

Jesus Caritas National Fraternity Meeting Conference Call Tuesday, March 7, 2017 4pm Eastern Time

On the line: Greg Pawlowski, John Jacquel, Hap Ragan, Joe Greely and Ron Belisle. Bob Amundsen was doing a presentation and unavailable.

1. Review of Life - After leading us in prayer, Hap mentioned that his last Desert Day was a month ago in Atlanta. He's resolved to be (and is making progress on) being gentler, kinder – he wrote a letter to his assistants in the parish and things seem to be on track again. But, his principal is leaving and his music director already left. Joe is practicing living in the present moment – with no day off for a month, but he's leaving after this call to do that. John said how Lent is starting well – why do we need this structure? Why can't I eat right and curtail alcohol on my own? Greg expresses contentment, but some aches & pains, and struggles with a contractor with cost overruns (some litigation in the works). Ron's bishop accepts his 'Senior Status,' but the vicar wants him to delay 3 months, while his replacement takes some Spanish. Ron wanted more free time this summer.

2. Report from San Antonio – Hap reported this was a wonderful experience with [NOCERCC](#), [click] NFPC, USCCB, priest treatment centers, St Meinrad's – all concerned with priests' wellness. It is good to assist each other in this mission. The fallout will be a National Congress for all priests – beginning in 2019. Several reps approached Hap to speak of the value of Jesus Caritas. He will try to steer clear of the Month of Nazareth which we have scheduled that summer.

3. Letter from Kansas City – It was well done and needs broader circulation. Joe liked how this letter addresses the “monastic” model in some priests' minds – which is why it emphasizes 'missionaries;' also, contemplatives in the world. It's a real value to know what's happening in other countries! This will be distributed with the questionnaire to the whole U.S. mailing list, with a cover letter by Hap.

4. Questionnaire for Bangalore – Well done – practical questions – not too difficult.

5. National Assembly – Hopefully, Fernando Tapia can help us address our struggles with the Month of Nazareth – how do we get priests to that Month? (International Council spoke about a kind of directory for the Month of Nazareth). Shannon Axon is in contact with the receptionist at St John's, Camarillo (July 17-21). Hap asked us to contact some of our region's representatives to encourage/cajole/persuade priests to attend.

6. News – Hap reported he is in the middle of his Lenten Parish Mission – 100th anniversary of the parish – and it's going well. Mike Smith (former National Responsible) was just transferred to Augusta (cancer, serious). Also Felix (Madagascar) is battling cancer. The Newsletter will be out soon.

7. Prayer of Abandonment - was prayed at 4:42 pm EST.

8. Next conference call – Tuesday, April 4th

Respectfully submitted: John Jacquel