

## **Jesus Caritas National Council Teleconference Call**

**April 5, 2016** 4pm Eastern, 3pm Central, 2pm Mountain, 1pm Pacific

On the line: Hap Ragan, Joe Greeley, Greg Pawloski, John Jacquiel, and Ron Belisle.

Bob Amundsen was preparing for surgery, keep him in your prayers We began at 4:02 Eastern Time.

**1. Review of Life** - Hap is facing two challenges (rising weight, parochial vicar) but is trying to remain proactive – he still feels close to the Lord; Greg struggles with some physical issues / penances (colon, pinched nerve) and needs a Desert Day and more simplicity; Joe was recently caught in a dust storm which “sandpapered” his throat resulting in longer recovery; John got word today that Bishop will merge his two parishes – his agenda for the rest of this year; Ron dealing with lots of mechanical / computer failures the past two weeks (car, garage, computer, heat) and is dealing better with these.

### **2. Reflection on the Pan American Assembly**

- **What “grabbed” you about the proposals?**
- **How do we begin to implement them?**

We observed Ron’s and Hap’s input in the reflections and we affirm the Month of Nazareth to be ‘key.’ Hap liked the idea of a ‘week of Nazareth’ with youth (Chile). Let’s put together a listing of priests to give retreats & days of recollection and send it to bishops. Greg and Joe spoke about ‘fraternity’ being a way of life, not just a support group for priests – it’s a spirituality. Greg will hand this report to local responsables and Hap would ask them, “Would you mind giving us some feedback on this [before October’s meeting in KC]?” The guys seem to not want to make this commitment to their spiritual life [Month of Nazareth].

Let’s think of some things we could do to observe 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Charles’ death – perhaps a symposium at Boynton Beach seminary? Special regional gatherings? Please e-mail plans to Hap, who will touch base with other members of the Foucauldian family.

**3. Ron’s Letter** – Nice, concise. Ron sent to 7 bishops in his region, heard back only from his own Archbishop.

**4. Month of Nazareth** – So far, only Jim O’Donnell registered. Only two registered for retreat so far. Please do what you can to encourage attendance.

**5. Dues Letter/Finances** – Received \$7,300 to date, which gives us \$20,600 in our treasury.

**6. Newsletter** – takes two weeks to get it out, should be in our mail by the weekend.

**7. October’s Meeting - Towards an Agenda** – Proposals from Pan American Assembly

**8. Assembly 2017 - Remote Preparation** – maybe Camarillo? Joe will check on possibility.

**9. Prayer of Abandonment** commenced at 4:50 pm.

**Next conference call – Tuesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

Respectfully submitted: John Jacquiel