province's participation in the Seventh Generation Interfaith Coalition for Responsible Investment, but Dn. Nagel believes that the province's current practices already follow the guidelines advocated by Seventh Generation.
- D. SCJ Medical Plan — The fund is at appropriate levels for the province's medical needs; premiums cover 98% of the province's medical claims.
- E. Audits — The province has contracted with CliftonLarsonAllen to do the annual audits of the province and of the Province Development Office. The audits will take place in August.
- F. Budgets — Except where noted, all of the budgets presented were reviewed and recommended for approval by the Province Finance Commission. The commission met on April 21, 2021.
  - 1. Province Development Office — The Development Office is doing well, and will exceed its FY21 budgeted contribution to the province of \$6 million. Bequests are down, but not dramatically. The collaborative work with St. Joseph's Indian School is going well and continues to minimize fundraising costs. More focus is on reactivating lapsed names, as opposed to generating new benefactors. Investment income has been good. The council voted to approve the Province Development Budget for a total of \$17,609,639 which includes \$6.5 million to the province.
  - 2. Sacred Heart Southern Missions — The Easter mailing was delayed due to delays in receiving print materials from Asia; all three development offices have had supply challenges. Despite the delay, donations from the mailing were good. As is the Province Development Office, SHSM is focusing on name reactivation. There has also been an increase in income raised through the internet. SHSM plans on salary increases of 3-3.5%. Its province contribution is \$800,000. Cost to raise a dollar is \$.21. The council voted to approve the SHSM budget for a total of \$30,977,155. Councilors also voted to approve capital expenditures of \$484,700 for items including Promethean Boards at both schools, a new roof for Holy Family School, equipment for the social services programs, and security gate access systems, IT systems and other updates for the office at Walls.
  - 3. SHSM Housing Corporation — This budget is similar to the previous year; revenue comes from SHSM and rent from Dehon Village. The council voted to approve the SHSM-HC budget for a total of \$504,525.
  - 4. Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology — There has been an average of 21 new seminarians per year for the past five years, but that number is now down; there are 14 seminarians living on campus. The province grant will remain at \$2,779,900. SHSST received a \$523,147 PPP loan, which has since been forgiven; the seminary applied for a second PPP loan. The council voted to approve the SHSST budget for a total of \$6,639,667; this is a deficit budget (\$112,809).
  - 5. St. Joseph's Indian School — This is the first budget done under the school's new Strategic Plan titled "The Decade of Inclusion," which focuses on advancing Native American lives. St. Joseph's is going to begin a new fundraising initiative in the Netherlands. The council voted to approve the budget for St. Joseph's Indian School for a total of \$105,111,854 which includes a surplus of \$1,850,069. Support to the province is budgeted at \$4.9 million. The council also voted to approve capital expenditures of \$4,329,637, which includes \$1,535,574 for a new horse barn for the equine therapy program, \$159,000 for vehicle replacement, \$253,038 for replacement of the heating/cooling system in the Ambrose/Dennis Homes, \$295,000 for a new glycol heat exchanger in the school mechanical room, as well as other updates and new equipment throughout the campus.

6. Sacred Heart Center — The center is expected to receive state grants totaling \$892,818, and a grant from St. Joseph's Indian School for \$1,577,794. The new shelter is just about complete and will be operational in the next budget year. The council voted to approve the budget for the Sacred Heart Center in Eagle Butte for a total of \$2,470,612. The council also voted to approve capital expenditures of \$131,600; \$63,000 is for the purchase of new vehicles.
7. Lower Brule Ministries — The pastoral team serves six parishes; there are two priests, one non-ordained SCJ, one religious sister, one deacon and three part-time employees. In August, Frater Phong (Paul) Hoang will begin his pastoral year with the community. The council voted to approve the Lower Brule Ministries budget for a total of \$367,310, which matches the grant from St. Joseph's Indian School toward the ministries.
8. Native Hope — The program has been refocused to do more community outreach. St. Joseph's Indian School is the main source of income, though the program does generate some of its own income through grants and donations. Native Hope anticipates \$300,000 in revenue for FY22. The council voted to approve the budget for Native Hope for a total of \$1,135,268. The council also voted to approve \$25,000 in capital expenses for a new vehicle.
9. Houston Community — There are six SCJs in the community; two are retired. Br. Gancarczyk said that the community anticipates the need for a new vehicle, perhaps a used truck for when large items need to be transported. The budget includes a subsidy from the province of \$140,000. The council voted to approve the budget for Houston for a total of \$299,562.
10. Our Lady of Guadalupe special ministry request — Fr. Wojciech Adamczyk, OLG pastor, and Roger Radtke, chairman of the parish finance committee, have asked the province for financial assistance for FY22. The parish has faced several challenges during the past year, including decreased weekly donations primarily attributed to limited Mass attendance during the pandemic. Parish fundraisers have underperformed due to pandemic limitations in attendance. The parish requests \$30,000 for roof repairs, \$25,000 for a staff employment subsidy and \$20,000 to purchase a car to give away in the fall raffle. The Province Finance Commission recommended approval of \$55,000 for the roof and staff salaries; the commission did not endorse the grant for the car.

Councilors asked if the OLG parish community is given a full picture of its financial situation and the fact that it does not generate enough income to meet its expenses. Br. Gancarczyk said that efforts have been made to keep parishioners informed but that the parish does not have the income base to meet all of its needs. He said that a big prize, such as a car, would help the parish raise a substantial amount of money in a raffle (he estimated an approximately \$150,000 profit from a \$20,000 investment). However, the parish needs assistance in procuring a substantial prize, such as a car. The ideal is to get a big ticket item donated to the parish from a dealership or parishioner. However, previous efforts have shown that this is not a likely option for OLG. Perhaps the parish could find a dealer that is willing to sell a car at a discount.

The council voted to approve the special request for a total of \$75,000. Up to \$20,000 is to be used for the purchase of a car to use as a major raffle prize.

11. Raymondville — The budget is zero because Fr. Richard MacDonald moved to Sacred Heart at Monastery Lake.
12. Sacred Heart Monastery — The budget is down \$240,080 from last year due to the fact that there will be fewer students in the community (three will be in Novitiate) and there has been a significant reduction in food costs. The council voted to approve the Sacred Heart Monastery budget for a total of \$994,900.
13. St. Francis Residence — There are four SCJs in residence; two are retired. Three of the four take most of their meals at Sacred Heart at Monastery Lake. The council voted to approve the St. Francis budget for a total of \$119,620. This is down \$9,060 from FY21.
14. St. Joseph's Community at SHML — The budget is for five SCJs and includes one employee. Due to an increase in salary income, the province grant to the community will be reduced by \$45,286. The council voted to approve the budget for St. Joseph's Community for a total of \$341,219. Fr. Kilianski thanked Br. Presto for his work in assembling the budget; both are members of the St. Joseph's Community.
15. Dehon House - Future plans for the house are not known at this time. The council approved the Dehon House budget for a total of \$16,650. The council also voted to approve \$45,000 for the estimated cost of the replacement of the septic system.

16. South Dakota Community — The budget covers the communities living in Lower Brule and at St. Joseph's Indian School; there are three SCJs in Lower Brule and three in Chamberlain. The council voted to approve the South Dakota Community budget for a total of \$239,850; this includes an excess of \$5,154.
17. St. Michael's Community (Mississippi) — There are five members of the community; the community employs one full-time housekeeper/cook. The council voted to approve the budget of the St. Michael's Community for a total of \$431,100. The council also voted to approve capital expenses of \$55,000 which include a car, carpet replacement and general repairs.
18. Sacred Heart Community at SHML — The community includes 27 members; 24 are at SHML, two are at St. Francis Residence, one is at St. Camillus. The province grant is down \$138,717 from FY21. The council voted to approve the budget for the Sacred Heart Community for a total of \$1,692,169.
19. Sacred Heart Community at Pinellas Park — There are six retired SCJs and one active member in the community; one full-time employee and one part-time. The food service is by Sodexo. The council voted to approve the budget for the Pinellas Park Community for a total of \$464,436 which includes an increase to the province grant of \$31,104.
20. Sacred Heart Novitiate — The community will include three novices, along with the two religious. The novitiate has one part-time employee (cook). It was noted that a car from the formation community will be transferred to the Novitiate. The council voted to approve the novitiate budget for a total of \$289,341.
21. Senior Life Commission — The budget is primarily for travel costs of the members to meetings. The council voted to approve the budget for a total of \$2,200.
22. Province Archives — Fr. Wayne Jenkins is planning to retire but is working with Fr. Ed Zemlik during the transition. The council voted to approve the Archive's budget for a total of \$12,050; this is the same as last year's budget.
23. Province Communications — The budget includes \$7,000 for updates to the province website and \$3,500 for a new laptop and other equipment updates for video and photography. The council voted to approve the Communications' budget for a total of \$178,170.
24. Dehonian Associates — A new director has not yet been hired to replace David Schimmel; several of his duties have been divided between members of the Dehonian Associates Committee. The council voted to approve the Dehonian Associates' budget for a total of \$25,500.
25. Dehon Study Center — The primary expenses of this budget are printing and translation. There is no director for the center at this time. The council voted to approve the Dehon Study Center budget for a total of \$3,500; this is the same as last year.
26. English and Cultural Studies — The budget is the same as last year. Due to the pandemic and the Phase III remodeling, there will be no summer session. It is anticipated that there will be a fall session with approximately 15 students; much depends on the lessening of travel restrictions. The council voted to approve the ECS budget for a total of \$651,575; this is the same as last year.
27. Foreign Missions — There will be one student in Chicago for the upcoming year who falls under this budget. The Vietnam District has requested a 36% increase in its subsidy. Councilors asked Fr. Francis Vu Tran for greater detail about the request. It was noted that the Vietnam District has a significant number of men in formation. Most of the formation is now in the district, but theology students continue to do their studies in the Philippines. There have been some changes regarding how this is financed, though it was noted that the US Province gives money to the Philippine Region for the purpose of formation, including formation of students from outside of the region. The Vietnam District also requested money for its retirement fund; however, Fr. Joseph Quang Tran already donates half of his salary from St. Martin of Tours parish to the district; this is \$25,000 a year. This money was to have gone toward the establishment of a retirement fund for the district.

The council voted to approve the Foreign Missions budget — minus the subsidy for the Vietnam District — for a total of \$2,071,235.

After later reviewing the detailed budget request from Vietnam, the council voted to approve a subsidy to the district for \$360,000; this is approximately a 6% increase over last year's subsidy.

28. Justice, Peace and Reconciliation — Mark Peters retired on April 30; Fr. Kurps is serving as council liaison to the JPR Commission. The donation of \$50,000 to Our Lady of Guadalupe School in Houston is included in this budget. The council voted to approve the JPR budget for a total of \$163,950.
29. Vocation Department — Fr. Chuck Wonch assists the office on a part-time basis. Councilors suggested that the Vocation Office look at more possibilities for promotion, such as pop-up ads on the internet, and social media advertising. The council voted to approve the Vocation Department budget for a total of \$221,444; this is down \$2,500 from the previous year.
30. North American Migration Committee — The budget primarily covers the costs of travel and meeting expenses; costs are split between the US Province and Canadian Region. The council voted to approve the NAMC budget for a total of \$30,000; this is the same as last year.
31. SHSST/SHM Major Maintenance — The most significant expense is \$90,000 for repairs and updating of the pipe organ. The council voted to approve the SHSST/SHM Major Maintenance budget for a total of \$212,500.
32. Education — This includes the sabbatical expenses for Fr. Zbigniew Morawiec as well as educational expenses for Fr. Guy Blair. The council voted to approve the budget for a total of \$107,000.
33. Chicago Community — This covers the expenses of Fr. Bob Bossie and an international SCJ doing graduate studies in Chicago. The council voted to approve the Chicago budget for a total of \$160,541. It was noted that some of the expenses already appear in other budgets or should be eliminated because two of the international students are leaving Chicago.
34. San Antonio — This is a budget for Br. Frank Snider. The council voted to approve the budget for San Antonio for a total of \$67,000. This is down \$19,315 from the last fiscal year when the budget included the purchase of a new vehicle.
35. Province — The province budget includes budgets previously reviewed. The council voted to approve the US Province budget for a total of \$13,409,664, which includes a surplus of \$1,960,509.

Fr. Kilianski expressed his gratitude to Dn. Nagel and the staff of the Provincial Treasurer's Office (John Kuxhause and Kevin Stanke) for their work throughout the year in regard to province finances, as well as that of the Province Finance Commission and budget preparers in communities and ministries.

### III. Administration

- A. Sacred Heart Seminary and School of Theology — Fr. Raúl Gomez-Ruiz, SDS, SHSST president-rector, joined the council for an update on the seminary. He began by talking about the process of reorganization that the seminary has undertaken during the past two years; its goal is to allow SHSST to better realize its mission and vision. The major focus of this effort, said Fr. Gomez, is on making SHSST an exemplary house of formation in the four dimensions of priestly and lay formation (Human, Spiritual, Pastoral and Intellectual), increasing the number of residential seminarians, and strengthening intercultural ministry preparation programs. This has involved increased outreach to bishops and religious superiors, focused marketing, campus events, and personnel and department reorganization. He noted that two vice president positions have been merged into one. The VPs for Human / Spiritual and Pastoral Development are now under the single Formation Programs Department. To avoid duplication in efforts, the Department of Institutional Advancement and Mission Development has been eliminated.

Fr. Gomez expressed his gratitude to Fr. Vien Nguyen for his added work during the past year as interim Vice President of Formation Programs; SHSST is in the process of hiring a priest to take on the job full-time. Fr. Vien will continue as Vice Rector and as a resource to the new VP of Formation Programs.

Increased demands from accrediting agencies, as well as financial concerns continue to be challenges for SHSST (as with most schools of higher education at this time). The seminary received two CARES Act loans and several grants, including a \$50,000 grant from the Lilly Foundation. SHSST is exploring how it can now apply for more significant grants from the foundation.



Fr. Gomez said that the seminary expects 16-18 new seminarians in fall, with other possibilities still in discussion. When Dehon House is no longer needed to house students displaced by the renovation, efforts will be made to offer it for use by a religious community whose seminarians would then attend SHSST.

Fr. Gomez concluded the meeting by noting that Fr. Francis Jordan, founder of the Society of the Divine Savior (Salvatorians), will be beatified on May 15, 2021. Fr. Gomez is one of many members of the Salvatorians who have partnered with SCJs at SHSST.

- B. C-POSH (Chamberlain – Priests of the Sacred Heart) — On the recommendation of the C-POSH Board of Directors, the council voted to appoint Dr. Emmet M. Kenny, Jr., to the board.
- C. Dehon Study Center — Fr. Charles Brown has resigned as director of the Dehon Study Center.
- D. Dehonian Associates Committee — Sr. Cathy Bertrand, SSND, is very interested in serving as director of Dehonian Associates for the province; she has met with the committee via teleconference. However, she has several facilitation commitments, many of which are for events that were delayed due to the pandemic. The committee believes that she is the best candidate for the job and noted that if someone from outside of the organization were hired now, it would take months before he/she would have a working knowledge of the Priests of the Sacred Heart and the Dehonian charism. Sr. Bertrand, from her years of work with the community, already has that, as well as the respect of SCJs. The council is in favor of the committee's recommendation to hold the position for Sr. Bertrand. She will be a part of committee discussions as her schedule allows. Until she is able to offer more significant time to the position, Fr. Kurps will act as chairperson of the committee and be the contact person to the Dehonian Associates in Mississippi. Members of the committee have taken on several projects for the next year to ensure that the work of the Dehonian Associates office continues.
- E. Province Jubilees — The Province Jubilarians for 2020 and 2021 will be honored during a ceremony at the January 3-7, 2022 Province Election Assembly.
- F. Province Election Assembly — The Election Assembly will take place January 3-7, 2022. Although much of the organizational work of the assembly is done by the Provincial Secretary, councilors suggested that there still be an organizing committee to oversee the larger details of the event as opposed to the election details. Fr. Jack Kurps will put together a liturgy / prayer committee for the assembly

Br. Presto plans to send the Protocols for the Election to SCJs the week of May 31.

- G. JPR Commission — In preparation for the retirement of Mark Peters as province director of Justice, Peace and Reconciliation, the JPR Commission has been meeting with Fr. Kurps, council liaison to the commission, to look at how the province can best focus its efforts on justice concerns in the future. The council voted to name Fr. Bob Bossie as acting chairperson of the JPR Commission. Fr. Kurps will continue as council liaison. The commission will have a meeting on May 11 with Fr. Kurps and seven SCJs who indicated their willingness in the JPR survey to join in discussions about the province's approach to JPR concerns.

Fr. Kurps noted that one of the most significant but necessary challenges is to get younger SCJs involved in the commission. It is important for the next generation of SCJs to take the lead on these issues and help define how the province will move forward with them in the future.

Justice issues must be a province concern, not just that of a commission. The commission's role is to assist, and sometimes guide on JPR issues. Fr. Kurps suggested that time be used on a province gathering (not the election assembly) to talk about what justice means, what the province's JPR priorities are and how those priorities can be best addressed.

- H. Rule of Life — The General Administration asked for input to a survey on the Rule of Life. Local communities and individuals submitted their responses to Br. Presto. Br. Presto forwarded them to the General Administration.
- I. 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of SCJ presence in the USA — In 1923, St. Mary's Mission in Lower Brule, SD, was entrusted to the Priests of the Sacred Heart. This was the beginning of the SCJ presence in the United States. In 2023, the US Province will celebrate 100 years of Dehonian ministry in the country. In the months ahead the council will form a committee to plan for this moment, with perhaps a "Year of Jubilee" leading up to it. Ideas that surfaced during an informal brainstorming session: commemorative prayer cards, a small historical booklet (perhaps in collaboration with the development offices), a series of

historical “factoids” and photos to be shared on the websites of province ministries, and an historical video. While students are in Lower Brule for summer ministry, Fr. Hendrik plans to get their input on possible anniversary activities in South Dakota.

Fr. Kilianski will write a letter to the membership, on behalf of the Provincial Council, to invite SCJs to volunteer to serve on the planning committee.

#### J. Formation

1. Summer student assignments — Students will be in summer ministry assignments from early June until mid-July. The assignments:

- a. Lower Brule — Frater Hubert Liassidji, Frater Thuan Nguyen and Postulant Michael Wodarczyk
- b. Houston — Postulant Jacob Smith and Postulant Jonathan Nguyen-Vuong
- c. Mississippi — Frater Truc Tran and Frater Hung Pham

The formators will be in contact with the students during their assignments. Fr. Sudol plans to visit students in Houston when he is in Texas to attend an ordination.

2. Meeting with formation team — The entire formation team (Fr. Byron Haaland, Fr. Andrzej Sudol, Fr. Joseph-Thien Dinh and Fr. Zbigniew Morawiec) joined the council for an informal discussion of formation issues. The team has been meeting together twice a semester for personal support, but also to discuss and collaborate on formation concerns to ensure that all members of the team, in both locations, have a good understanding of the students and their needs. The formators discuss the styles of formation in each location, and the different expectations of formation at the novitiate compared to Sacred Heart Monastery.

The formators were reminded that there is to be an evaluation of each novice at the midway point of novitiate. This is to be sent to the provincial superior.

Councilors asked if there is an anticipated date for Frater Thien Nguyen to return to Vietnam as he has requested. There is news that a few repatriation flights are now being arranged by the Vietnamese embassy; Frater T. Nguyen is waiting to learn more from the embassy.

Besides communication among the formation team, good communication between formators and SHSST is also vital. When Fr. D. Nguyen is settled in, Fr. V. Nguyen will meet with him (representing the SHSST rector) and Fr. Dinh to talk about mutual communication expectations and how the SCJ formation program can partner with SHSST in formation requirements.

Fr. Ed Kilianski thanked the formators for their service to the province, noting that it is one of the most significant ministries in the congregation. The formation team will next meet with the council in October.

3. Entrance to Novitiate –Entrance to the Novitiate will take place at the Novitiate on August 14.
4. Vow renewals — Six SCJs in temporary vows will need to do their renewals this summer.

#### IV. Membership

- A. Br. Brian Tompkins — The council voted to approve Br. Tompkins’ request for a three-month sabbatical beginning in December. He will spend most of the time in Canada with family and the community.
- B. Fr. Duy Nguyen — Fr. D. Nguyen will be a member of the province formation team at Sacred Heart Monastery during the next academic year. He will serve on the team part-time while pursuing an MSW at Loyola University, Chicago.
- C. Frater Phong (Paul) Hoang — Frater Hoang will be in Houston for CPE this summer, and then move to Lower Brule, SD, in August, for his pastoral year. During the summer he will be a part of the community at Our Lady of Guadalupe.
- D. Fr. Louis Mariano Fernandes — He is expected to finish his academic program in June. Assuming that he receives his R1

Visa, Fr. Fernandes will be assigned to the pastoral team in Mississippi as of June 13. It is thought that his master's in pastoral counseling and spirituality will be a great benefit to the ministerial team. He is currently a member of the Indian District, but his availability to the US Province is open-ended at this time.

- E. Fr. Edgard Biankeu — Fr. Biankeu is also expected to complete his academic program in June and will move to Hales Corners.
- F. Fr. Jack Kurps — The council voted to appoint Fr. Jack Kurps as treasurer of the St. Michael Community in Nesbit. He replaces Fr. Greg Schill, who has been assigned to St. Joseph's Indian School.
- G. Br. John Monek — His status has been changed to hospice care to allow for a greater focus on "comfort care." His health has been fairly stable, and he has been able to join the community at meals and prayer. A DNR order is in place.
- V. Conference call — The council will next meet by conference call on Tuesday, May 11 at 1:30 pm (Central).



## CALENDAR

June 8:	Provincial Council conference call (advancements in formation; time to be determined)
August 14:	Entrance to Novitiate
September 14-15:	Provincial Council meeting
October 26-27:	Provincial Council meeting
December 14-15:	Provincial Council meeting
January 3-7, 2022:	Provincial Election Assembly (Province Jubilee Celebrations)
January 7:	Brief Provincial Council meeting with new administration
February 1:	Combined Provincial Council meeting of out-going and in-coming administrations

## UPDATES

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## NECROLOGY

+ **Bishop Geraldo Dantas de Andrade, SCJ**, Auxiliary Bishop Emeritus of São Luís do Maranhão, Brazil, and a member of the South Brazil Province, died on May 1. He was born in 1931, professed in 1953, ordained a priest in 1957 and ordained a bishop in 1998.

+ **Fr. Stanisław Świąch, SCJ**, a member of the Polish Province, died on April 16. He was born in 1934, professed in 1971 and ordained in 1957.

+ **Fr. Fausto Leonida Colecchia, SCJ**, a member of the South Italian Province, died on April 18. He was born in 1943, professed in 1961 and ordained in 1971.

+ **Fr. Hans-Dieter Hertrampf, SCJ**, a member of the German Province, died on April 18. He was born in 1940, professed in 1964 and ordained in 1970.

+ **Fr. Francisco Belarmino Gomes, SCJ**, a member of the Brazil – Recife Province, died on March 26. He was born in 1962, professed in 1992, and was ordained in 1996.

+ **Fr. Gérard Lapauw, SCJ**, a member of the Franco-European Province, died on March 26, the day after his 90th birthday. Fr. Gérard was born in 1931, professed his first vows in 1950 and was ordained in 1957.

+ **Fr. Jean Nicasius Thijs, SCJ**, a member of the Dutch Province, died on March 21, He was born in 1931, professed in 1955 and ordained in 1960.