

**The Carmelite Province of the Most Pure Heart of Mary
Minutes of the 43rd Provincial Chapter**

Monday June 19, 2017

10:25 AM

Announcements by Daryl Moresco and opening prayer.

- Housekeeping items.
- Lanyards must be worn at all during sessions. Those with active and passive voice have the brown colored lanyard. Those who do not have active or passive voice have a white lanyard. If you leave, lanyards must be turned in to David Semmens or Marc Bell and picked up when you return.
- Please write your name on your folder.
- The historical exhibit is moved to 6pm on Tuesday
- Please be in formal wear on Tuesday for the opening of historical events
- Also, be in formal wear for the chapter group photo.
- If you can car pool, there will be a sign-up chart available.
- Joseph Atcher has additional Canadian auto insurance plans. Also, see Marina Rosenbaum's email about phone service and fees.

10:50 AM

Prior General Fernando Millán Romeral was called to the podium to speak and to officially open the Chapter.

1. The Prior General spoke on updates of the General Congregation and the General Chapter. Some discussion was raised if this would make our international fraternity weaker, but regional meetings are helping. The theme of the General Congregation was "More by our life than by our words." We are called to be missionaries of tenderness. Cardinal Tagle from the Philippines was the guest speaker. The generational change of the Order is becoming noticeable. It is a hopeful sign for the future that leadership is being given to younger brothers.

2. We have had two revisions of the Constitutions since Vatican II, in 1971

and 1995. Our constitutions do not have to be approved by the Holy See. Some little changes are being made. We are not trying to produce new constitutions but to make small changes to adapt to new situations (sexual abuse policies, postulation of new saints, mechanisms for addition of new provinces in light of a balance between large and small provinces). A new General committee on the Constitutions has been formed and will present changes at the General Chapter of 2019.

3. Adapting structures to the changing realities of the Order, especially our aging demographic, will require the consolidation and closing of some houses. This is never easy, but will be a test of our spiritual and fraternal reality. The unification of provinces will be increasing. The German provinces are now united. Also, two Spanish provinces have been merged. Indonesia is thinking of dividing its Province.

4. Canonical visits had been reestablished in a formal way under Joseph Chalmers in 2007. These have proven to be difficult but have been positive experiences, open, fraternal, and sometimes very deep. The Prior General has spoken personally to 950 brothers around the world. From the beginning, there were no written guidelines for these canonical visits, but now a new protocol has been written. Are the canonical visits helpful? It depends on our willingness to listen in dialogue, the quality of follow-up, and a given province's response. The autonomy of provinces is respected. Usually what we write in the report is what we have heard in the visits.

5. Anniversaries and celebrations: The 2014 Celebration of 800th anniversary the Death of St. Albert, and the 400th anniversary of death of Gratian in Brussels went well. The 500th Anniversary of St. Teresa of Avila in 2015 was well received. During this year, 2017, we celebrated the 450th anniversary of the birth of St. Mary Magdalene de Pazzi. These have been good opportunities to rethink our charism, our identity and spirituality; they have a sacramental dynamic of bringing the past into the present and future.

6. On the General Postulator. The previous postulator has resigned. A candidate should live in Rome, must speak Italian, and have a knowledge of canon law. The Council has appointed a lay woman, Giovanni Brizi, as our

Postulator General. She has been trying to correct some bad habits that we have developed. The general council must vote to open a cause. A fund is established for the cause. The funds cannot be used for any other purpose. The cause of Blessed Titus Brandsma may be helped by a miracle in Florida. It is moving forward. We should remember the priority of being saints and not just making them.

7. Demographic study of the Order. A compressive statistical study of the Order was undertaken. The study is in two parts: the Order as a whole and individual provinces. Our numbers are remaining stable around the world. Asia will be the largest part of the Order in three or four years. We will have to translate our charism into an Asian point of view. It does have financial implications. The wealthy provinces do not have as much money as they used to. The donations required from provinces (with adjustments for each province's size and financial condition) are being reviewed. The PCM province continues to be a huge contributor. The Prior General remains very positive about the future of the Order around the world.

Prior General Fernando Millán Romeral, concluded his talk and officially opened the chapter at 11:25 AM.

Daryl Moresco called for a short break.

11:30 AM

The Chapter reconvened.

A letter from Very Reverend Michael Kissane, Prior Provincial of the Province of St. Elias, was read.

Approval of the Chapter Schedule

Ronald Oakham was called to the podium to supervise approval of the Chapter Schedule.

An open chapter must establish the number who must be present for a quorum. An absolute majority is necessary for canonical votes.

Ronald Oakham called for approval of the schedule. The Chapter unanimously approved by voice the schedule (with a modification for Tuesday).

Approval of Rules of Procedure (Chapter Workbook, pp. 14 and 16)

The rules and procedures of the Chapter will be voted on as presented in the workbook with the following corrections: page 14 paragraph 1 should read “the Chapter 2014”; page 16 should read “the process for proposing legislation will be open. During canonical voting, all members without voice will be moved to a secure location.”

Motion by Gregory Klein to approve Rules of Procedure.
Seconded by Thomas Jordan.
Approved unanimously by voice.

Approval of Chapter Officials (Chapter Workbook, p. 11)

Motion by Thomas Batsis to approve the Officers of Chapter.
Seconded John Sprissler.
Approved unanimously by voice.

The registrars: David Semmens and Marc Bell take roll call.

Official Chapter Roll Call

Ronald Oakham explains that this is a delegated Chapter, delegates are self-nominated by their presence.

Registrar Marc Bell calls the roll.

95 are present; 48 are needed for a quorum

Nominations for Candidates are taken from the Floor

The list of candidates for Prior Provincial was presented by Ronald Oakham. Samuel Citero nominated William Harry for Prior Provincial and was

seconded by Donald Buggert. William Harry accepted the nomination.

The list of candidates for Vice Prior Provincial was presented.

It is noted that Samuel Citero is valid for Vice Prior Provincial only by postulation.

No other nominations for Vice Prior Provincial were proposed

The list of candidates for Councilor was presented.

No new nominees were proposed.

12:00 PM: The Chapter adjourned for lunch.

1:30 PM

The Chapter Reconvened

The Chapter Process, Session 1

The group moved into small groups for a group process involving shared experiences.

These small group meetings concluded at 3:15 PM.

Evening prayer was held at 5:00 PM.

The group assembled for Dinner at 6:00 PM.

Tuesday June 20, 2017

9:45 AM

Prayer and announcements by Daryl Moresco

Despite four new arrivals, the quorum for elections (48 must be present) does not change.

The historical exhibit opens tonight with several local dignitaries.

Lanyards are still required at all times.

All candidates for offices need to meet with Daryl Moresco and Ashley Harrington after the morning program.

9:50 AM

Announcements by Ronald Oakham

A handout was provided with notes on Friendly Amendments to be read in advance of discussion and voting.

A few copies of policy documents on Health and Aging and Retirement are available.

Proposals for new legislation must be turned in to the Government commission by 6:00 PM on Tuesday June 20, 2017. They must be signed by six people and turned in to the Government Commission.

9:55 AM

Prior Provincial, William Harry's Report to the 2017 Provincial Chapter

The Constitutions require that I give a written report on the spiritual and temporal state of the Province and so I am very happy to do that. Let me just start by saying that we have done considerable work in both areas during the last three years.

I would like to report that we are strong as a province in both spiritual and temporal matters. But I think it depends from place to place, person to person, and varies over which period of time we speak about. I will say I am absolutely convinced that most of us work very hard to live the commitment we made to “follow in the footsteps of Christ”—while we do it in a variety of ways, and with varying degrees of effectiveness. But I believe that most guys are genuinely trying. I think the fact that we attempt to live that commitment is critical, even if we fall short. Most people accept our humanness, the good and the bad. Our lives, far from perfect but struggling to come closer to perfection, have the possibility of giving effective witness to the love and mercy of our God for people with whom we minister.

I would like to thank those who worked hard the last three years to get us to this point. Leading the effort was our provincial council. And I would ask that they stand and receive our thanks.

We have 9 provincial commissions, 8 provincial boards, and 10 boards for our five secondary schools in the USA. I would also ask that anyone who served on one of the commissions or boards, please stand and accept our thanks.

We have a number of individuals who accepted directorships of various sorts: the Mission Office, the provincial canonist, the director of the Society of the Little Flower, the director of health ... I would ask if you held a directorship position in the province for the last three years that you stand and accept our thanks.

Together we have worked hard, and hopefully strategically, to move the Province forward and make sure that we have a strong future that will allow us to continue responding to the needs of the Church in the areas where the Province exists or will exist in the future. I thank all of you for your generosity of time and hard work.

I would like to thank you who work in provincial ministries: the parishes, the schools, the retreat centers, communications, vocation ministry, formation. You are where we live among the people in today's marketplace.

Finally, I would also like to thank those who are "retired"- it is your work over the years, building on the shoulders of our founding fathers, that has gotten us to this time and place. We all thank you for your work but most especially for your example of what it is to live this life of Carmel for 50-60-70 years and be fulfilled/happy/loving/holy.

The vast majority of our men are very committed to being faithful members of the Order and to serve God's people with true love and enthusiasm. We can talk about the buildings, and policies, our finances and everything else. But none of it even comes close to being the resource that you, the members of the province, truly are. Thank you!

During the five meetings held last year in the 5 regions, we had discussions of specifics in the Provincial Council's three-year goals. I do not want to repeat that but rather give some general comments on trends, situations, and concerns that I feel we all need to be aware of. I would like to speak of those "building blocks" for the future that I wrote about in one of my recent updates to the province.

Building Block #1:

We need to move the province into a more responsible, effective, and legal way of operating. We are not a “mom and pop” operation. We cannot ignore the laws. We cannot create legal structures and then ignore them. We will be reviewing and voting on a number of the handbooks or manuals in the coming days—one of which had not been updated since 2000! Handbooks and manuals do not insure the success of the ministry. But handbooks and manuals sure help to get people on the same page, to address problems, and create common (and hopefully!) best practices! They also help insure that we do things legally.

It can no longer be business as usual. Joe Atcher and Brian Gawel will address this more in-depth, but our traditional revenue streams are decreasing, and our costs are increasing. We need all of us, who are able, to help pay for the expenses of the province. We can no longer afford to have ministry sites with deficits and the expectation that the province will bail them out. I am sure some of you are hearing this as “The sky is falling. The end is near. We are going broke.” That is not what I am saying. In fact, I think what is happening is very healthy for us: we are beginning to live like 95% of the world lives—working in order to buy what we need, making do without things we cannot afford, and ultimately living a more simple lifestyle, like we say we do.

Building Block #2: Create our Future

We have to make some choices about which ministries we can continue to maintain because of our diminishing numbers in the USA/Canada/Peru. We need to also make choices about which ministries to take on in Mexico and El Salvador because our numbers are increasing there.

Let’s talk about the USA/Canada for a moment. We have a large number of members retiring in the near future. We have others who are retirement age but have been very generous about carrying on in the ministry. They want to retire and deserve it. We have had three ordinations to the priesthood in the last three years. We cannot continue to do all that we are doing.

The CARA studies will be discussed later in the Chapter. My hope is that at the end we will have a clearer picture of what we as a province want to happen. But one fact is clear: we do not have the men to staff all the places we currently attempt to staff. Some ministries can be turned over to lay collaborators. We can have lay folks assist us in many areas that we thought have to have a Carmelite sitting in the chair. We have involved much more lay leadership in our province sponsored schools, and it has worked quite well. We did it here at the monastery, and it has worked out very well. We cannot do that with the parishes. So, we face some hard decisions. This is certain to be painful for some, infuriating for others, and depressing for many. But I have to add that others will find it liberating. It will be challenging for all— especially the new leadership.

In both Mexico and El Salvador, I think we have made great strides moving the projects ahead. For the last 4 years we met annual in El Salvador with a strategic planner. I believe we have met for 3 years with him in Mexico's annual meeting. It has helped us bring together the various goals and dreams into a plan which we all played a role in, unless someone opted out themselves through their silence or absence from the meetings. We have copies of the plans for both Mexico and El Salvador here in English and Spanish.

Quiero hablar un momento del trabajo en conjunto que ha tenido lugar tanto en México como en El Salvador. Aún recuerdo mi primera reunión regional que tuvo lugar en la Ciudad de México en 2012. Ahora, nos encontramos haciendo la planificación por separado, lo que está bien, aunque no es de mi preferencia. Estoy al tanto de que contar con la participación de un planificador estratégico profesional como de los estudiantes profesos simples en el proceso de planificación no era del agrado de todos. Pero para mí, este proceso nos ha movido hacia adelante. Cuando asistí a la reunión en 2012, salí con un severo dolor de cabeza. En aquel momento, se presentaban muchos caminos a seguir. El orgullo nacional se encontraba en primer plano. El programa de formación se encontraba fraccionado. Y en el momento de que el tema de gastos salía a mención la respuesta era “La provincia pagará por eso.” Entonces, me di cuenta que la provincia estaba “fuera de” en lugar de ser “parte de.” Espero

con ilusión que el proceso de planificación que hemos estado viviendo, la presencia regular del provincial, la presencia trienal del consejo provincial, como la frecuente comunicación entre los formadores provinciales y los formadores locales hayan ayudado a cambiar esta realidad. Ustedes son una parte crítica del futuro de la provincia --- no, más bien, ustedes son una parte crítica de la provincia ¡hoy! Esto es algo muy importante que todos debemos ver y entender.

I just said that our Mexican and Salvadoran brothers are a critical part of the future of the province— it would be more accurate to say that they are a critical part of the province today! This is very important for us all to recognize and understand.

Building Block #3: Establish Ministries that Respond to the Needs of Today's Church

In Darien, we closed Carmelite Carefree Village. It no longer served the needs of the people; the province was subsidizing it significantly each year. It had become far from Carefree for us!!! Closing it proved to be a very good decision. We decided to remodel it into a significantly larger, more user-friendly retreat center than what we already had. We are now serving far more retreat groups and one little side benefit is that the annual subsidy the provincial office is paying has dropped from \$240,000 to \$24,000 this coming year.

In fact, much of the Darien campus is being transformed to better serve the increasing number of pilgrims we are getting to the Shrine of St. Therese. You are aware of the \$13 million donation that the Society of the Little Flower received from the Peterson Foundation for the construction of a new shrine to St. Therese of Lisieux. It also includes some redesign of the larger campus with paths and some work to clean up the entrance to the museum and gift store. We have completed the museum remodel. But we also have to come up with ways that the museum, the use of the campus as a whole can pay for itself. A group on the campus is addressing that issue. It can no longer be business as usual. As I mentioned before, we cannot afford heavy subsidies to ministries. But there is a need for our ministry there. So we need to rework this campus to respond to the needs of

today's Church.

One other major change on the Darien campus: Charles Nolan, who many of you know, did a study of the provincial archives. We found that storing historical documents in a damp basement is not the recommended way of preserving them. At the same time, we wanted to move Carmelite Media closer to the provincial office. We even talked briefly about building onto the building. Swapping the two, Provincial Archives and Carmelite Media, allowed us to address these and other concerns. At the same time, we wanted to make Carmelite Media a profit center instead of another ministry that requires a subsidy. The new area and a new director since the last Chapter, has allowed us to move in this direction. I do not think we are there yet. But we are rapidly heading in that direction. Carmelite Media is a much more effective print and electronic media operation than it was 3 years ago. And it is not just for the provincial office. Now we have some outside religious groups as well as some of the Carmelite parishes and schools from around the province using Carmelite Media. They/You like the quality of work and our prices!

Let me give one more example—although there are several others as well. We had many problems here at the Monastery of Mount Carmel which we began addressing more deliberately and systematically in 2013. We ran afoul of Revenue Canada and were in danger of being fined \$10 million. We feel confident that we have addressed the issues Revenue Canada had with us. We have also had some employee issues— the problem of “silos,” one group not knowing nor caring what the other group was about and how they all fit together. My sense is that there is a renewed spirit among the lay people who work with us here. There is a real effort to make our ministry a valuable asset to the local Church and, in fact, far beyond.

The Spiritual Centre is doing very well. There are bookings through 2029—which I think is the luncheon after my funeral!!!! We have to work to increase the Carmelite offerings. But we also have to face the reality that Carmelite programs are not going to pay the bills!

The annual subsidy to the spiritual centre has dropped from \$300,000 to almost nothing without any drop-in quality of the ministry! This has

allowed us to do many projects to fix up the building and grounds. I hope you enjoy seeing all these changes this week. These capital improvements used to be paid for by the province because the Monastery Trust was just able to help fund the shortfall for the spiritual centre. Now the spiritual center pays its own way. The Carmelites in residence pay their own way. And the capital improvements are paid from the Monastery Trust. The funds from the Society of the Little Flower of Canada goes to pay, in a good year, 25-30% of the cost of our province's formation program. We really do need to thank the folks at the Society of the Little Flower for all that they do! More importantly we need to fulfill our commitment to pray for the members of the Society of the Little Flower who give so generously so that we can live and minister as we do.

Building Block #4: A willingness to think "out of the box"

We have a tendency to be conservative in this province when it comes to trying new things. Sometimes this is good. It keeps us relatively safe. But I believe it has stopped us from keeping some important ministries because of lack of manpower or finances. Thinking out of the box may allow us to do more with less!!!

Going back to the Monastery here, let me highlight two rather creative projects we are involved with. We have two other corporations on the campus here in Niagara separate from the Monastery. One is Solar Corporation as we produce electricity and sell it to the local power authority. This has not produced the income that we were assured it would produce. However, with a few tweaks to the system, and some nice, very un-Canadian winters, we are no longer losing money. And we are doing a little bit to be more green!

The other corporation here at the Monastery is Monastery Wine Cellars—a week ago we received the final final permission of the Ontario government to sell the wine we are producing. We are in partnership with Reif Estate Winery. On Tuesday night one of the members of the Board, Roberto DiDominico, will be joining us for dinner. This partnership means that we provide the name and "atmosphere" of the Monastery, and they provide the winemaking expertise. I suspect it will be an adjustment for the

Monastery as traffic through the chapel and gift store is going to increase significantly. But Klaus Reif and his staff are very committed to make sure the Carmelites are represented well in this endeavor. This was critical for me and the other Carmelites on the Board.

We have also worked to rezone the property across the street into agricultural land and plant grapes there. This will dramatically reduce our tax bill as well as provide us with 9 acres of grapes!

These were times when the Board of Trustees here at the Monastery thought out of the box. I have no idea what these initiatives will mean ultimately in terms of income to the Monastery. But I know we have greatly strengthened our ministry here. And I believe the future for the Carmelite presence on the Niagara Frontier is much brighter. But it is definitely not business as usual!

Building Block #5: Continue strengthening our presence in Perú

Let me speak for a moment about Perú, our province's first effort to bring Carmel to another area of the world, since 1949. I have gone to Peru twice each year--- once in January for the annual meeting of the Commissariat and again in July for the six-month evaluation of the novices as well as to spend some time with the men of the Commissariat. I would like to thank Miguel Bacigalupo for his leadership. As you may have heard, Miguel Bacigalupo and I have been friends since our days together at St. Albert's in Rome and the Gregorian University.

Along with Gerald Payea and Eduardo Rivera and the members of the various commissions, along with an excellent group of collaborators in our three schools, two parishes, and the retreat house in the Lima/Lurín area, the Commissariat has, I believe, gotten stronger in the last three years. Vocation Program – Formation Program – Cooperation with the Indonesian Province – Guided by a Strategic Plan developed by the Commissariat.

Communications between the Provincial, the Provincial Council, the Commissary Provincial, and the Commissary Council have improved dramatically in this triennium. Miguel Bacigalupo has come to the USA each

year to meet with the provincial council. He and I communicate frequently. I am grateful that Gerald Payea and Jorge Jose Villegas are willing to share their energy, expertise, and years providing a novitiate experience in the Spanish language that has helped us move ahead in Mexico and El Salvador.

My overall impression when I think of Perú, however, is that we are trying to do an awful lot with very few men.

Quiero hablarles en mi maravilloso español acerca de mis impresiones de nuestra presencia como Provincia en el Perú. En los 3 años y siete meses que he sido provincial, he estado en el Perú, con ustedes, dos veces al año. Aunque ya había estado en el Perú, acompañando a otros provinciales. Mi impresión es que hemos “dado una vuelta a la esquina” o dado un giro de 90 grados! Ahora gozamos de una muy buena comunicación entre el liderazgo del comisariado y la provincia, algo que en lo personal creí que hacía falta... algo que puede ser de ¡mucho beneficio! Tenemos un programa de vocaciones muy proactivo. Como un programa de formación ¡con jóvenes! Si seguimos así, tenemos un futuro brillante por delante.

Quiero agradecer a Miguel Bacigalupo por su liderazgo. Creo que hemos podido trabajar muy bien juntos, aprecio su confianza en mí. Junto con el Consejo del Comisariado, formado por Gerald Payea y Eduardo Rivera, los miembros de las diversas comisiones y el excelente grupo de colaboradores con los que contamos en nuestras tres escuelas, dos parroquias y una casa de retiro en el área de Lima/Lurín; el Comisariado es, creo, mucho más fuerte que hace tres años.

Mi mayor preocupación es que nosotros hemos/ustedes han estado intentando hacer mucho con muy pocos hombres. Si bien, hemos recibido la ayuda de la Provincia de Indonesia, esta es tan sólo una solución temporal. ¡Tenemos que seguir reclutando y preparando hombres comprometidos, para que se unan a nosotros en la construcción de un Carmelo Peruano!

Building Block #6: Sharing our Carmelite Charism with the Church

John Welch mentioned yesterday the group of well-trained PCM scholars

who had a great impact upon the province through their teaching in Washington and Niagara but who were a gift to the American Church as well. I spoke before about a lunch at the Boston chancery with the religious superiors and the bishops of the Boston Province. When I said I was a Carmelite, the conversation was dominated by these men's recollections of Roland Murphy, Christian Ceroke, William O'Brien, Eamon Carroll. I was so full of pride I had to go to confession!!!

Every one of those Carmelites has gone to that great classroom in the sky. And we have few, if any, men who would be capable of that type of scholarship or are interested in dedicating their lives to such a ministry.

Yet we have a responsibility and a desire to pass our Carmelite tradition on to the world. We have a major component of our mission to do this with the Carmelite library in Washington, DC. Here we need to think out of the box a bit— if we do not have a scholar to do the research and teaching necessary to pass on our tradition in the academic circles, can we set up something that would insure that this happens. Yes! We can endow a Chair for Carmelite Studies and as I mentioned three years ago, we were going to move on that. And we have. We have been in contact with Catholic University of America (CUA). We have the money from the closure of the WTU. We have the enthusiastic support of our Provincial Finance Commission. We just need to figure out the details and get it done.

So the preparatory commission was good enough to set aside some time on Wednesday for us to explain what we have in mind. I asked John Welch to facilitate that discussion.

I should also point out that the Carmelite Institute of North America is also doing a lot of work on educating people about the Carmelite charism and spirituality. Immediately after the Chapter there is a five-day symposium in Chicago entitled "Pope Francis Points the Way to Carmel." The Institute has also been holding a series of one-day presentations on Carmelite topics in various parts of the USA and Canada. Finally, the Institute is hosting a series of webinars— presentations over the internet which have been enthusiastically received by nuns, monasteries, and convents, as well as individual Carmelite priests, brothers, sisters, and Lay Carmelites.

The Institute's website is also a repository of podcasts, webinars, and links to other resources that make it valuable to people looking to learn more about Carmelite spirituality.

But what is missing is a formal presence in the academic world, and the establishment of a Carmelite Chair at CUA would ensure that for the future. It would be the font of scholarship related to the Carmelite tradition, and as such would be a national and international source for Carmelite research and scholarship.

Building Block # 7: Create an effective provincial government structure.

At the 2014 Provincial Chapter we made a significant change in the way our provincial government is structured. The Provincial Council discussed this a few times during our meetings—if it was working, what did we need to do to improve things—particularly communication and face-to-face meetings with the guys since this appeared to be not working satisfactorily. We, as a group, discussed this at the pre-Chapter meetings last year. I do not think we have it quite right yet.

I think the piece that is still missing in many of the houses is the community piece—the leadership role of the prior as servant. There is a lack of accountability in many communities—a lack of accountability between members themselves and lack of accountability of the members to the community.

In many places, everyone waits for the provincial to come in to handle problematic situations large and small— most of which could/should easily be handled on the local level. I think this waiting for the provincial is not effective, nor is it healthy. The usual example I give to illustrate this is me being told to tell so and so he should clean up his office because it is a mess and embarrassing when he has people come in. So I said “I will be glad to do that. What did he say when you talked to him about it.” “Oh, I never talked to him about it. I don't want to get him mad at me.” That is what the provincial should be doing? Taking care of issues that obviously are upsetting to some in the community but not so upsetting that the community will deal with them?

It seems to me (and my leadership style reflects this) that we are adults, we are well educated, and we are very capable of handling these situations. Yet we back off. Little problems are allowed to fester until they become big problems. I know that it is easy to just let things slide sometimes. It's easier. I get that. But that is NOT healthy!!! It is not healthy for the individual nor for the community.

I go back to what I have said many times: in our new model of provincial government, the role of the prior has to be strengthened. We are not looking to return to the days when the prior was a dictator. But the role of the prior is clear from the Rule and the Constitutions. The members of the community need to step up to the plate—I thought Daniel O'Neil's image from the Benedictine monastery captured perfectly how community life is far too often. I think the prior's role and the community's responsibilities are also clear from the way we have structured our provincial government. Both priors and community members have to be much more deliberate and pro-active.

There is the expectation that the provincial or his delegate comes each year and meets with each guy. My experience over the last three years tells me this is very ambitious and probably not achievable. First, we have to admit that not everyone WANTS to meet with the provincial. Some guys always seem to head out on a trip when the provincial comes to town. Other guys are clear that they have no intention of speaking with the provincial.

The other problem is time: we have so many province-wide commitments—and we cover a huge geographical area. I will occasionally hear “Well you like to spend time out of the province. You always seem to be in El Salvador or Mexico.” Well ... those ARE part of the province!!! And I am not out sightseeing when I am in the other places!!! As relatively new realities, they are attempting to get established. I go twice a year to each country (Peru as well)—in the hope of keeping them connected to the rest of the province, to encourage them in their work and life together, and to support their leadership. Feedback indicates that such presence was needed, and such presence seems to be benefiting the province as a whole.

One of my questions is “Why does the provincial always have to travel to see people? Why have guys not taken advantage of being in Darien and stopped in and seen either myself or the vice provincial?” I know guys come through Darien; some even stay on the Darien campus, and we/I do not find out about it until they are gone. They never stop in either the house or the office. Yet they complain that I never came to see them.

I realize this sounds like I might be complaining— and I am— I believe presence to each other is a critical part of our province life. But here again, Daniel O’Neil’s image from the Benedictine monastery captures what the reality is far too often. We can do better. Not only between leadership and members but between members in the same community!!!!

We need to ensure that our government structure (provincial, council, communities, priors) facilitates us in being effective ministers—ministers who “walk in the footsteps of Christ”!!

Which leads me into ...

Building Block #8: Strong Communities that Witness to God’s Love and Our Own Lack of Egocentricity

I think many people look at our communities and all too often see hypocrisy between what we say and how we live. I was talking to my nephew about my decision not to seek re-election, and he said, “This is why I don’t like churches. They talk a lot about doing good things but then religious people act just as bad as everyone else.” I was floored. He is talking about something his beloved uncle has dedicated his life to. But I think the guy has a point. Oh, I can point out people to him who actually do live our life to the fullest. Many of them are in this room. They give tremendous witness to the Kingdom already among us. But it is interesting (and sometimes upsetting) to hear how we come across to other people, how negatively others view us when they compare our actions to our words.

The Constitutions talk about our community life as being modeled on the Trinity. I find that to be such a high bar that we are defeated before we

even get started. The Constitutions later say that our community life is modeled on the Jerusalem community. OK. Perhaps more realistic for us. “Fraternal life ... is an incarnation of God’s gratuitous love, internalized through an ongoing process by which we empty ourselves of all egocentricity ... as we move towards authentic centering in God!!!”

Beautiful. Our life together is an incarnation of God’s gratuitous love. We have emptied ourselves of all egocentricity. The Constitutions then go on to say, “We are called to renew ourselves, as brothers in dialogue with one another, open to the signs of the times (and therefore to all people), welcoming those who are involved in our ministry. We are open to developing new forms of community and new ministries. Community life is thus the expression and the test of our fraternal love.” Dialogue. Openness. Welcoming. Sounds to me like a blueprint of what direction we need to go to get our community life—which in my discussions with you on my visits seems to be the most difficult part of our life to deal with— to get the community life up to where we can at least say we are genuinely trying to mirror the Jerusalem community.

Don’t get discouraged— remember that within a few short years, the Jerusalem community was having some big, nasty disagreements among themselves. I think that is human nature, a regular part of what happens when two or more are gathered. But the Early Church had a great methodology for dealing with issues: they would come together and outline the problem. They would discuss it. They would pray about it. Then they would make a decision. Might not be a bad methodology to use at your next community meeting!

But you know what? Sometimes the conclusion is that we should go our separate ways. Paul and Barnabas arrived at that conclusion. Instead of making a second missionary journey together, they went their separate ways. We find that in our lives, as well. We have men who solemnly commit to live and work with us “usque ad mortem” but who ultimately chose a different path. Where this has happened in the last three years, I think the decisions have been good ones. I know the tendency among some is to assign blame to the leadership for the individual’s decision. I understand that is the model some operate out of. But here again, I think the

expectation is unrealistic. These are mature guys who make their own decisions based on a lot of input that many who are second-guessing have no access to. In each case, we reached out to them. In each case they opted not to accept the assistance. And as I said, I think, ultimately they probably made the healthiest decision for themselves and for our community. Was it easy? No. But I think the decisions were correct for them. And, more importantly, they made the decision.

I do think that if we are able to get our communities healthier and functioning more as communities, genuinely working to be reflections of the Jerusalem Community, we would attract more people to our community who are healthy and more faith-filled.

I would like to thank all who placed trust in me to be the prior provincial for the last 3 years and 7 months. I was humbled by your choice back in November of 2013 and still am. I never felt entitled to this position. I still do not feel entitled.

I wish I could say I have enjoyed every minute of being provincial, but then I would be lying. They once asked Cardinal Bernardin what was the advantage of being a Cardinal. He said, "You usually get a good seat at the ceremonies." You have allowed me to have a great seat for many of our celebrations: the 150th celebration of the province, the professions and ordinations, the funerals (which for me are really celebrations of our men), the graduations in our secondary schools, the 150th of St. Cecilia's Parish, and, most of all, the privilege of sitting down with you and hearing you talk about what you are doing, entrusting me with your concerns and dreams. I considered that a sacred honor. Hearing our lay collaborators speak about what it means to be associated with the Carmelites—to have them talk about their work not as a job but as a ministry. These are all moments which more than made up for the occasional rough spot, or the nights I could not sleep.

I look back on these three years with a great deal of pride. We accomplished a lot ... and the emphasis is on "we." The province is stronger now than it was. Do we have challenges? You bet we do. But I believe that together we can move mountains.

So my prayer for each of us and for all of us is:

May the Living Flame of God's transforming love inspire us to continue to reflect on our experiences and articulate our convictions and vision for the future God is calling us to live.

Amen!

The Prior Provincial's Address concluded at 10:40 AM.

10:50 AM

The Treasurer's Report: presented by Joseph Atcher (Treasurer) and Brian Gawel (Director of Finance).

This report only shows the money that flows through the provincial office. There was a change in procedure due to the requirements of Revenue Canada. The funds raised by Little Flower Society of Canada cannot be given to the provincial office but are disbursed directly to the formation houses.

We now have more retired members than active members. This changes our income sources. Income from our ministries, The Society of the Little Flower, and investments has all decreased.

The Little Flower Society is the main source of income and is looking for ways to attract a younger donor base. Contributions from members of the Province are decreasing.

Details of the Province's Revenue and Expenses are shared via a series of slides.

Slide: Operational Support and Revenue by Category FY 2017
Operational Support and Revenue by Category FY 2016
Operational Support and Revenue by Category FY 2015
Operational Support and Revenue by Category FY 2014

Senior funding is kept separate from the Operating account. Support

for retired members (34%) is our most significant expense. 21% of operational expenses are devoted to administration. Real estate resources need to be better used or liquidated.

Canadian ministries are funded by Canadian sources. 30% of all formation costs will be covered this year by Society of the Little Flower of Canada (as noted above).

Slide: Member and House Subsidy Trend

Member & House Subsidies are trending slightly downward—as are medical/dental premiums.

Slide: Medical Premiums and Dental have dropped.

Medical ran 1.25 million in 2013, versus 700,000 in 2016

Slide: Nursing and assisted living costs

Nursing and assisted living costs are rising (\$6k to \$9k per month rise just this year).

Slide: Long Term Investments

As of June 20, 2017, these investments are valued at about \$93 Million.

The portfolio has remained stable. Our most significant asset, these are an endowment to future generations. The Province's asset base is separate from the retirement trust.

Slide: 3-year rate of return on portfolio.

Slide: Long term investments and retirement trust fund.

Slide: Net asset trend of the province over 5 years.

The financial report concluded at 11:15 AM.

The Eucharist was celebrated at 11:15 AM.

Lunch began at 12:15 PM.

1:30 PM

The Chapter reconvened.

The Chapter Process, Session 2

The group moved into small groups for a group process involving shared convictions.

The session adjourned at 3:00 PM

5:00 PM - Evening prayer

6:00 PM

Dinner with city officials from Niagara Falls, ON, and the opening of Historical Exhibits.

7:15 PM

CARA Report, presented by Fr. Thomas Gaunt, S.J.

CARA (Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate) has been operating for 53 years and provides for the research needs of the Church in America.

This report for the Province of the Most Pure Heart of Mary is a Survey of Members and Profile of Parishes. The survey presents data, but data changes over time. It doesn't tell us what to do, but provides information. Most of the data found was not very different from other male religious communities.

These following notes are Fr. Gaunt's comments on data presented in the study.

The average age of Province members is 62. The medium is 65.

Age groups within the Province are defined as:

Pre-Vatican II (75 and older)

Vatican II (55-74)

Post Vatican II and Millennials, "the young" (54 and younger)

Ethnic/Cultural Identity and Generations

Ethnicity and age are closely correlated. Hispanic members (young) are seeing things differently from Anglo (older) members.

Activity in Ministry

- 30% of members are in some form of retirement.
- 59% of members are in active full-time ministry.
- 11% of members are in formation.

Self-described Proficiency in Ministry

Proficiency is described as lowest in Provincial administration, school administration, and social/mass media.

Young & Hispanic members describe themselves as more proficient in social/mass media.

Satisfaction in Life and Ministry

Younger members are less satisfied with the types of ministry offered by the Province.

School ministry is prized more by the younger and Hispanic members.

Satisfaction with Current Provincial Planning

Anglo members are more dissatisfied—and Hispanic members more satisfied—with planning for ongoing formation.

Young members are less satisfied with retirement planning than older members are.

Response to Issues in the Province

Hispanic members indicate more willingness to work with the poor and vulnerable.

The oldest members are most positive about Province's support of active members.

Hispanic members (younger) tend to be more willing than non-Hispanic members (older) to do many things.

CARA advice: Pay attention to generational and ethnic divisions in the Province.

Important Aspects of Carmelite Life

Highest priority: being a Carmelite, Carmelite spirituality, and ministry as a Carmelite.

Lowest priority: ministry in home country, working with other Carmelites, and working in Carmelite institutions.

Hispanic members placed more importance on prayer life of Carmelites, living with other Carmelites, and working with other Carmelites.

Interest in Parish Ministries

Top 3 ministries: OLMC in Darien, St. Thomas the Apostle in Chicago, and St. Therese in Cresskill

Bottom 3: St. Raphael in Los Angeles, St. Agnes in Phoenix, and St. Raphael in Englewood.

Comments related to criteria for maintaining a ministry in the Province.

Large churches with small Sunday Mass attendance should be a warning sign, indicating an unhealthy parish condition.

When mass capacity runs at 40% of less, it becomes an issue for maintaining the parish.

If the infant baptism to funeral ratio is 1:1, then it is a stagnant parish.

The U.S. Catholic church has always been engaged with immigrant populations and, thus, has had a shifting identity over time.

The CARA session was adjourned at 8:55 PM.

Wednesday June 21, 2017

10:15 AM

The session was called to order by Daryl Moresco, who made announcements.

- All solemnly professed members with active voice must have their brown lanyard with them today. The members without passive voice and wearing white lanyards will be moved to a special area.
- Photos will begin at 12:00 noon.

- All formation directors must meet at 1:00 PM.
- Please write intentions into the book at the Chapel entrance. Remember to pray for the intentions of members of The Little Flower Society.
- Emanuel Franco Gomez's art for the Chapter can be ordered through Carmelite Media.
- Tracy O'Sullivan has given all of us a copy of his newest book and asks that we send payment in several ways or return the book.
- Robert Colaresi invites the Chapter to visit the Little Flower Society of Canada offices next door.
- Prayers are requested for Guy Fiano, member of the St. Elias Province, who is seriously ill.

10:25 AM

Roll is called by Marc Bell.

Total voting members including the Prior General is 97. A quorum is present.

Ronald Oakham announced a call for men to remove their names from nomination.

Quinn Connors has removed his name for Prior Provincial and Vice-Prior Provincial.

Thomas Murphy has removed his name for Provincial Council.

Frederick Tillotson has removed his name for Prior Provincial and Vice-Prior Provincial.

Benjamin Aguilar has removed his name for Provincial Council.

Tellers: Michael Kwiecien, Herman Kinzler, Anthony Armstrong and Benjamin Salas

Scrutineers: Emilio Rodriguez Mendez, Floristan Guerrero Cruz, Jesus Larios Avila, Paul Henson, Michael Wastag, and Enrique Varela Nungaray

Clarification was given on the difference between Statutes, Norms and Directives and Decrees.

Proposition: The government Commission's recommendation for

reorganizing the Provincial Statutes into three categories (statutes, norms & directives, and decrees) in accord with the Carmelite Constitutions passes unanimously by voice.

Legislative item #1

Legislative item #1 (See statutes Substantive Changes Proposal C)

#. A) Peru will continue to be a Commissariat of our Province.

B) The members of the Commissariat with Active Voice will elect the Commissary Provincial at their Chapter of Elections in accord with the procedures used by the Province at its triennial Chapter. (*cf. Carmelite Constitutions 375-1*)

C) In accord with the statutes of the Commissariat, there will be a Council comprised of 2 councilors, elected by the members of the Commissariat with Active Voice at their Chapter of Elections in accord with the procedures used by the Province at its triennial Chapter. (*cf. Carmelite Constitutions 359-2 and 375-2*)

Legislative Item #1 passes: 97 votes / 91 yes / 6 abstain

Legislative item #2

Proposal 6G Procedure for withdrawing a name for nomination for an office. A Nominee must contact the chair of the chapter by a specified date.

Legislative Item #2 passes: 97 votes / 91 yes / 1 no / 5 abstain

A proposition concerning Priors for Non-Canonically Erected Communities has been withdrawn.

“Statutes – Friendly Amendments” is approved by unanimous voice vote.

Legislative Item #3

Norms and Directives (Document 2, #22)

The Provincial Council should meet face-to-face approximately four times a year and electronically as needed. Agenda items may be submitted by members of the Province.

Legislative Item #3 passes: 96 votes / 91 yes / 2 no / 3 abstain

Legislative Item #4 (Personnel Policies)

For the first five years after initial formation has been completed, each

solemnly professed member will participate annually in a convocation addressing their community and ministry experience.

Legislative Item #4 passes: 96 votes / 87 yes / 4 no / 5 abstain

Legislative item #5 (Personnel Policies)

The Carmelite Guide on Aging and Retirement (found on the Carmelite Intranet) is the operating policy for health care concerns. As new policies and procedures are approved by future councils, they will be added to the Guide. Any member can also introduce policies or revisions to existing policies for votation at a Chapter. N.B. the Provincial Council has submitted a revision of #15 in this manual concerning drivers 80 years and older. See separate document.

Legislative Item #5 passes: 94 votes / 83 yes / 5 no / 6 abstain

Legislative Item #6 (Administration of Temporal Goods)

A Finance Commission shall be appointed by the Prior Provincial after consulting with his Council to assure good financial management of the Province's temporal goods.

Legislative Item #6 passes unanimously by voice vote on Thursday, 6-22-17.

Legislative Item #7 (Community and Fraternity)

The Provincial Council proposes revoking this item as a more recent survey (2017 CARA Parish Survey) has been completed, and the specific proposal is included in these Norms and Directives under Parish Ministry.

Legislative Item #7 passes: 93 votes / 88 yes / 3 no / 2 abstain / 1 invalid

Legislative Item #8 (Community and Fraternity)

#115 section D: that meetings be held periodically to discuss issues which concern the life of the community and for historical purposes a copy of the minutes sent to the Council.

Legislative Item #8 passes: 95 votes / 74 yes / 13 no / 8 abstain

Legislative Item #9 (Community and Fraternity, Life in Community)

Revoke #118: The Way to Fraternity manual will continue to be used and updated to further the enrichment of community and fraternal like.

Legislative Item #9 passes: 92 votes / 81 yes / 6 no / 5 abstain

Legislative Item #10 (Administration of Provincial Ministries, Parish Ministry)

The 2017 CARA Parish Survey revealed much data and information about existing parishes in the Province. The results of this survey should be taken into consideration as the province makes decisions about the future of our parish commitments.

Legislative Item #10 passes: 92 votes / 88 yes / 3 no / 6 abstain

Legislative Item #11 (Administration of Provincial Ministries, Parish Ministry)

The 2017 PCM Parish ministry manual is approved as revised.

Legislative Item #11 passes: 94 votes / 89 yes / 5 abstain

Legislative Item #12 (Administration of Provincial Ministries, Secondary Schools Ministry)

The Province of the Most Pure Heart of Mary will continue to sponsor its secondary schools using three models reflecting the realities of our schools today: wholly-owned by the Province, co-sponsored with another religious community, and affiliated to parishes administered by the Province.

Legislative Item #12 91 votes / 82 yes / 3 no / 6 abstain

Legislative Item #13 (Administration of Provincial Ministries, Secondary Schools Ministry)

#81, #82: Remove from Norms & Directives as subject is contained in the Secondary Schools Manual

Legislative Item #13 88 votes/ 84 yes / 4 abstain

Legislative Item #14

The 2017 Policies and Procedures Manual is approved

Legislative Item #14 89 votes / 82 yes / 6 abstain / 1 invalid

Proposition: The 2016 Vocation and Formation is ratified as agreed by the Provincial Councils of the PCM and SEL Provinces.

Voice Vote was taken: passes unanimously.

Proposition: All Friendly changes made to the Norms & Directives based upon the 2014 legislation are approved.

Passes unanimously by voice vote.

Proposition: That the Chapter forgive the debt of the Carmelites of the Mary Immaculate (CMI) of \$68,000.05 which was incurred by the CMI's at the time of the transfer of ministry of the Carmelite chapel and gift shop in the Northshore Mall in Peabody, MA on January 31, 2016.

Voice Vote: the proposition is rejected; the debt remains.

12:30 PM: The Chapter adjourned for Lunch.

1:30 PM

The Chapter reconvened.

Candidates Forum

Ashley Harrington will moderate the forum.

Ashley Harrington opened the floor for additional nominations.

No new nominations were made.

Candidates for Provincial and Vice Provincial: Carl Markelz, Joseph Atcher, Sam Citero and William Harry.

Question: What do you believe are the three major issues that need to be addressed in the Province in the next three years? How would you address these issues?

The candidates responded to this question.

The candidates for the Provincial Council were called forward: Paul Henson, Emilio Rodriguez, Daryl Moresco, Quinn Connors, Carl Markelz, Joseph Atcher, Michael Greenwell, Glenn Snow, Frederick Tillotson, Thomas Batsis and Herman Kinzler.

The candidates responded to the question: What do you believe is the one major issue that needs to be addressed in the Province in the next three

years? How would you address this issue?
The Candidates Forum concluded at 3:05 PM.

Thursday June 22, 2017

9:30 AM

The Chapter was called to order by Daryl Moresco, and several housekeeping announcements were made.

Questions to Candidates for Provincial Office

A minor change was made to the Chapter schedule to allow for questions to candidates.

Ashley Harrington was called to moderate questions for the candidates for offices.

Questions for Candidates concluded at 10:30 AM.

10:35 AM

The Chapter Process, Session 3

The group moved into small groups for a group process involving shared visions.

11:30 AM

Presentation on a Carmelite Chair at Catholic University of America

John Welch shared with us the details of the progress on developing a Chair for Carmelite Studies at Catholic University of America.

The Chapter viewed a video produced by Catholic University about the nature and benefits of a Chair for Carmelite Studies. It would be the first endowed chair at CUA by a religious community. It would also give our students a chance to study our charism in depth and a chance to share it with the greater Church.

John Welch explained that discussion of a Chair of Carmelite Studies began around the time of the dissolution of the Washington Theological Union. Our province's share was a bit over \$4.5 million. It has been banked for use toward a similar academic project as WTU. PCM leadership has met with

Catholic University officials. CUA has put together this video presentation.

Our motivation for the Chair is to make our tradition and charism available for the Church and the world. It is not just for us as a Province, but is an act of stewardship of what we've been given. It would allow Carmelite students to take courses in our Carmelite tradition.

Two proposals

1) An endowed chair, a scholarship for one doctoral student, and the Murphy lecture series.

Total expense would be about \$3.5 million.

Endowed Chair of Carmelite Studies

Chair	\$3 Million	Annual cost \$135,000
Stewardship	\$400,000	Annual cost \$18,000
Murphy Lecture	\$100,000	Annual cost \$4,500

Total: \$3 million

An unofficial hand vote showed great support for an endowed chair

2) An endowed Center for Carmelite Studies

Chair	\$3 million	Annual cost \$135,000
3 scholarships	\$1.2 million	Annual cost \$54,000
Murphy Lecture	\$100,000	Annual cost \$4,500
Summer Program	\$100,000	Annual cost \$4,500
Center Activities	\$600,000	Annual cost \$31, 500

There is also another proposal for five endowed Scholarships at \$100,000 in honor of: Christian Ceroke, Eamon Carroll, Romaeus O'Brien, Killian Healy, and Ernest Larkin.

Comments and Questions are taken from the floor:

The Whitefriars Hall Carmelite Library will be involved in the work of the Chair, but our Province maintains ownership & control of the library.

Tracy O’Sullivan asks that we also consider the possibility of a Chair at UCA in El Salvador. This was followed by conversation about the relative strengths of theological teaching at CUA.

Frederick Tillotson asks how much control our Province will have over the selection of the Chair. John Welch responds that we would be involved and provide regular feedback on how the program is developed, but it would be under the administrative authority of CUA.

Niles Gillen asks if other universities are being considered for the Chair. John Welch responds that CUA is a well-established institution, and we have a firmly established presence in DC with Whitefriars Hall.

John Welch clarifies again that once the Chair is endowed, the money is under CUA control. We could make our students the priority for the scholarships and advertise the Chair by asking people to donate for the development of the Chair, Research Center and/or Scholarships.

Morning session adjourned for lunch at 12:15 PM.

The Chapter photograph was taken at 1:15 PM.

1:45 PM

The afternoon session was called to order by Daryl Moresco.

Prior General Millán Romeral addressed the Chapter.

He reminds the Chapter that this is not to be a political decision but must be open to the Spirit. He is not so comfortable with the term “leadership.” Leadership among mendicants is different than among others. It is a role of service with and for the brothers. We do not have an abbot; we have a prior, who is a brother who walks with the other brothers. We are to vote in a spirit of faith and fraternity, looking at what is best for the community. This is not a political fight. It is better not to vote than to vote in that spirit. A vote signals a willingness to respect and collaborate with these new leaders. The new leadership will have to face many difficult decisions. New

leadership will be about generosity, availability, patience, consistency, and communion. He encourages us to work for union, community, compassion and reconciliation.

Election of Prior Provincial

Roll called by Marc Bell

98 delegates with active voice are present. There is a quorum of 48. 50 are needed for election.

Ronald Oakham explains that we missed a ballot on Legislative Item #6 (see Wednesday, June 21), but that it is not actual legislation that needs a written vote.

The matter passes unanimously by voice vote.

Ballots for the Office of Prior Provincial:

Prior Provincial - First Ballot

98 ballots distributed and received.

Carl Markelz - 44
Joseph Atcher - 3
Samuel Citero - 3
William Harry - 48
Abstain - 0
Invalid - 0

Inconclusive vote.

Prior Provincial - Second Ballot

98 ballots distributed and received.

Carl Markelz - 47
Joseph Atcher - 2
Samuel Citero - 1
William Harry - 47

Abstain - 1
Invalid - 0

Inconclusive vote.

Prior Provincial - Third Ballot (simple majority)
96 ballots distributed and received.

Carl Markelz - 46
William Harry - 47
Abstain - 2
Invalid - 1

William Harry is elected as Prior Provincial, and he accepts the position.
Prior General Fernando Milan confirms William Harry in office.

Election of Vice Prior Provincial

98 ballots distributed and received.

Vice Prior Provincial - First Ballot
98 ballots distributed and received.

Joseph Atcher - 37
Samuel Citero* - 18
Carl Markelz - 42
Abstain - 1
Invalid - 0

Inconclusive vote.

Vice Prior Provincial - Second Ballot
98 ballots distributed and received.

Joseph Atcher - 43
Samuel Citero* - 3
Carl Markelz - 52

Abstain - 0
Invalid - 0

Carl Markelz is elected Vice Prior Provincial
Prior General Fernando Millán Romeral calls for a private meeting with Carl Markelz.

Carl Markelz acknowledges that he has resigned from the office of General Bursar.

Carl Markelz accepts the position of Vice-Provincial.

Prior General Fernando Millán Romeral confirms Carl Markelz in office.

* It is understood that, if elected, Samuel Citero can only assume this position through postulation.

The session adjourned at 3:20 PM

The Eucharist is celebrated at 4:00 PM.

Friday June 23, 2017

9:40 AM

Daryl Moresco called the morning session to order.

Housekeeping announcements were made.

Emmanuel Franco Gomez has received a contract from Liturgical Press to do all the artwork for their Spanish-language Roman Missal for the USA.

Roll is called by Marc Bell.

86 voting members are present. A quorum is present.

Election of Provincial Councilors

Moderator Ronald Oakham opened the floor for additional nominees.
No new names were nominated.

Election of First Provincial Councilor - First Ballot (44 needed to win)

1. Paul Henson - 25
 2. Emilio Rodriguez Mendez - 11
 3. Daryl Moresco - 6
 4. Quinn Conners - 15
 5. Joseph Atcher - 10
 6. Michael Greenwell - 5
 7. Glenn Snow - 4
 8. Frederick Tillotson - 6
 9. Thomas Batsis - 1
 10. Herman Kinzler - 3
- Abstain - 0
Invalid - 0

Inconclusive vote.

Election of First Provincial Councilor - Second Ballot (43 needed to win)

1. Paul Henson - 39
 2. Emilio Rodriguez Mendez - 5
 3. Daryl Moresco - 0
 4. Quinn Conners - 20
 5. Joseph Atcher - 9
 6. Michael Greenwell - 5
 7. Glenn Snow - 2
 8. Frederick Tillotson - 4
 9. Thomas Batsis - 0
 10. Herman Kinzler - 1
- Abstain - 0
Invalid - 0

Inconclusive vote.

Election of First Provincial Councilor - Third Ballot (simple majority, top two not eligible to vote)

1. Paul Henson - 51
4. Quinn Conners - 31

Abstain - 0
Invalid - 0

Paul Henson is elected and accepts; he is confirmed as First Provincial Councilor by Prior General Fernando Millán Romeral.

Election of Second Provincial Councilor - First Ballot (43 needed to win)

- 1.
 2. Emilio Rodriguez Mendez- 19
 3. Daryl Moresco - 6
 4. Quinn Conners - 39
 5. Joseph Atcher - 9
 6. Michael Greenwell - 4
 7. Glenn Snow - 2
 8. Frederick Tillotson - 3
 9. Thomas Batsis - 0
 10. Herman Kinzler - 3
- Abstain - 0
Invalid - 0

Inconclusive vote.

Election of Second Provincial Councilor - Second Ballot (43 needed to win)

- 1.
 2. Emilio Rodriguez Mendez - 15
 3. Daryl Moresco - 1
 4. Quinn Conners - 57
 5. Joseph Atcher - 7
 6. Michael Greenwell - 4
 7. Glenn Snow - 1
 8. Frederick Tillotson - 1
 9. Thomas Batsis - 0
 10. Herman Kinzler - 0
- Abstain - 0
Invalid - 0

Quinn Connors is elected and accepts; he is confirmed as Second Provincial Councilor by Prior General Fernando Millán Romeral.

Election of Third Provincial Councilor - First Ballot (43 needed to win)

- 1.
 2. Emilio Rodriguez Mendez - 40
 3. Daryl Moresco - 9
 - 4.
 5. Joseph Atcher - 12
 6. Michael Greenwell - 10
 7. Glenn Snow - 4
 8. Frederick Tillotson - 7
 9. Thomas Batsis - 1
 10. Herman Kinzler - 1
- Abstain - 0
Invalid - 0

Inconclusive vote

Election of Third Provincial Councilor - Second Ballot (43 needed to win)

- 1.
 2. Emilio Rodriguez Mendez- 55
 3. Daryl Moresco - 3
 - 4.
 5. Joseph Atcher - 14
 6. Michael Greenwell - 5
 7. Glenn Snow - 0
 8. Frederick Tillotson - 7
 9. Thomas Batsis - 0
 10. Herman Kinzler - 0
- Abstain - 0
Invalid - 0

Emilio Rodriguez is elected and accepts; he is confirmed as First Provincial

Councilor by Prior General Fernando Millán Romeral.

Election of Fourth Provincial Councilor - First Ballot (43 needed to win)

- 1.
 - 2.
 3. Daryl Moresco - 21
 - 4.
 5. Joseph Atcher - 24
 6. Michael Greenwell - 19
 7. Glenn Snow - 3
 8. Frederick Tillotson - 12
 9. Thomas Batsis - 1
 10. Herman Kinzler - 4
- Abstain - 0
Invalid - 0

Inconclusive vote.

Election of Fourth Provincial Councilor - Second Ballot (43 needed to win)

- 1.
 - 2.
 3. Daryl Moresco - 29
 - 4.
 5. Joseph Atcher - 32
 6. Michael Greenwell - 15
 7. Glenn Snow - 0
 8. Frederick Tillotson - 6
 9. Thomas Batsis - 0
 10. Herman Kinzler - 1
- Abstain - 0
Invalid - 0

Inconclusive vote.

Election of Fourth Provincial Councilor - Third Ballot (simple majority)

3. Daryl Moresco - 42

5. Joseph Atcher - 38

Abstain - 0

Invalid - 0

Daryl Moresco is elected and accepts; he is confirmed as Fourth Provincial Councilor by Prior General Fernando Millán Romeral.

11:35 AM

Prior General Fernando Millán Romeral was called to the podium for closing remarks and to close the Chapter.

The Prior General thanks a number of individuals for their work in the Order. He notes that this is the start of a new period of blessing for the Province of the Most Pure Heart of Mary. He thanks the Chapter and officially closes it.