

PROVINCIAL COUNCIL MINUTES

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PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

Meeting #3 January 26 & 27, 2018

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Priory, Tucson, Arizona

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

The Provincial Council is very grateful to the community at the Priory for their generous hospitality. On Friday evening, approximately 22 Carmelites from the area enjoyed a meal and fraternal gathering hosted by the community.

Meetings began with Prayer led by Daryl Moresco on Friday and Carl Markelz on Saturday.

Reports from Commissions/Departments/Board Meetings of Affiliated Organizations

Parish Commission

October 19-20, 2017

January 8-9, 2018

The Provincial Council discussed the report it received from the Parish Commission's meeting in October 2017 and January 2018 in Chicago which developed a model for the future of our parish commitments.

Carl Markelz reports that the movement of this commission is threefold:

- i) to establish geographical "Centers" in our Province in areas where we own property and have historical/traditional roots, and
- ii) to designate "Anchor" communities on properties that we own.
- iii) To draft a plan for maintaining some of our parishes in these "Centers" and "Anchors", while returning some parishes to diocesan leadership.

The Parish Commission met in January and is continuing its work on designating centers and

anchors. Carl and the Parish Commission spoke to approximately fifty members asking for their additional input and the possibility of ministry in these parishes. Most of these men spoken to were in their 50's and 60's.

The Parish Commission is also developing a plan for leaving three parishes in June 2019 and possibly six other parishes between 2020 and 2022. This must be done with care, sensitivity, and compassion towards our brothers ministering in these parishes along with our co-workers and parishioners.

The Parish Commission will meet in Tucson, Arizona in March and will pass on their findings to the Provincial Council at their April meeting.

Lay Carmelite Commission

October 25-27, 2017

Inter-Provincial Lay Carmelite Commission held its meeting from October 25-27, 2017 at the Carmelite Spiritual Center, Darien, Illinois. Efforts are being made to coordinate better with the Carmelite Institute. An e-bulletin for the Lay Carmelites is being developed. There was some discussion about the formation program and making more materials available in Spanish. Most of the remaining time was spent working on the 2019 Convocation which will be held in Chicago.

Retirement Trust Board

October 26, 2017

Ted Disabato, from Meketa Investment Group, reviewed the investment portfolio of the Retirement Plan. The Finance Commission is considering some new investment options which would affect the Retirement portfolio. The Fund is healthy.

The Board reviewed the membership. No members are eligible to join at this time. Revision of the document was updated to ensure that we are following it.

A proposal by Dan O'Neill for retirement options in New Jersey was discussed.

The Plan document has been reviewed by lawyers since the last meeting. The Board discussed the recommendations, and Joe Atcher and Brian Gawel will propose edits for the lawyer to review.

PCM Formation Commission

October 27, 2017

Reports were received from each of the vocation directors and formation directors as well as the interns. **For a candidate with previous religious life or seminary experience** it was stressed

that a Letter of Recommendation from a Formator or Rector is required of the candidate before admittance to our formation program.

Three students will be attending the International Meeting of the Simply Professed in the Netherlands and Germany from July 22-August 5, 2018.

The feedback from the Carmelite Studies Program held in August 2017 was discussed.

The Commission discussed several issues raised by the Prior Provincial. It was decided that Salvadorians would begin their internship immediately following novitiate and not return to UCA for one year.

Both Luis Jesus Paz Acosta and Benjamin Salas are doing brief diaconate experiences in the U.S. until March at St Therese Parish, Cresskill, NJ, and until April at OLMC Parish, Joliet, IL respectively.

Carmelite Media

November 7, 2017

Most recently the following documents have been translated into Spanish and are available on the Carmelite intranet:

- Parish Ministry Manual
- Policies and Procedures 2017 (including financial section)
- Provincial Council Triennial Goals
- JPIC Carmelite Charity Funds and Carmelite Human Development Funds

The latest issues of the Sword are being converted into e-books. Eventually the entire publication, since 1937, will be available in this format. The Carmelite Proper will also be made available in this format.

The 2018 PCM Directory has been distributed.

Carmelite Institute of North America

November 8, 2017

The Board of the Institute met via teleconference on November 8, 2017.

Under the direction of Edith Matlock, TOC (SEL), the Institute has been developing a series of webinars which are very popular, in addition to providing Days of Recollection in various location throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Provincial Archives

November 14, 2017

Robert Boley attended the Claretian Archives Workshop for Non-Print Materials in Religious Archives during October 1-4, 2017 at the Carmelite Spiritual Center, Darien, IL.

A major task that Bob is currently working on is getting the *Registrum Novitiatus et Professorum* in order and up to date. Entries had stopped being made in 2000.

A search for property deeds continues.

Monastery of Mount Carmel Board of Trustees

November 16, 2017

It was reported that the Society of the Little Flower in Canada continues to do well with the average gift increasing. Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre has strong bookings, although most are outside programs. An update was given on the various construction/renovation projects around the campus.

The legal matter regarding the Afruktah art collection continues. Our lawyer, Peter Mahoney, received direction from the Trustees on how to proceed.

The Monastery audit was reviewed.

Darien Carmelite Spiritual Center Board of Directors

December 11, 2017

Utilization of the Spiritual Center is good. The Spiritual Center had budgeted \$30,000 in provincial subsidy, but to date has not requested any funding. There will be some changes in the medical health plans for the employees. An employee handbook for all entities on the Aylesford campus, which are a part of the Society of Mount Carmel, was introduced. This is a result of much input from the Spiritual Center as well as others. All employees received and reviewed this handbook at a meeting in the provincial office before Christmas.

Lisa Donato, the new assistant director of the Spiritual Center, joined the meeting and various issues were reviewed.

Society of the Little Flower Board Meeting

December 12, 2017

This report covered the operations of the SOLF (U.S.), SOLF (Canada) and SOLF (UK). The U.S. operations are meeting expectations, but it is increasingly more difficult to attract donor dollars. The donor base is aging, but in comparison to other like organizations, the SOLF in the U.S is doing well.

The U.S. database has become a bit stronger in terms of reactivation of donors and the average dollar per gift. The Canada database continues to evolve and gain strength. The UK database represents a declining donor base.

SOLF (Canada) continues to do well.

SOLF (UK) continues to struggle. Postage costs and regulatory requirements make direct mail fundraising to be almost cost prohibitive.

The SOLF gift annuity program was reviewed and it was explained that there was a more aggressive marketing / advertising approach taken to attract donors to this program.

A review of the financial statements of the SOLF was performed, and what was highlighted was the dollars received for the Shrine Chapel Project. It was discussed that it was important to isolate these dollars from the normal operations of the SOLF.

Carmelitana Board

January 5, 2018

Reports were received and discussed on acquisition of new books and cataloging; the conservation and preservation of the books; the revisions to the heating and air conditioning systems; copyright policies for our materials; the disposition of duplicate copies of books; researchers to the library; and the library website.

The Board has been working on revisions to the original agreement of the Louis Herman and Susan Rogge Fund, based on the September 29, 1990 document. Based on the current reality of the library and suggestions from the Provincial Finance Office, the Committee proposes the following changes:

- 1) The Rogge Fund Committee will be renamed the "Carmelitana Board" since this Board has supervision of the overall library and not just the Louis Herman and Susan Rogge Fund.
- 2) Because of changes in the understanding of terminology used over time, the annual grants as provided for in the 9/29/1990 document will cease.

Consequently:

- A) The Carmelite Institute (Rome) will no longer receive an annual grant.
- B) The Carmelite Library (Washington, DC) will be the recipient of the annual interest income from the Fund as agreed to in I.2 (which interest income is to be determined by the "smoothing method" of income allocation). Any remainder will be returned to become part of the principal of the fund. This will, in theory, allow the fund to grow over time and thus remain a source of income in the years to come.
- C) The annual budget of the Carmelite Library will determine how the annual interest income is spent. This remains in effect as part of income from the fund.
- D) The members of the Carmelitana Board will undertake the responsibilities of the Rogge Fund Committee.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the proposed changes to the Rogge Fund agreement.

Quinn Connors moved the motion to accept the Audit Report

Paul Henson seconded the motion

All approved.

A new document will be drawn up to reflect these changes.

Carmelite Secondary School Leadership

January 17, 2018

The presidents of the Carmelite sponsored secondary schools in the United States meet regularly by teleconference. The Prior Provincial has expressed his concern that no agenda or reports are ever received from this group. He will now participate in the calls as liaison to the Commission.

A teleconference on January 17 dealt with organizing the agenda for the upcoming Secondary Schools Commission meeting on March 5-8, 2018, in Chicago.

The Prior Provincial also expressed concern that the provincial sponsored schools in Peru have not been included in the communications about the March Commission meeting, although the leadership of these schools was appointed to the Carmelite Secondary Schools Commission by the Provincial Council.

The March meeting will provide opportunities for the school leadership to see and meet people at the Aylesford campus as well as each of the three schools in the Chicago area.

Reports on Other Meetings Attended

Diocese of Joliet Superiors of Religious Communities Meeting

October 31, 2017

The Prior Provincial attended this meeting of the local bishop with the superiors of religious communities in the Diocese of Joliet. One concern of the groups is the lack of spiritual directors in the diocese. The diocese will work on finding out which communities have directors and make these available.

50th Anniversary of St. Martin of Tours Parish

November 11-12, 2017

The Prior Provincial was invited to participate in the 50th anniversary celebrations. Great celebration! Even though the Carmelites from the Indian Province of St Thomas now administer the two parishes in Mississauga, St. John of the Cross and St. Martin of Tours, they maintain a very close contact with our Province.

Archdiocese of Newark Superiors Meeting

November 28, 2017

The Prior Provincial attended this meeting with Cardinal Tobin and the superiors of religious communities in the Archdiocese of Newark. Cardinal Tobin, a Redemptorist, gave a presentation on the value of religious life to the Church and the archdiocese.

CMSM Conference on Leadership

January 21-25, 2018

The Prior Provincial, William J. Harry and Paul Henson, as a member of the Provincial Council, participated in this conference in Tucson, Arizona, sponsored by CMSM (Conference of Major Superiors of Men). The presentations were by members of the staff at St. John Vianney Center in Pennsylvania. It was an excellent experience with a very active group of superiors from around the country participating. Topics included: Leadership – A Resilient Leadership – Core Values; Having Difficult Conversations with Members; Management vs Leadership; Key Characteristics of Jesus as Leader; and The Resilient Leader.

Communications

The International Commission on Liturgy

A Congress on Liturgy in our Carmelite Tradition will be held April 16-20, 2018 in Sassone, Italy. The Council asked Daryl Moresco to attend. Mario Loya will also attend as a translator.

The International Commission on the Laity

The next International Congress of Carmelite Laity will be held on September 15-21, 2018, in Sassone, Italy. The theme will be *Our Lady of Carmel: Mother of Family*. It will be a tremendous opportunity for the Lay Carmelites to see how Carmel is lived in the various cultures. The Lay Carmelite Office is handling the details of this Congress.

Peruvian Commissariat

Minutes from the Peru Commissary Council Meetings (October 19, 2017; November 20, 2017; November 30, 2017; and December 26, 2017) were reviewed by the Provincial Council.

The Council thanks the Commissariat for the minutes of their meetings and keeping the Council informed of events in the Commissariat.

Community Visits

Provincial Visit to Torreon, Mexico

December 2-7, 2017

The Annual Meeting of the Carmelites in Mexico began on December 3, at the parish of La Trasfiguración de Nuestro Señor. The first day was taken up with reviewing and revising the Strategic Plan for Mexico. In addition, new goals were established: the development of a Carmelite Institute of Spirituality, a project of mutual cooperation in our three areas of the Province in Latin America; increasing cooperation between the Lay Carmelites in Mexico and the Lay Carmelite Office at the provincial level; and the implementation of the Provincial Goal of students in formation in Mexico having access to the student programs in Washington, DC.

On the second day, a conference with an administrator at the diocesan seminary focused on Four Considerations of Pope Francis on Consecrated Life which also included Pope Francis' letter to the Carmelites for the General Chapter.

The third and fourth days allowed the full group to spend time together away from their ministries.

Provincial Visit to Novitiate - Middletown, NY

December 13-15, 2017

There is a very good spirit among the novices who are mixing well with each other. Currently, there are seven novices in the program – 3 from the PCM Province and 3 from the SEL Province.

The purpose of this visit was the six-month canonical evaluation of the novices. After speaking with the novice directors—Daryl Moresco and Timothy Ennis— each PCM novice was interviewed and evaluated. Each of the PCM novices— Adrian Hernandez, Manuel Perez and Stephan Rochefort – are doing well.

Provincial Visit to El Salvador

December 27, 2017 - January 4, 2018

The Carmelites are doing very well in El Salvador and the project is progressing accordingly. The Provincial met with all the professed members in El Salvador. On December 28, 2017, Luis Jesus Paz was ordained deacon. On December 30, 2017, the Simple Profession of three Salvadoreans who had made their novitiate in Peru was held. Those professed were: Santos Antolino Méndez Ramírez; Henry Mauricio Cienfuegos Ostorga; Daniel Ulises Gonzalez Cabrera. All three newly professed are

now at Carith House in Chicago for the next few months to get to know the larger reality of the Province.

Provincial Visit to Peruvian Commissariat

January 7-12, 2018

From January 7-12, 2018, the Annual Meeting of the Peruvian Commissariat was held with everyone from the Commissariat present including the two Indonesian Carmelites who are working in the Commissariat, Vincensius Delo Betu and Tomas Hendrique Ghetta, and Frank McAleese from the Irish Province. Emilio Rodriguez, of the Provincial Council, attended along with the Prior Provincial.

Elections for the leadership in the Commissariat were held, and Miguel Bacigalupo was re-elected Commissary Provincial; Floristan Guerrero was elected First Councilor; Rodolfo Aznarán was elected Second Councilor.

On Friday, January 12, 2018, five men were received into the novitiate in Lurín, Peru. They are: Geovanny Mauricio Martinez Morales (El Salvador); Moisés Francisco Hernández García (El Salvador); Adrián Flores Flores (Mexico); Jorge Eduardo Victorio Muciño (Mexico); Jeann Marco Quintanilla Sayritupac (Peru).

Included in the visitation was a luncheon with the administrators of the three Carmelite sponsored high schools in Peru.

Vice Provincial Report

Visits to Communities

Carl has visited our brothers and communities in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Fairfield, Phoenix, Tucson, Kansas and Chicago.

The men are doing well, while facing issues of aging and community life.

School Board Membership

As well as sitting on several school boards, Carl also attended the International Congress of Carmelite Schools in Rome in early November. Some 70 people participated from 15 countries. It was a very positive experience as many schools around the world are moving to lay leadership and connecting them with one another was an important endeavor.

Driver Testing

This is required by Christian Brothers for insurance purposes. Six brothers in Florida have recently been tested. Testing continues in Illinois and will be done in Arizona in February. We need to keep testing our men over 80 and use the different options that are offered in the different areas of the country.

Other visits

Other than the men that live in the west, Carl Markelz also visited with many of the men in the Midwest as well as participating in Masses at Carmel Catholic, Joliet Catholic Academy, and Feast Day Masses in Darien.

Continuing Business

Crespi Priory Renovation Project

The renovation project at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Priory at Crespi, Encino will begin on March 5, 2018. The community at OLMC Priory, Encino, will be moving out on March 2-3, 2018, for up to nine months for the duration of the renovation project. Meetings are being held with the architect and community.

Initial Planning of Triennial Meeting of Priors

The Provincial Council began the planning of the triennial meeting of the priors in our provincial communities. The place and date of the meeting: Monastery of Mount Carmel – Niagara Falls on September 20-21, 2018.

The Council has asked Carl Markelz, Ashley Harrington, and John Sprissler to form the Planning Committee for these meetings.

Vocations Program Update

Paul Henson updated the Council on the vocation efforts in El Salvador and the USA/Canada areas. A report from Jesus Paz, vocation director in El Salvador, summarizing the work there was given. Six candidates were in the process of applying. Three were accepted. Four visits are scheduled each month to various parishes. This will be expanded eventually to other countries in Central America. Much of the continual contact with candidates is through social media. There are currently

candidates from El Salvador, Guatemala, and Costa Rica. One change has been that most candidates come with no previous experience of religious life or diocesan seminaries.

A very successful Vocation Discernment Retreat was held at Carith House in October. Currently one candidate from that retreat is in the application process. Paul Henson is hopeful that two more young men will soon enter the application process for an August entrance into the pre-novitiate. A Discernment Retreat for April 12th -15th at Whitefriars Hall is being planned.

Paul Henson and several of our younger brothers from the southwest will be attending the Religious Education Congress held in annually in Anaheim, CA. In addition, vocation events will be held at Mount Carmel HS in Chicago and Salpointe HS in Tucson in the upcoming months.

It is felt that the provincial vocation efforts in the USA and Canada needs more support from the members. Materials that have been sent out need to be made available. How do we get more pro-active in promoting vocations on the local level?

Our prayers for all these efforts are requested by Paul.

Formation Program

The Provincial Council continues to discuss possible candidates to become formators within the provincial formation program. Discussions are also ongoing with the St. Elias Province about a member of that province joining the formation program and community at Whitefriars Hall in Washington, DC.

An international formation course will be held in the Netherlands and Germany in July 2018. Simply professed Carmelites from our Province attending will be: Santos Cecilio Hernandez Carranza, Sergio Roberto Mejia Sanchez, and Neil Conlisk.

Possible summer plans for the students at Whitefriars Hall were discussed.

Provincial Finance Office Update

Joseph Atcher and Brian Gawel, the Director of Finance, joined the meeting at 1pm on Friday, January 27th via phone. They presented an overview of the financial condition of the Province on December 31, 2017. In general, the financial condition of the Province remains strong, with the following specific items highlighted:

- The investment portfolio earned a 3% return for the quarter ended December 31, 2017;
- The Province withdrew \$700,000 from the investment portfolio during the quarter ended December 31, 2017, for operations;
- The balance sheet of the Province remains strong, with minimal debt;
- For the period July 1, 2017, through December 31, 2017, the Province has incurred a slight surplus from member operations;

- The partial funding of the Catholic University of America Endowed Chair and Center of \$3m is accounted for as an “other” item in the statement of activities, and for the most part is offset by the investment gains that the investment portfolio has earned through the first six months of the fiscal year. The remaining \$2m committed to the CUA Chair were funded in January 2018, even though the agreement with CUA called for it to be done on August 31, 2018.

A general review of the Province’s investment portfolio was made to the Council, highlighting the positions held as well as the general activity of the portfolio during the first six months of the fiscal year. The investment portfolio has produced a return of 6.1% during the first six months of fiscal year 2018 (July 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017).

Joe Atcher provided an update related to the closing of the Mahwah property sale. The expectation is that the closing will occur by February 28, 2018. The sale price is \$10.5 million. There are associated costs of \$1.7 million. Two million has been designated to establish a fund for the Carmelitana Collection in Washington, DC.

The Council was provided the audited financial statements of the Provincial Office for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017.

Quinn Connors moved the motion to accept the Audit Report.

Daryl Moresco seconded the motion.

All approved.

The Council was also updated on the lay member composition of the Finance Commission. The Council will be looking to nominate qualified lay people in the investment/private equity sector as well as the real estate area.

Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Commission Clarifications

David Semmens, chair of the JPIC Commission, wrote to the Council after the commission’s recent meeting seeking clarification about some of the grant requirements stated in the most recent policy approved at the Provincial Chapter regarding the Carmelite Human Development Fund (CHDF) and the Carmelite Charity Fund (CCF). In particular, an interpretation of “cannot be repeated” regarding the frequency of some of the same grant requests was requested.

After some discussion, the Council agreed that “cannot be repeated” means that it cannot be repeated in the following year or for the same purpose, however, it may be granted again at another time. The Council also clarified that a fund previously granted may be considered when/after all other requests have been granted. However, the Council is concerned that in some cases these funds, intended as seed money to begin a project, have been the sole funding source for some programs year after year.

The Council also recommends and supports the practice of leaving unallocated money for unforeseen efforts such as disaster relief to be disbursed in the same year. For example, when the Prior Provincial reached out to the Carmelites in Puerto Rico offering assistance following Hurricane Harvey.

The Council was also asked to create a letter for distribution regarding the situation in Honduras. The Council sees the need for the Province to make a public statement on various issues regarding social justice and the integrity of creation in the name of the Province. We feel, however, that a process needs to be established to insure that the Province membership is both informed about such issues and that the public stand reflects the feeling of the majority in the Province.

The Council agreed that JPIC make these statements on their own behalf but not on behalf of the Provincial Council or the Province without first submitting such a statement to the Provincial Council for its endorsement.

Praesidium Accreditation Renewal Update

All evaluation procedures have been completed and we are waiting for Praesidium's response.

Membership

The Council spent much time attending to various members of the Province. Of utmost importance during our meetings is the time we give to the care and wellbeing of all our brothers. Many of these cannot be recorded in the minutes.

Benjamin Salas – is on a diaconate ministry experience at Nuestra Senora de Monte Carmelo in Joliet, Illinois, until April. He will also spend time at the Society of the Little Flower in Darien. He will then return to El Salvador to continue his work in the Asociación de Nuestra Señora del Carmen.

Luis Jesus Paz Acosta – is at St Therese Parish, Cresskill doing a diaconate ministry experience until March 5th. He will return to continue his vocation ministry and teaching courses at the Universidad Central America.

Director of Health Care

Myron Judy presented a detailed health update to the Council on many of our brothers in the Province. In addition, Myron also sent the Province some very important health information regarding the shingles vaccine. Every PCM Member (especially if over the age of 50) should consult with his doctor about receiving the latest form of the vaccine to try to prevent the virus from ever beginning.

Memorandum Agreement with Indonesian Province

The Prior Provincial is working with the leadership of the Indonesian Province on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for members of the Indonesian Province to work in the United States. This MOU outlines what both parties agree to so that when leadership changes, the provisions are clear. Two members of the Indonesian Province are currently working in the Peruvian Commissariat. The plan is to have an additional member in St Anastasia Parish in Teaneck, NJ. The final details of the MOU will be finalized in the coming weeks.

Carmelite Chair and Center of Carmelite Studies at the Catholic University of America (CUA)

The agreement with Catholic University of America calls for the Carmelite Provincial to nominate three members to the six-member Advisory Board which guides the Carmelite Center and insures that the provisions agreed to in establishing the Carmelite Chair and Center are carried out. The Council is grateful to Jack Welch, O. Carm., Keith Egan, T.O.Carm., and Daryl Moresco, O. Carm., for their willingness to serve on this Board. The provincial will forward their names to CUA.

The final amount of \$2 million donation for the Center for Carmelite Studies was given to CUA on Friday, January 27th, 2018. The total donation of \$5 million has now been completed.

Programming of Three-Year Plan of Provincial Council

The Provincial Council began planning events which will take place over the three-year life of this Council. Taken into consideration in this planning are the Provincial Retreats, the Pre-Chapter Meetings, and the triennial evaluations of the three wholly-owned Carmelite schools in the USA.

Goal #1 of the Triennial Goals (2017-2020) of the Provincial Council states that "*The Provincial Council will offer a Province-wide retreat once over the next three years.*" Therefore, the Council is planning two retreats in two locations. One retreat will take place in July 2018 and the other in July 2019. The Council has asked David Simpson, Glenn Snow, and Michael Wastag to plan these retreats.

Pre-Chapter meetings will be held on January 2019 in Mexico City, July 2019 in Peru, and in January 2020 in El Salvador. We will have two Pre-Chapter meeting in the United States and Canada. One in 2019: Darien – Aylesford: Date to be determined. The other will be in Tucson – Picture Rocks Retreat House: June 3-6, 2019.

Co-Sponsored Schools

Joliet Catholic Academy

Carl Markelz and William J. Harry, members of the Board of Members, gave a summary of the special meeting of the Board to deal with issues of the school lease and repayment of a loan. The Board has asked for the school to engage in further study of these two issues.

The school continues a very strong, pro-active recruitment effort. A new Strategic Plan is being finalized.

Carmel Catholic High School

Carl Markelz, Daryl Moresco and Robert Colaresi serve on the Members of the Corporation. The school is in an excellent position with enrolments and finances and our working relationship with BVM's is going very well.

Upcoming Events Around the Province and Order

2018

February 16-18	Vocation Retreat Casa del Carmen – Tlalpan, Mexico
March 16-17	Annual Meeting of Province in El Salvador Centro Xiberta – Ciudad Delgado
April 7	Solemn Profession of Gregorio Vasquez Washington, DC
April 16-20	International Commission on Liturgy Sassone, Italy
May 5	Diaconate Ordination of Jorge Monterroso Washington, DC
May 26	Priesthood Ordination of Emanuel Franco Mexico

June 4	CUA Reception for Carmelite Chair Washington, DC
June 19-22	SEL Provincial Chapter Wappingers Falls, NY
July 2018	Provincial Retreat
July 22-August 5	International Summer Program for Carmelite Students Holland and Germany
September 15-21	International Congress of Carmelite Laity Sassone, Italy
September 20-21	Priors' Meeting Mount Carmel Spiritual Center – Niagara Falls, Ont
2019	
January 2019	Pre-Chapter Meeting Mexico City
July 2019	Pre-Chapter Meeting Lurin, Peru
July 2019	Provincial Retreat
2020	
January 2020	Pre-Chapter Meeting Ciudad Delgado, El Salvador

Upcoming Provincial Council Meeting Dates and Places

2018	
April 23-25	Whitefriars Hall, DC 1pm (23) – 4pm (25)
July 10-12	Avon, NJ
September 18-19	Niagara Mt Carmel Spiritual Center

2019

January 22-24

Mexico City – Casa del Carmen & AGM/Pre-Chapter

April 9-11

San Francisco – St Teresa of Avila

July 13-15

Peru – Villa Carmelitas & AGM/Pre-Chapter

October 15-17

Florida – Carmel at Mission Valley

2020

January 21-24

El Salvador – Centro Xiberta & AGM/Pre-Chapter

April 21-23

Kansas

Board of Members
Crespi Carmelite High School
January 27, 2018

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

Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting were reviewed and accepted by the Provincial Council at its meeting on January 27, 2018.

Respectfully submitted by:
Daryl Moresco, O. Carm.
Secretary

January 27, 2018

Board of Members
Mount Carmel High School Chicago, IL
January 27, 2018

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

Minutes of the November 24, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting were reviewed and accepted by the Provincial Council at its meeting on January 27, 2018.

The Board of Members discussed at length the situation of Frank Lenti, highly regarded long-time football coach and faculty member. We discussed the response that this drew from social media such as Facebook, emails, print media, TV networks, and responses from alumni. The Board decided to look into “The Christian Brothers” sponsorship to see how communication happens between the school and the religious institution in areas that may cause friction to determine “best practices”. These “best practices” will give the Provincial the opportunity to know ahead of time what decisions are being made and advise administrators about our position as the owners of our schools.

Respectfully submitted,
Daryl Moresco, O. Carm.
Secretary

January 27, 2018

Board of Members
Salpointe Catholic High School
January 27, 2018

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

Unofficial minutes of the November 17th, 2017 Board of Directors Meeting were reviewed and accepted by the Provincial Council.

Respectfully submitted,
Daryl Moresco, O. Carm.
Secretary

January 27, 2018