

Jesus Caritas National Fraternity Meeting Conference Call Tuesday, August 8, 2017 4pm Eastern Time

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

1. Review of Life – Hap experienced a nice “beach party” going away – then moved to the beach (Tybee Island), where the people are lovely. His rhythm of prayer is working better there. John mentioned the loss of a tenant in the closed school building (and significant parish income), but it’s not upsetting his spirit. Greg said that prayer (5:30 am) is going well in his vibrator chair, but might be better in church, if his back cooperates. He recently attended a workshop on porn and has a teen coming to him for support to break this habit. (Bob suggested “You Are Loved”- a booklet from Catholic.com which he hands out) Joe’s personal fact is that a melanoma was cut out of his arm, but all is coming along well and his pastoral fact is that two undocumented teens are trying to get to relatives in Ontario, OR. Parents were deported – and they will be, too, if caught. We promised to pray for them. Bob said they still waiting for permission for parking lot and new rectory excavations.

2. The Assembly – Fernando Tapia highly enjoyed our Assembly – he liked the way we joke a bit / enjoy each other’s company. We reviewed Hap’s proposed “Letter from Camarillo” addressing a few typos – it’s very good. Bp. Don Hanchon has the group photo and it will be sent with the letter.

3. Vacation Week 2018 – Shannon is looking into a Midwest Vacation Week – Passionists or Jesuits near Detroit, Dominicans near Racine. If we did July 1-6 in Detroit – perhaps we could enjoy both Canada Day (1st) and Independence Day (4th) together.

4. Month of Nazareth 2019 – Ideas for perhaps July 8-Aug 2 in Spokane, Colorado Springs, Denver (House of Spirituality) or Menlo Park.

5. Take Aways from the Assembly – We, as a National Fraternity, would do well to review the notes from the Cuernavaca Pan-American Assembly. Hap will send us copies. It was very good to be together. Also, it was great to meet a few new priests. The meeting with seminarians at St John’s (Camarillo) went well – Hap & Fernando’s presence was impressive to the 15 men starting first theology. John met with 8 men at Christ the King (Buffalo), a couple of who had already started a fraternity.

5. Prayer of Abandonment - was prayed at 4:59 pm EST.

Respectfully submitted: John Jacquel