

PROVINCIAL COUNCIL MINUTES

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PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

**Meeting #10 April 9-10, 2019
St Teresa Parish, San Francisco**

The Provincial Council also had a teleconference meeting on February 11, 2019

Members Present: William J. Harry, O. Carm., Carl Markelz, O. Carm., Paul Henson, O. Carm., Quinn Conners, O. Carm., Emilio Rodriguez, O. Carm., and Daryl Moresco, O. Carm.

The Provincial Council is very grateful to Michael Greenwell and Michael Kwiecien for their warm and very generous hospitality. Nothing was too much trouble. On Wednesday evening, we were joined for potus and dinner by David Fontaine, Patrick Gavin, and Hank Ormond. Michael Kwiecien prepared excellent meals. Following dinner on Tuesday evening, members of the Provincial Council joined the parish for *The Lights Are On For You* – Sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharistic Adoration as part of the Archdiocese of San Francisco’s Lenten Program.

Parish Assignments

St. Cecilia Parish – Englewood, New Jersey

Herman Kinzler – Pastor – effective July 1, 2019

Agustinus Agung Wahyudianto, O. Carm., - Associate Pastor – effective July 1, 2019

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish – Tenafly, New Jersey

Mark Schaffner – Pastor – effective August 15, 2019

St. Cyril Parish – Tucson, Arizona

Enrique Varela – Administrator – effective July 1, 2019

Jorge Monterroso Mérida – Associate Pastor – effective July 1, 2019

St. Thomas the Apostle Parish – Chicago, Illinois

No one applied to be pastor of St. Thomas. People were then asked to consider the position. No one accepted. The Prior Provincial has notified Cardinal Cupich that the Carmelites do not have a anyone to administer the parish after July 30, 2019.

Personnel

Hilary Milton – retirement, residence at St. Cecilia, NJ - effective June 30, 2019.

Nelson Belizario – retirement, residence at St. Cecilia, NJ - June 1, 2019.

Ron Oakham – retirement, residence at St. Thérèse Priory, Phoenix, AZ – June 30, 2019.

Thomas Hakala – retirement

Hank Ormond – retirement, residence at Marycrest, Oakland, California.

Dan O’Neill - retirement, residence at St Cecilia Priory, Englewood

The Provincial Council would like to express our deepest appreciation to all these men for their ministry on behalf of the Church and the Province these many years. We wish them ever increasing blessings in their retirement.

- Santos Cecilio Hernández Carranza – called to priesthood ordination – to be celebrated August 22, 2019 in Santa Tecla, El Salvador. First Mass at Parroquia Señor de Ostua, in Metapan, El Salvador. Diaconate summer experience at Nuestra Señora Del Monte Carmelo, Joliet, Illinois, from May 8 until August 8, 2019.
- Gregorio Vázquez will do his summer diaconate experience at Transfiguration Parish in Torreon from June 1 – August 2019.
- Jeffrey Lima – approved for Solemn Vows – to be celebrated on August 18, 2019. Also approved for diaconate ordination – to be celebrated on September 7, 2019. Both ceremonies will be in the Crypt Chapel of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC.
- Anthony Armstrong petitioned for priesthood ordination and the Prior Provincial has asked the NJ Carmelites to hold a required chapter.
- Paul Henson - intern supervisor for Henry Cienfuegos.
- Gregory Houck – sabbatical studies in spirituality – effective July 1, 2019 – residence TBD
- David Genders – residence at St. Cyril’s Priory – Chicago, Illinois – sabbatical
- Mario Lopez - residence at Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Fairfield, California.
- Stephan Rochefort - internship – Salpointe Catholic HS with residence at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Priory – effective July 20, 2019. Paul Henson will be Stephan’s intern supervisor. Stephan will go to Peru for six weeks this summer for Spanish Language Immersion.
- Adrian Hernández - internship – Transfiguration Parish, Torreon – effective July 1, 2019. Emilio Rodriguez will be his intern supervisor.
- Neil Conlisk – studies at CUA with residence at Whitefriars Hall, Washington, DC
- Kevin Keller – studies at CUA with residence at Whitefriars Hall, Washington, DC
- Michael Joyce – studies at CUA with residence at Whitefriars Hall, Washington, DC
- Manuel Perez will spend the next semester completing his philosophy in Guadalajara in order to qualify for admission to the MDiv program at Catholic University of America (CUA). He will reside with the Franciscans.
- Emanuel Franco Gómez – summer program for a Masters in Fine Arts.
- Mario Loya - Appointed translator at the General Chapter (September 2019)

Health Update on Members

Myron Judy provided a comprehensive health update on our men who are experiencing challenging health and medical issues.

Ivan Cormac Marsh: Returned to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Priory following a recent hospitalization and physical therapy regime.

Commissions/Departments/Board Meetings of Affiliated Organizations

Carmelite Spiritual Center Board, Darien, Illinois

January 14, 2019

The Board reports that the Spiritual Center to date, has not needed any subsidy funding from the Provincial Office. For Fiscal 2018, there was no provincial subsidy. Bookings have been good with some days having more than one group use the Spiritual Center at the same time. This seems to be allowing for better utilization of the Spiritual Center.

Review Board

February 13, 2019

After a meeting of the Provincial Review Board on February 13, 2019, the following action items were determined as the Province's response to the current abuse crisis:

- 1) Review of Members' Files: Robert E. Walsh has been employed by the Province's legal firm of Burke, Warren, MacKay, and Serritella, PC, to review all the members files and audit them for compliance going back to 1950. The engagement letter outlines the strict standards to be followed in the review. Mr. Walsh will also review the Review Board's meetings. This review is expected to be completed by the end of May.
- 2) A letter was composed by Carl Markelz and approved by the Prior Provincial which will be sent to all the ministerial sites served by the Province since 1950 and still in existence. Both that letter and a list of names of those with credible allegations, as determined by the Province Review Board, will be sent to each ministerial site as well as to each diocese. The letter drew upon similar letters that were sent out from Diocese of Las Cruces, the Jesuits, and the Diocese of Joliet. A list of ministerial sites since 1950 is being updated for this purpose.

Justice and Peace and the Integrity of Creation Commission (JPIC)

February 14-15, 2019

The Provincial Council approved the funding allocations the JPIC Commission recommended for both the Carmelite Human Development Fund and Carmelite Charity Fund. There are:

Carmelite Charity Fund (CCF)

- Pontifical Biblical Institute by Craig Morrison – 5,000
- St. Cecilia Office of Concern by Hilary Milton - \$10,000
- Timor-Leste Mission by Sean Keefe – \$8,000
- St. Vincent de Paul by Elias O'Brien - \$1,500
- SASS by David Semmens - \$4,000
- Casa Alita by Paul Henson - \$10,000
- Canastas de Víveres by Benjamin Constante - \$5,500

Carmelite Human Development Fund (CHDF)

- Joliet Catholic Academy by Nepi Willemsen - \$5,000
- Salpointe Catholic by Emanuel Franco - \$10,000
- Carmelite NGO by Jane Remson - \$8,000
- Centro Derechos Humanos Paso del Norte by Peter Hinde - \$5,000
- St. Simon Stock Parish by Nelson Belizario - \$4,500
- Salpointe Catholic High School by Emanuel Franco - \$10,000
- Mt Carmel High School by Jim Lewis - \$10,000
- Mt Carmel Parish Joliet by José Cilia - \$5,000

The remainder of the funding is held for crisis or disaster relief.

One funding request was denied as not fitting the purpose of either fund. The recommendation was made that the Mission Office provide the funding since the request for \$10,000 is from a mission area.

William Harry made the motion that the Mission Office send \$10,000 to the Formation Program in Timor Leste.

Paul Henson seconded the motion

All in favor

Finance Commission

November 28, 2018 and February 20, 2019

The minutes for both the November 28, 2018 and February 20, 2019 meetings were received and reviewed. The Province's relationship to the Meketa Group was reviewed. Representatives from Luther King Capital Management addressed the group. Mr. Disabato gave a market summary and outlook and led the group through a review of the

consolidated investment fund's performance. The Commission also reviewed the Retirement Plan's investment portfolio and the Monastery of Mt Carmel (Niagara) fund performance and strategy review.

The Provincial Council all agreed that the lay members on the Finance Commission make a very good contribution because of their incredible hard work and dedication to the finances of the province.

Parish Commission

February 24-27, 2019

We discussed the Parish Commission's report at length from its February meeting. We continue to move forward with the process that the commission has been working on for the province's parish ministry. Some revisions to the Parish Manual were discussed and approved by the Provincial Council.

Secondary Schools Presidents' Teleconference

February 27, 2019

The presidents of the province sponsored schools meet online each month to discuss issues and share best practices. Topics covered included: The Provincial Strategic Plan; IPS; Insurance; Best practices for Capital Campaigns; Best practices for Sports and/or Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame. This meeting also dealt with final arrangements for the March Schools Congress in Peru.

Provincial Archives Meeting

March 5, 2019

The Provincial Council reviewed the minutes and acknowledged the excellent work being done by Robert Boley and Robert Traudt to preserve the historical documentation of the Province.

Provincial Chapter Preparatory Commission

March 30-31, 2019

The theme for the 2019 Provincial Chapter was presented to the Provincial Council. It is a bi-lingual theme: *Encountering God in the Storm: Ver, Juzgar, Actuar/Encuentro con Dios en la Tormenta: See, Discern, Respond.*

The theme was adapted from Constant Dölle's book, *Encountering God in the Abyss: Titus Brandsma's Spiritual Journey*. the Chapter theme was chosen to highlight the difficulties of a storm, as well as the energy and opportunity for refocusing which comes during and after a storm in an attempt to reflect our present reality in our province.

The Provincial Council agreed that every member of the province will receive a copy of this book in preparation for the 2020 Provincial Chapter.

Lay Carmelite Commission

April 1-3, 2019

At its recent meeting the Lay Carmelite Commission continued working on the statutes for the two Province's Lay Carmelite communities. They also continue planning the bi-annual Convention in July in Chicago.

Since the Lay Carmelite Provincial statutes do not call a friar delegate, it was agreed that a we will not replace Peter McGarry who is moving into full-time retirement. In the future the Lay Carmelite Director will report directly to the Provincial. The Provincial Council extends its deepest gratitude to Peter McGarry for his work with the Lay Carmelites.

The commission is also developing a comprehensive list of Carmelite reading resources.

Formation Commission and Inter-Provincial Formation Commissions

April 5-6, 2019

The triennial revision of the Formation Manual is well underway with some additional work needed on the Vocation Ministry section, particularly with regard to collaborative efforts by both provinces at the national level.

The Council discussed a proposal by Alfredo Guillen to move the pre-novitiate program in El Salvador to the Finca San Elias, our other property in El Salvador. This is rather urgent, given that the number of men at Xiberta Center has outgrown the available accommodations. Another issue of concern discussed was the training of new formators for this future endeavor.

The Formation Commission provided several points for the Province's Strategic Planning process.

A transition program for our men in their first two years of post-initial formation was discussed and approved by the Provincial Council.

Communications

From the Prior General

Canonical Visitation of PCM Province is in its final stages:

Peru Commissariat: March 6-9, 2019 – Ferdinand Millan and Raul Maraví

Remaining Areas of the Province will be visited by Christian Körner and Raul Maraví.

The Council also acknowledged the letter regarding Joseph Chalmers, former Prior General, and his decision to leave the Order and priesthood. We appreciate his many contributions to the life of the Order over the years and assure him of our prayers.

From the General Curia

Cultural Heritage Workshop

February 26-April 3, 2019

William J. Harry and Patricia Callaghan, Carmelitana librarian at Whitefriars, attended an excellent workshop sponsored by the Order's Library Commission hosted by Ton Van Der Gulik and Mario Alfarano at Centro Internazionale San Alberto (CISA) in Rome. The Library Commission is planning a follow-up to this Cultural Workshop.

From the Peruvian Commissariat

The Provincial Council thanks the Peruvian Commissariat for its minutes and acknowledges their work. Minutes are reviewed in both Spanish and English.

Minutes from Annual Meeting (January 8-11, 2019) were reviewed. Minutes from Commissary Council Meetings - December 7, 2019, February 1, 2019, and March 1, 2019 were also reviewed.

Proposed changes to the Agreement with the Indonesian Province who are sending men to work in the Peruvian Commissariat were discussed. In particular, #3 Compensation to the Indonesian Province, needs further explanation. The Council is not in favor of students from the Indonesian Province doing a pastoral experience and/or finishing their theological studies in the Commisariat of Peru (#7).

Community Visits

Provincial Visit to Whitefriars

January 3-6, 2019

The Provincial's visit to Whitefriars included attending the Carmelite Studies Program with men from both provinces. It is important to find ways to include the men in initial formation from Mexico, El Salvador, and Peru in the Carmelite Studies Program. This is necessary for the intercultural enrichment of the whole province and its future.

The Province celebrated the ordination to the diaconate of Gregorio Vazquez Solís on Saturday, January 5 at the Crypt Church of the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC.

Provincial Visit to Peruvian Commissariat

January 6-11, 2019

The Provincial attended the annual meeting of the Peruvian Commissariat from January 8-11, 2019, the profession of the novices in Lurín, and the reception of the new novices.

Miguel Bacigalupo was delegated to receive the vows of Evir Jesus Zambrano Rios who professed on January 30 for a period of three years. We welcome Evir to the Province. He returned to the Order after a number of years of teaching having been a member of the Venezuelan mission of the Catalanian Province.

It was agreed that there is a need to establish more formal financial procedures in the Commissariat to include current year budgets and comparisons with past years.

On January 10, 2019, five men were received into the novitiate. They are, from El Salvador: José Manuel Santos Alvarado, Miguel Ángel Guerra Martínez, and Juan Esteban Rodríguez Benítez; and from the Peruvian Commissariat: Eduardo Antonio Diaz Espinoza, Franz Jhonatan Leyva Bardalez.

On Friday, January 11, 2019, two novices made their profession: Adrian Flores Flores from Mexico and Geovanny Martínez from El Salvador. The ceremony took place in the chapel of Villa Carmelitas in Lurín. Many guests from outside the community came to witness the ceremony. Adrian and Geovanny are now at Carith House learning English while awaiting approval of their R1 visa for internship.

Provincial Visit to Carmelites in El Salvador

January 16-22, 2019

The Provincial spent time with the four recently arrived pre-novices at Centro Xiberta: Teresio de Jesus Benitez Lopez, Ulises Antonio Cruz Espinoza, Cristian Orlando Garcia Hernandez, and Edwin Alexander Villacorta Umanzor. They join Jairo Jimenez and Daniel Jarez who joined the pre-novitiate in the summer of 2018.

Santos Cecilio Hernández Carranza made his Solemn Profession of Vows on January 17 in the Hospitalito and he was ordained to the Diaconate on January 19.

The Carmelites in El Salvador, after planning for months, sponsored a two-day preparation for World Youth Day in nearby Panama which was held in late January 2019. For the last few months, they have had gatherings in small groups of the young people from around El Salvador who wanted to participate in World Youth Day. Over 100 young people made the trip, as well as most of the Carmelites from Centro Xiberta and Paul Henson. The pilgrims were enrolled in the scapular on January 17 before departing for Panama.

Provincial Visit to Carmelites in Kansas/Missouri

March 12-17, 2019

The Provincial visited all the Carmelites in Kansas and Missouri including TJ Alkire and Robert Murphy. All are doing relatively well.

Provincial Visit to Torreon, Mexico

March 18-21, 2019

This visit had a twofold purpose: 1) the profession of 15 Lay Carmelites in the Parroquia Trasfiguración del Señor and, 2) revisions to the management of parish and house finances.

On March 19, Joseph Atcher, provincial treasurer, and Brian Gawel, finance director, and the Prior Provincial, along with Emilio Rodriguez, pastor, and Mario Loya, legal representative of the Carmelites in Mexico, met with representatives from the Torreon branch of Crowe, the accounting firm used by the provincial office. Our goal was to clarify the separation of the Carmelite community finances from the parish finances by establishing two bank accounts, one under the control of the parish and the other under the control of the Carmelite community. A separate chart of accounts will be developed, based on charts of accounts already used in our communities and parishes. This will allow better control by comparing spending with the budget in each category. The auditing firm has also been engaged to monitor the situation so that all Mexican laws are being followed and the accounting is done correctly.

During the meetings, we were notified that the *Asociación of Virgen del Carmen* had been finally approved by the Mexican government. We began the process in December 2016. This will allow us to collect donations from corporations who will receive tax credits from the Mexican government.

Provincial Visit to Carmelites in Peru and Congress of Secondary Schools

March 24-30, 2019

The primary purpose of this visit by the Provincial was as liaison to the Secondary Schools Commission. For the first time ever, the eight secondary schools of the Province met together for three days in Peru. The members of the Commission were warmly welcomed at each of the three schools sponsored by the Province in Peru, providing an opportunity to meet some of the students and staff as well as experience some of the educational program in each area. One evening included a lecture on teaching values in our schools, presented to all of the staff and faculties as well as to the commission. We also experienced a cultural night with dance and song focused on the papal encyclical *Laudato Si'* with students from all three schools performing.

During this visit the Provincial received the signed documents for the laicization of Adolfo Medrano. His separation from the Order is now complete.

The Provincial also visited the novices in Lurín mentioned earlier and three new pre-novices at Casa San Elias - Daniel Ramos, Galo Sánchez, Sergio Cárdenas, and Bertoliny Montes.

Provincial Visit to Tucson Carmelites

April 1-4, 2019

The Provincial attended the funeral of Vernon Malley. He also took the opportunity to visit with some of the Carmelites in the area, including a visit with Ivan Cormac Marsh who was in Banner University Hospital, hospitalized following general weakness, but especially in his lower legs. He also met with Charles Kwiatkowski who is having some medical issues.

Provincial Visit to Los Angeles Carmelites

April 5-6, 2019

The Provincial was in Los Angeles for the funeral of Al Koppes which was held in the chapel at Loyola-Marymount University. The chancellor of the university delivered the homily which will be reprinted in *The Sword*. Many of the Jesuits who concelebrated spoke very highly of Al and the gifts he brought to LMU.

The visit also included an opportunity to visit the brothers at Crespi Carmelite Priory, especially John Coleman who is on hospice care.

Time was also spent meeting with Dr. Ken Foersch and Dr. Liam Joyce from Crespi Carmelite HS discussing the recent meeting of the PCM secondary school leadership in Peru.

Vice-Provincial Report

April 9-11, 2019

Since December 2018, Carl Markelz has made the following visitations: 2 visits to Kansas (December & March), 2 visits to Washington, DC (January & April), 2 visits to San Francisco (January & April), 4 visits to Los Angeles (2 in January, February, March), 2 visits to Tucson & Phoenix (2 in February) one visit to New Jersey (March), and locally, 4 visits to Gurnee (January, February, and 2 in March).

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Priory, Encino, CA

The Priory renovations were completed in January and the final cost was just under \$925,000. The community spent about \$40,000 which included furniture for all the rooms, along with some additional renovations in the Chapel that were never included in the original project.

Northern CA

At Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Fairfield: David Fontaine and Patrick Gavin will soon be joined by Mario Lopez and, at St. Teresa of Avila in San Francisco - Michael Greenwell and Michael Kwiecien. Hank Ormond has chosen to stay at an assisted living facility in Oakland.

Tucson & Phoenix

Visits included a board meeting at Salpointe Catholic and intern visitations in February, Eric Bell at Mariposa in Phoenix, and with Peter Hinde and David Semmens in Ciudad Juarez and El Paso, TX. Carl also visited Antolino Mendez, who is interning at St. Agnes, and Bradley Petersen and Glenn Snow.

Kansas

Carl assisted in Kansas for the Christmas Season and returned for the St. Patrick's Day and St. Joseph's Day celebrations. All four members living in Kansas met to discuss the future strategic plan, along with reflections on the General Chapter.

Interns

All seven interns have now been visited in their respective communities and ministry sites. Kevin Keller, Michael Joyce, and Neil Conlisk will be returning to Whitefriars Hall in the summer. Roberto Mejia will continue at JCA, while Santos Antolino Mendez, Henry Mauricio Cienfuegos Ostorga, and Daniel Ulises González Cabrera will continue at their ministry sites until January 2020.

Parish Commission

The Parish Commission meeting was held in Tucson. Carl has had many conversations with Greg Houck, David Genders, Mark Schaffner, Herman Kinzler, Max, Richard Supple, Fred Tillotson, Ashley Harrington, Dan O'Neill, Emmett Gavin, Hilary Milton, Enrique Varela, Elias O'Brien, Michael O'Keefe and Joseph Atcher, and others! This commission will revise its manual before the next chapter.

Finance Commission

The Finance Commission had its quarterly meeting in February.

Formation Commission

The Formation Commission met in April in Washington, DC. Carl also attended the Carmelite Studies Program weekend in January and the diaconal ordination of Gregorio Vasquez. The Formation Manual is also being revised, as it usually done every three years.

Regional Meetings

Carl reports that 78 men signed up for the two regional meetings in Tucson and Niagara Falls this June. Plans are in place and the agenda is enclosed with our documents for this meeting.

New Business

St. Cecilia Parish and Priory

Architectural plans presenting several potential housing projects for Carmelites in New Jersey at St Cecilia's in Englewood were presented to the Provincial Council by Joseph Atcher. The plans include renovation of the convent building second and third floors, the school building and a new apartment/town houses on the vacant land on the property, all of which is owned by the province. Further consultation will be done by Joseph Atcher with the New Jersey community to determine which proposal they prefer.

Joseph Atcher gave an update on the feasibility study authorized by the Council at the last Council meeting for the development of a retirement community in New Jersey. The Council was provided a summary of the identified options. Council discussion followed with no formal decision.

Financial Department Report

Joe Atcher and Brian Gawel (Director of Finance) provided an update to the Council on the financial matters of the Province since the last Council meeting held in December. The following was discussed:

- The investment portfolio valuation at March 31, 2019 was provided to the Council for review. For the nine-month period since June 30, 2018 the portfolio incurred an approximate return of 1.6%.
- The proceeds of the sale of the Mahwah property have been invested in the investment portfolio, with \$2,000,000 allocated to a new fund established for the Carmelitana library in Washington, DC.

The standard review of the internal financials was performed with the Council for the period ended March 31, 2019. Nothing unusual to note or comment on since the last Council meeting.

The kitchen renovation at the Englewood, New Jersey Priory is underway, with Joseph Atcher supervising the project. Costs to date are in-line with estimates.

The amount paid for room and board for retirees and those who are in provincial ministries is under review for the new fiscal year.

Carmelite Mission Office

A request was received from the Bishop of Sicuani for the refurbishment of the cathedral. The prelature is celebrating 60 years.

William Harry moved to accept that the province give \$27,344 towards the refurbishment of the Cathedral as requested by the Bishop of Sicuani.

Quinn seconded the motion

All in favor

Continuing Business

Asociación Virgen del Monte Carmelo

After much painstaking work, we have finally received approval from the Mexican Government for the *Asociación Virgen del Monte Carmelo*. This will allow us to accept donations from organizations and businesses in Mexico.

Pre-Chapter Meetings

Carl Markelz presented the schedule, presenters and other information relevant to the Pre-Chapter Meetings for USA/Canada. For members of the Province who cannot attend one of the Pre-Chapter Meetings, a recording of the presentation given by Paul Ashton, an independent consultant working with religious orders in the Boston area, will be available.

Dates of Remaining Pre-Chapter meetings in the Province:

June 3-6, 2019 – Picture Rocks Retreat Center – Tucson, Arizona

June 24-27, 2019 – Mt. Carmel – Niagara Falls, Ontario

July 15, 2019 – Villa Carmelitas – Lurin, Perú

January 24, 2020 – Centro Xiberta – Ciudad Delgado, El Salvador

The first Pre-Chapter meeting was held in Mexico on December 20, 2018 at Casa del Carmen.

Vocations

Paul Henson joined our El Salvadoran group at World Youth Day in Panama in January and he recently attended the RE Congress sponsored by the LA Archdiocese. Several friars accompanied him from Tucson and Chicago. He also participated in the SEEK conference in Florida sponsored by FOCUS.

Paul expressed some of his concerns and frustrations regarding how little his work is being supported in various community and ministry sites throughout the province. In many places, very little attention or commitment is made to promote vocations. Resources are not even made available or displayed. Others are doing an excellent job at promoting vocations. The Provincial Council asks that communities discuss what they might do to successfully promote vocations.

Formation Program

All levels of formation report that the men are doing well. We have 52 men in our formation program in the province.

The *2019 Formation Manual* is currently in revision and once this is completed it will be submitted to the PCM and SEL Provincial Councils for approval.

The Carmelite Studies Program from August 15-19, 2019 will have the Rule as its topic. Three speakers have been invited to give presentations: They are Craig Morrison, O. Carm. on the Biblical Sources of the Rule, Patrick Mullins, O. Carm. (Ireland) on the Historical and Theological Dimensions of the Rule and Sanny Bruins, O. Carm. (Netherlands) on Spiritual Implications of the Rule for Today.

The Formation Commission presented a proposal for a Post-Initial Formation Transition Program for men in their first five years. After some discussion the Provincial Council approved the program and supports this important level of support for our men especially in response to the recent departures of “younger” men in post-initial formation.

Co-Sponsored Schools

Joliet Catholic Academy

The minutes of the Board of Members Meeting from January 25, 2019 were reviewed. A stable enrollment is expected for the 2019-2020 academic year.

Carmel Catholic High School

The Provincial Council appointed Thomas Schrader, O. Carm to replace Peter McGarry, O. Carm on the Board of Directors. The Provincial Council voted 6-0 in favor.

Carmel Catholic has a very strong and active Board President. A lower enrollment for 2019-2020 academic year is anticipated.

Triennial Evaluations of Schools

The Provincial Council will undertake its triennial evaluation of:

Salpointe Catholic High – November, 14th & 15, 2019

Crespi Carmelite High – February 11, 2020

Mt. Carmel High School – February 18-19, 2020

Upcoming Events Around the Province and Order

2019

May 25: Jorge Monterroso Mérida - Priesthood Ordination
Guatemala City, Guatemala

June 3-6: Pre-Chapter Meeting
Picture Rocks Retreat Center | Tucson, Arizona

June 9: Reception of Novices
Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel | Middletown, NY

June 10: Simple Profession of Novices
Shrine of Our Lady of Mount Carmel | Middletown, NY

June 11: Joint Provincial Council Meeting (SEL and PCM)

June 24-27: Pre-Chapter Meeting
Mt. Carmel | Niagara Falls, Ontario

July 10: Celebration of 70th Anniversary of the Province in Perú

July 15: Pre-Chapter Meeting
Villa Carmelitas | Lurín, Perú

July 19-21: Lay Carmelite National Assembly, Chicago, Illinois

August 15-18: Carmelite Studies Program
Whitefriars Hall | Washington, DC

August 18: Solemn Profession of Jeffrey Lima
Shrine of Immaculate Conception | Washington, DC

August 22: Priestly Ordination of Santos Cecilio Hernández Carranza
Santa Ana, El Salvador

September 7: Diaconate Ordination of Jeffrey Lima
Shrine of Immaculate Conception | Washington, DC

September 10-27: General Chapter of the Carmelite Order
Il Carmelo | Sassone, Italy

2020

January 24: Pre-Chapter Meeting
Centro Xiberta | Ciudad Delgado, El Salvador

June 21-26: PCM Provincial Chapter
Monastery of Mount Carmel | Niagara Falls, Ont.

Upcoming Provincial Council Meeting Dates and Places

2019

July 13-15 Peru – Villa Carmelitas & AGM
October 15-17 Florida – Carmel at Mission Valley

2020

January 21-24 El Salvador – Centro Xiberta & AGM
April 21-23 Kansas

Board of Members
Salpointe Catholic High School
April 18, 2019

Members present: William J. Harry, Carl Markelz, Paul Henson, Quinn Conners, Emilio Rodriguez, Daryl Moresco.

Minutes of the February 15, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting were reviewed and accepted by the Provincial Council.

The Board of Members approved an \$8 million Capital Campaign to improve the school's arts, academic and athletic facilities. With 50% of the funding and 75% pledged work, it is expected to begin in the near future.

The Board of Members will be doing the three-year evaluation of Salpointe Catholic High on November 14-15, 2019. This will include individual interviews with the faculty/staff, small groups of students, and an online evaluation by parents.

Respectfully submitted,

Daryl Moresco, O. Carm.
Secretary
April 18, 2019

Board of Members
Mount Carmel High School, Chicago, IL
April 18, 2019

Members present: William J. Harry, Carl Markelz, Paul Henson, Quinn Conners, Emilio Rodriguez, Daryl Moresco.

Minutes of the March 2, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting were reviewed and accepted by the Provincial Council at its meeting on April 5, 2019.

As part of an evaluation of Mt. Carmel's President, a follow-up discussion of the Prior Provincial with the Board of Directors, a parent evaluation, and a faculty/staff evaluation were discussed. We congratulate Mr. Hughes and the Board of Directors on addressing difficult situations within the school these past several years, including the school's operational budget being in the red for the past several years.

Enrollment continues to decline.

A \$2 million Campaign has been launched for the continuing renovation of the original school building.

The Board of Members will be doing the three-year evaluation of Mt. Carmel High School on February 18-19, 2020. This will include individual interviews with the faculty/staff, small groups of students, and an online evaluation by parents.

Respectfully submitted,

Daryl Moresco, O. Carm.
Secretary
April 18, 2019

Board of Members
Crespi Carmelite High School
April 18, 2019

Members present: William J. Harry, Carl Markelz, Paul Henson, Quinn Connors, Emilio Rodriguez, Daryl Moresco.

Draft Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting were reviewed and accepted by the Provincial Council at its meeting on February 12, 2019.

Katy Wallin and Michael Rahimzadeh were **proposed** as two new Board Members.

William J. Harry made the motion to accept the recommendations that Katy Wallin and Michael Rahimzadeh be appointed to the Board of Directors.

Carl Markelz seconded the motion.

All in favor - 6-0

The 60th Anniversary Mass of Crespi Carmelite was held on January 27, 2019. William J. Harry, O. Carm., presided and preached for the occasion. A luncheon followed.

Prior to the Mass, the groundbreaking for the new pool was held.

The Board of Members will be doing the three-year evaluation of Crespi Carmelite High on February 11, 2020. This will include individual interviews with the faculty/staff, small groups of students, and an online evaluation by parents.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary
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