

Jesus Caritas National Council Teleconference Call

May 3, 2016 4pm Eastern, 3pm Central, 2pm Mountain, 1pm Pacific

On the line: Joe Greeley, Greg Pawloski, John Jacquel, Bob Amundsen and Hap Ragan.

We began at 4:04 Eastern Time.

1. Review of Life - Hap reflected upon various addictions to pleasure and how he needs to keep walking with the Lord; Bob's knee replacement went well, super recovery, but does get tired – he vows to be an evangelist for this surgery – which afforded him ample time for reading and meditating; Greg will have a growth on his lower back removed soon, finally knows what's been causing these problems, and spiritually, he's been good – *lectio divina* particularly fruitful; John is moved by parishioners' thoughtful response to pastoral planning process, which proposes to merge St John's into Holy Rosary; Joe shared that the Shay Family Foundation will help upgrade the school to tune of \$1 million, so it's time to address other parish needs – “surf's up.”

2. Discouragement/Mark's Commitment is Amazing – So far, only Richard Altenbach is reserved a place (Jim O'Donnell had to reconsider). Mark Mertes will be there – Br. Charles' results were compared. Mark will address the Third Theology seminarians on retreat at Christ the King Seminary near the end of July. One year, about 20 years ago, the Month had to be cancelled and David Garcia made his “Month” in Galway, Ireland. Don't get discouraged.

3. Month of Nazareth/Retreat – Joe & John will be there. Greg will be in Poland.

4. 100th Anniversary Celebration – Hap impressed by Chileans, reaching out to youth and seminarians. Perhaps a little history lesson and question to priests, “How did you learn of Jesus Caritas?” Hap wanted to do a symposium at Boyton Beach, but perhaps a Day of Recollection is possible. What can you do in your diocese? Let's share plans.

5. Newsletter – Hap will continue to profile the “elders” such as Bryan Karvalis, Howie Caulkins, and Jim O'Donnell.

6. October's Meeting – Hap will ask Mark Mertes if we might celebrate the Centennial of Br. Charles with the Archbishop, perhaps on Tuesday, October 25th.

7. Assembly 2017 – Joe hasn't heard back from Camarillo yet, John suggested Puget Sound might be “Plan B.”

8. Prayer of Abandonment commenced at 4:46 pm EDT.

Next conference call – Tuesday, June 7th

Respectfully submitted: John Jacquel