

PROVINCIAL COUNCIL MINUTES

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**Provincial Council
Meeting #8
Casa del Carmen – Tlalpan, CDMX, Mexico
December 18 & 19, 2018**

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 most grateful to Mario Loya, O. Carm and the Casa del Carmen community for their warm and generous hospitality not only for the two-day Provincial Council meeting but also for hosting the Annual General Meeting on Thursday, December 20th. In addition, the Provincial Council would like to express its deepest gratitude to the staff who provide so much assistance behind the scenes and their wonderful cook and her assistants for providing excellent meals for over twenty people over four days of meetings.

9:00 AM - Opening Prayer: Carl Markelz

PROVINCIAL COUNCIL REFLECTION ON RECENT DEPARTURES

The provincial Council began its meeting by seriously considering and reflecting on the following concern in the province. In the last 2-3 years we have had 4 members of the province, ordained 10 years or less, leave to either join a diocese or to get married. We asked ourselves: What message is being sent to the Province? After a very lengthy and fruitful discussion, the Provincial Council agreed to the following statement below for every member and every community to seriously reflect upon and communicate with any member of the council your response these concerns.

The council spent a session reflecting on the four Carmelites who have left in the last 2-3 years and who were ordained less than ten years: Tony Mazurkiewicz, Marlon Mateo, Joseph Wu, and Jesus Larios. We recognize that each of them left for their own personal reasons, and we are respectful of those reasons. However, the Council also felt that, regardless of those reasons, their departures collectively impact the province and might be saying something to the province that we should reflect on.

We talked about certain cultural issues such as generational differences where some observe greater loyalty to self rather than to institutional or communal realities. We also discussed the impact of the recurring crisis in the Church about sexual abuse by clergy and cover-up by bishops and its impact on all of us, but particularly on a younger generation.

We also reflected on what their departure might be saying about how we live community life in the province today. Some of those thoughts included unresolved anger, a lack of joy in some of our communities, tension between our individual dreams and the needs of the Province and Church, disconnections between individuals in community, being available to

the local and provincial commitments/vision, difficulty sharing our lives in such activities like regular communal prayer, meals, and meaningful community exchanges about the quality of our life together and ministry.

The council is committed to finding ways to promote post-initial formation accompaniment so that the transition from initial formation is done with greater attention and support. We are also committed to supporting local community life where brothers can have successful and meaningful prayer and community along with our usually strong and professional service to and with the People of God.

We invite your responses and reactions to these reflections as we try to live our fraternal life with more intentionality and to create a dialogue about these important issues in the life of our province. Please feel free to communicate with any of the members of the Council.

Reports from Commissions/Departments/Board Meetings of Affiliated Organizations

Vocation Commission

August 17, 2018

In El Salvador, much preparation for World Youth Day in Panama is taking place with over 100 expected to attend.

Five men for Mexico are in the application process following a very successful retreat in October 2018.

Strategic Planning Sub-Committee

September 26 & December 5, 2018

Strategic Plan milestones have been established by the sub-committee consisting of Larry Fidelus, William Harry and Paul Henson. A series of possible questions for individuals, communities, and Provincial Commissions was previewed by the Provincial Council and once these are finalized they will be made available to the province. Once the responses are returned, the sub-committee will collate the information in time for the Pre-Chapter meetings.

Lay Carmelite Commission

October 10-12, 2018

The Commission with representatives from both the PCM Province and SEL Province met and submitted an extensive report of their activities consisting of ongoing work on translating the Phase Two of the Formation Program into Spanish, developing an ongoing reading list and preparations for the upcoming 2019 Convocation.

Carmelite NGO Board Meeting

October 16, 2018

The Board of the Carmelite NGO met at the General Curia in Rome. Most of the discussion concerned further implementation of the Laudato Si' program in schools and clarifications on the roles of various positions with the Carmelite NGO. The annual report of the Carmelite NGO is out for distribution. Because the NGO is an organization but receives very limited regular funding, all those receiving the report will be asked to consider a donation. The new version of the Carmelite NGO website was unveiled.

Retirement Trust Board

October 18, 2018

At its meeting, the Board discussed the trust document definition of the what constitutes a member in good standard for the Retirement Trust Plan including those with accusations, whether credible or not. The document is still in the hands of lawyers in the field of trust plans. The Provincial Council must approve any revisions to the Revised Plan.

The triennial audit report was accepted and approved by the Provincial Council.

Finance Commission Meeting

November 28, 2018

As previously noted Ted Disabato, our long time financial consultant, joined his company with Meketa Investment Group. Some members of the Commission met at the offices of Meketa to familiarize themselves with the operation and personnel. Discussion took place over our relationship with the firm in the "Post Ted Disabato" era.

Carmel Retreat in Mahwah, New Jersey has another interested buyer for the property after the previous potential buyer did not appear at the closing in July 2018. We hope to conclude this sale shortly.

The Carmelite residence at Flower Street in Phoenix, Arizona has a buyer. After some issues with the property were resolved it is expected to sell for \$376k.

Parish Commission Meeting

October 21-24, 2018

Several topics were discussed at the meeting, namely: Sexual Abuse Crisis in the Church, a report on the three parishes that we are withdrawing from in 2019, Parish Ministry Mission Statement, Parish Open Listings in January 2019 and 2020, personnel currently available for Parish Ministry, the list of Carmelite Reflections for Sunday Bulletins and snippets of Carmelite History for Parish Bulletins as an ongoing vocation effort .

The Provincial Council acknowledges the negative feedback it has received regarding the withdrawal from three parishes in 2019 but reaffirms the need to make these decisions in the best possible way that we could with all the data at its disposal. The Provincial Council will

continue to explore ways of doing this in the future mindful of the feedback that it received from the Parish Commission and individuals in the province.

In addition, the Provincial Council would like to remind the Province that we are committed to following all the processes agreed to at our 2017 Provincial Chapter for making decisions about our future ministries and our capacity to have personnel available for our many commitments.

Formation Commission

October 26, 2018 Formation

October 27, 2018 PCM|SEL IPFC

The PCM Formation Commission and Inter provincial Formation Commission (PCM & SEL) have begun work on the Revised Edition of the Formation Manual which is done every three years. The commission also began identifying possible future formators for the future with the hope that they will have time to prepare themselves for formation ministry in the province. The commission also agreed to invite a woman to be a member of the provinces formation commission.

Kate McGarey-Vasey, currently a teacher at Salpointe Catholic High School and former member of the JPIC Commission, has been asked to serve as a member of the Formation Commission and has agreed. She is well known to many members of the Province and we believe will be a great addition to the Formation Commission.

A listing of the students in the Province's formation program was distributed. There are 44 men in the various stages in the USA/Canada, Mexico and El Salvador as of October 2018.

Carmelite Library Board

May 2018 & November 2, 2018

Patricia O'Callaghan, the Carmelitana Librarian at Whitefriars Hall, continues to manage the library with great care and professionalism, acquiring books, joining professional associations in the library community, developing a policy for doubles in the collection, and the preservation of the collection. In addition, Carmelite Media is continuing the task of reformulating the Collection's website for future purposes. In July the Collection's journal, particularly bound copies *The Carmelite Review*, *Carmalecta* and *The Carmelite Digest*, sustained water damage due to a leak from the 3rd floor. These books have been cleaned or replaced.

Carmelite Institute of North America Board

March 22, 2018

The Board, which consists of several Carmelite groups both OCARM and OCD, is a project of the larger Carmelite Family. It has implemented a 3-5 year Strategic Plan to continue to promote Carmelite spirituality by developing and hosting webinars, Days of Recollection, Symposiums/ia, and a Pilgrimage to France and England. Social media is one of its most important means of communicating its efforts. The 2020 Symposium, now scheduled for 2021

to avoid the provincial chapters, is now being planned. Fund raising and marketing efforts will facilitate its work.

The Board also reviewed its annual Profit and Loss Balance sheet and a proposed Budget for its operations. However, concerns were raised about the unbalanced budget which will be discussed further at the Board's next meeting.

Steven Payne, OCD, who was recently appointed its President sent a report to the Board outlining how he sees the Institute serving the Church in Canada and the USA.

Mt. Carmel Monastery Board – Niagara Falls, ONT

November 29, 2018 Meeting

All sectors of the Monastery are doing well. The Society of the Little Flower (Canada) continues to make have a very successful operation and funded over USD\$683,000 towards fulfilling the sustaining agreements with the various formation programs of the Province in 2018. Due to labor disputes at Canada Post gifts are down. The Society has also paid CAN\$77,081 for new boilers and masonry repairs. For the second year in a row, \$200,000 has been added to the Monastery Fund.

Mount Carmel Spiritual Centre reports that future bookings are healthy and that it is expecting to exceed financial goals established by year's end. Several construction/renovation projects are planned – some are short term and are others are long term.

The Winery is doing well with the number of tour buses increasing.

The Board approved the Monastery of Mount Carmel Investment Policy Statement which needed to change some of its language for legal purposes. The word "Trustees" needed to be replaced with "Board."

The Board also approved 10 reports submitted by William J. Harry on visits to programs funded by the Monastery which have been filed at the Monastery office.

At an Executive session of the Board to discuss appointing a new Canadian Director for the Little Flower Society to replace Anthony McNamara, O. Carm. The Board nominated Gerard Power, O. Carm.

William J Harry proposed the motion to appoint Mr. Clifford Sexton, who is a former student of Mount Carmel College, Niagara Falls, as a new member of the Board. Robert Colaresi seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

William J. Harry proposed that the Council approve the nomination of Gerard Power, O. Carm as the Canadian Director of the Little Flower Society effective until the 2020 Provincial Chapter.

Quinn Conners seconded the motion

All were in favor.

Provincial Archives Meeting

December 4, 2018

Robert Boley, O. Carm and Robert Traudt, O. Carm continue their work of locating property deeds, organizing and recopying deteriorating documents. A fireproof 4-draw file has been purchased for the *Registrum Novitatus Professorum* book as well as other essential documents.

Robert Traudt will continue organizing the PCM Provincials' papers and is writing a series of articles on the life of Anastasius Kreidt, O. Carm for *The Sword*. Robert Boley will continue updating the Database.

Board of the Society of the Little Flower – USA

December 10, 2018

SLF US

Tariffs on goods from China are adversely effecting mailings.

The new Shrine of St Therese was dedicated on October 1st, 2018 and is open with Mass each day. Robert Colaresi presented the proposed 2019 budget for the new National Shrine of St Therese. In the Special Gifts Department (formerly Planned & Major Giving), Dan Pritchard has stepped down as Director and is staying on as a part time officer. New Director Elizabeth Wesel started November 5, 2018. Also hired Sean O'Shaughnessy was hired part time as a floater throughout departments.

SLF CAN

Robert Colaresi, O. Carm attended the SLF Canada Board meeting in November. The Canada operations are doing well although the Canadian postal strike is causing problems with receiving donations in a timely manner.

SLF UK

SLF - United Kingdom had severed all relations with SLF-US as of 5-25-2018 for legal reasons. SLF-UK continues to pay the US for development assistance for direct marketing campaigns through the end of 2018. The Prior Provincial asked both members of the Province who serve on the Board to resign so that there will be a complete break between the SLF-UK operation and the Province of the Most Pure Heart of Mary.

International Development Director's Report – Mrs. Mary T. Lambert reported that US – Social media platforms are our new revenue stream. From July to November 2018, the Society spent \$18,000 on digital campaigns and received \$190,064 in revenue.

Transition in Leadership

Thomas Schrader arrived at SOLF last summer and has been working as the Assistant Director. He has worked in the various aspects of the operation in order to gain an understanding of the whole. He and Robert Colaresi will be working out a plan for the remaining six months. Tom will take over as director on July 1, 2019.

Justice and Peace and the Integrity of Creation Commission

Emilio Rodriguez, O. Carm reported that both Whitefriars Hall in Washington, DC, and some of the Darien campus is moving forward on solar energy projects.

JPIC received a request from the General Delegation of St Thérèse and St Albert in Kerala for funds to help alleviate the destruction caused by the disastrous floods in August 2018. JPIC will use \$18,000 of the funds available in its Emergency Funding.

Paul Henson moved that we provide the funds through JPIC Emergency Funding.
Quinn Connors seconded the motion.
All were in favor.

Admissions Board for El Salvador Pre-Novitiate Program

December 10, 2018

The Admission Board accepted the following candidates to Centro Xiberta Formation Program:

- Tereso de Jesus Benitez Lopez
- Ulises Antonio Cruz Espinoza
- Cristian Orlando Garcia Hernandez
- Edwin Alexander Villacorta Umanzor

Admissions Board for Peruvian Commissariat Pre-Novitiate Program

December 11, 2018

The Admission Board accepted the following candidates to Casa San Elias Formation Program:

- Daniel Ramos
- Galo Sánchez
- Sergio Cárdenas
- Bertoliny Montes

Communications

From the Prior General

The Provincial Council acknowledges a letter from the Prior General on September 5th, 2018 informing the Order of the changes now being implemented at the Domus Carmelitana in Rome. The General Council has decided to entrust the running of the Domus Carmelitana to a professional hotel company. This contract was presented to the Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life which was approved by them on October, 2017. The use of the Domus will change from “guesthouse” to “hotel”.

**From the Peruvian Commissariat
Minutes of Commissariat Meeting
September 14, 2018**

The Provincial Council is grateful for the minutes it received from the Provincial Commissariat of Peru which were reviewed at this meeting.

Proposed Amendments to Agreement between Peruvian Commissariat and Indonesian Province

The Peruvian Commissariat proposed some minor changes to the current agreement for members of the Indonesian Province to serve in the Commissariat. [Since the meeting, additional and more significant changes have been proposed. That document will be discussed at the next Provincial Council meeting.]

Community Visits

**Provincial Visit to Carith House
October 6, 2018**

The Prior Provincial spent the evening with the community, joining them for dinner and prayer.

**Provincial Visit to Whitefriars
November 2-5, 2018**

The Prior Provincial attended the House Chapter of the Whitefriars community. The chapter met and voted to recommend the Ordination to the Priesthood of Jorge Monterroso Mérida, O. Carm., and the Ordination to the Diaconate of Gregorio Vázquez Solís, O. Carm. Other students in formation were discussed.

**Provincial Visit to Carmelite Community in Florida
November 9-11, 2018**

The Prior Provincial spent three days with the community in Nokomis and with Mark Schaffner at Englewood, Florida. Various medical issues have arisen in the Nakomis community.

**Provincial Visit to Casa del Carmen, CDMX, Mexico
November 15-20, 2018**

The Prior Provincial participated in the Vocation Retreat at Casa del Carmen. The Casa students led many of the activities. There were five participants all of whom have indicated their desire to continue the admission process. The Provincial met with each of the current pre-novices except one, both Mario Loya, O. Carm and Mario Cadena, O. Carm and each of the candidates.

Provincial Visit to Carmelites in Niagara Falls, ONT

November 28-30, 2018

While in Niagara Falls, Ont., for a meeting of the Board of Mount Carmel, the Prior Provincial also celebrated the memorial mass for Anthony McNamara, O.Carm., at St. Patrick's Church along with a number of concelebrants from the Province and diocesan priests and a full church of friends of Fr. Anthony. On the final day, the Provincial was at McMaster University to make arrangements for Fr. Anthony's body to be used for medical research for the next 10 years.

Provincial Visit to Titus Brandsma (Darien) Community

December 7, 2018

The Prior Provincial joined the Titus Brandsma community for dinner and prayer.

Provincial Visit to N.S.delCarmen Parish (Joliet) Community

December 9, 2018

The Prior Provincial joined the Carmelites at the parish for dinner. He then celebrated the Evening Mass at the parish. Benjamin Salas, O. Carm., preached at part of the novena for Our Lady of Guadalupe. Sergio Roberto Mejia Sanchez, interning at Joliet Catholic Academy, received the Ministry of Acolyte.

Provincial Visit to Carmelite Novitiate – Middletown, NY

December 13-14, 2018

The Prior Provincial conducted the canonical six-month evaluation of the novices on December 13th, 2018. He met at length with each novice as well as the novice directors. The four PCM novices appear to be benefitting from the novitiate experience. The Provincial also took the opportunity to meet with Fr. Mario Esposito, O. Carm., the Prior Provincial of the SEL Province.

Provincial Visit to St. Cecilia Community

December 14-15, 2018

The Prior Provincial visited the Carmelite Community at St. Cecilia Parish. He met with each member of the community separately.

Vice-Provincial Visitations

Carl Markelz conducted over 40 visits with many of the men and several communities, mostly in the western part of the province, since our last Provincial Council meeting in September.

Vice Provincial Report

OLMC Priory, Encino Renovations are very close to completion and the community will be moving back in on December 27, 2018.

Interns in the USA – there are 8 interns: 3 from the USA, 1 from Mexico and 4 from El Salvador. David Ulises Garcia will complete his internship at St. Cyril Parish in Tucson at the end of December and return home to El Salvador to continue his studies following the student gathering in January at Whitefriars Hall, Washington, DC.

Carmel Catholic High School's new Principal is settling in well. Carl Markelz continues to meet with the President and the Principal during this period of transition.

Carl Markelz updated the Council on the Regional Meetings in the USA and Canada. Dates are listed at the end of these minutes. Early in the New Year every member will receive a schedule with an attached registration form for the regional meetings.

New Business

Admission to Simple Vows

Evir Jesus Zambrano Rios, from Venezuela was accepted for Profession of Simple Vows. He belonged to the Venezuela Commissariat several years ago and is returning to the Order as a member of our province. Evaluations by his formator, Floristan Guerrero Cruz, O. Carm., and the San Elias Community recommended him for profession. The Prior Provincial has accepted Evir for profession and delegated Miguel Bacigapulo, O. Carm., provincial commissariat of Peru, to receive the vows.

Candidates for Admission to Novitiate in Peru

The following pre-novices were admitted by the Prior Provincial to the novitiate beginning January 1, 2019:

- Eduardo Antonio Diaz Espinoza (Peru)
- Franz Jhonathan Leyva Bardalez (Peru)
- José Manuel Santos Alvarado (El Salvador)
- Juan Esteban Rodríguez Benítez (El Salvador)
- Miguel Ángel Guerra Martínez (El Salvador)

St. Cecilia Parish and Priory – Englewood, NJ

After a very lengthy discussion regarding the need for a new pastor along with a proposal that we build a pastoral residence on the south corner of the property, it was decided that the more urgent need is to find a new pastor before any further discussion on building a new residence. This decision was taken given the renovated priory is primarily a retirement home for our men in NJ. That the parishes and staff continue to occupy space in the priory is a concern. The Council is most impressed with the growing development and interest in the Spirituality Center in the former convent created by Ashley Harrington which is doing excellent in its efforts to promote Carmelite spirituality in New Jersey. Kitchen renovations will begin in the near future which will bring the current renovations to completion. We came

to the conclusion that the next pastor will have the opportunity of growing the parish into the future.

Since several brothers in the province have declined our invitation to be the pastor of the Parish of St Cecilia, we decided to follow the process that we agreed to at the 2017 Provincial Chapter to open list the parish, knowing full well that there may not be anyone willing or interested in applying. This will have considerable ramifications for our future ministry in the parish.

Votation for the General Chapter Delegates

The Provincial Council agreed to conduct this votation early in the New Year. According to the Constitutions (#258) the Prior Provincial and three delegates will attend. Also, the Commissary Provincial from Peru may attend, but because there are less than 20 members, he does not have a vote. The President of the Region may also attend but without vote.

Continuing Business

Discussion of Financial Condition of the Provincial Office and Other Financial Matters

Joseph Atcher, O. Carm., Provincial Treasurer, 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 September. The following was discussed:

- The Council was provided the audited financial statements of the Provincial Office as of June 30, 2018. The audit was performed by Crowe LLP and resulted in a clean opinion. The Council voted to accept the audit.
- The investment portfolio valuation at November 30, 2018 was provided to the Council for review. For the five-month period since June 30, 2018 the portfolio incurred an approximate cumulative loss of 1.2% (A loss of approximately 3.6% since September 30, 2018). Through December 11, 2018, the cumulative portfolio loss had risen to approximately 2.75%. These numbers represent a very volatile market over the last six months.
- The Council was advised that certain members of the Finance Commission met with the investment advisor (Meketa Investment Group) on December 14, 2018 to perform a "due diligence review." The meeting allowed for the Finance Commission members to meet with other executives and principals of Meketa, where the typical interaction is solely with Ted Disabato at the quarterly Finance Commission meetings.
- The standard review of the internal financials was performed with the Council for the period ended November 30, 2018. Nothing unusual to note or comment on since the last Council meeting.

Joseph Atcher provided an update related to the Mahwah property. It is anticipated that the sale of Mahwah will close early in January 2019. The current prospective buyer is of sound financial condition and the province conceded to a stipulation by the buyer that should guarantee the sale finalizing.

The Flower Street property in Phoenix was sold. Sale proceeds to the province after commission and fees totaled approximately \$376,000.

It is anticipated that a kitchen renovation at the Englewood, New Jersey priory will occur in early 2019. Joseph Atcher is soliciting bids for the work, anticipated to cost approximately \$80,000.

A discussion on the development of a retirement community in New Jersey resulted in the Council asking for additional information and exploration of other options. Funds were approved for the hiring of an architect to assist in understanding the potential scope and costs of such planned construction project.

The Council appropriated \$100,000 from the General Fund capital project budget towards the Encino Priory construction project. The province has borrowed \$800,000 for the construction project from JP Morgan, but the anticipated costs for the project will most likely be closer to \$900,000. With the General Fund capital project budget having capacity to allow for the \$100,000, the Council agreed.

Update on Remodeling of Crespi Carmelite Priory

The Priory renovation is very close to completion and the expected move-in date for the community is December 27, 2018.

A Lease Agreement with Crespi Carmelite High School will be signed on January 1, 2019, for its rental and management of the section of the priory that it uses beginning at \$30,000 in 2019, and increasing incrementally to \$36,000 by December 31, 2029. The terms of the lease shall be for ten (10) year commencing on January 1, 2019 and ending December 31, 2028. Crespi Carmelite agrees to pay Society of Mount Carmel rental agreement for the next ten years, to finance their own improvements, alterations, maintenance, janitorial, and security for their portion of the building as agreed to and to pay all utilities of their portion of the building as the meters have been separated as of December 31, 2018.

Personnel File Review

The Provincial Council is exploring possible ways to provide an external review of our provincial files for compliance in light of the current crisis in the church.

Carmelite Mission Office

The Provincial Council expressed gratitude for a very generous donation of \$1,178,988.00 from Mrs. Ellen T. Holian Mykrantz, the sister of Gavin Quinn, O.Carm. The Council decided to establish an Endowment Fund with \$1 million of the donation.

William Harry moved to establish an Endowment Fund of \$1 million, invested with the Province's other funds, with the interest to be dispersed the Carmelite Mission Office with approval of the Provincial Council.

Quinn Conners seconded the motion.

All were in favor.

Delegate for the Carmelite Nuns in the USA

Leopold Glueckert, O. Carm has been appointed to this position effective immediately.

Lacombe, Louisiana Property

The Congregation of Our Lady of Mount Carmel contacted the Prior Provincial of their intention to sell their Motherhouse Property due to ongoing high maintenance. The Provincial Council agreed that we are not interested in purchasing any or all of the property. These are difficult times for the Sisters and we keep them and their ministries in our prayers.

Personnel

Peter McGarry Full Retirement

Clyde Osmonkowski Move to the Carmelite Sisters for the Aged and Infirm residence in Palm Beach - effective January 4, 2019.

Eric Bell Move to St Thérèse Priory (Mariposa House) in Phoenix – effective February 1, 2019.

Gregory Klein Retired and will continue living at Carmel at Mission Valley, Nakomis, Florida. Effective immediately.

Edgar Lopez After graduating with a Masters in Marriage and Family Therapy, Edgar has been approved to complete 2500 clinical hours and supervision over the next two years for an Associate License. He will be assigned to a parish for weekend assistance during this time.

Jésus Luís Larios Has begun the process of incardinating into the Diocese of Torreon, MX.

Adrian Flores Flores and Geovanny Mauricio Martínez Morales will be moving to Carith House in Chicago after Profession of Simple Vows in January. They will be awaiting their R1 visa in preparation for their internships.

Open Listings

The following positions are being open-listed in accordance with our Parish Ministry Policy:

Pastor, St. Cecelia, Englewood, NJ

Pastor, St. Cyril, Tucson, AZ

Pastor, Our Lady of Peace, Niagara Falls, ONT

Parochial Vicar, St. Cyril, AZ

Pastor, St. Thomas the Apostle, Chicago, IL

Director of Health Care Updates

Myron Judy, O. Carm continues to supervise and take excellent care of our brothers with health issues.

Paul Schweizer thanks all who prayed for him as he underwent surgery to combat a life-threatening form of cancer. His latest medical report showed his melanoma had been resolved. He will now resume routine dermatology checkups.

Terry Cyr has to begin what is called Second Line Treatment which combines chemotherapy along with infusion therapy to combat cancer. The treatment is expected to go on for a number of months. Terry has requested our prayers that the outcome of this treatment routine will be as successful as previous treatments have been.

Hank Ormond, following recent hip surgery, continues to do rehab at the Mercy Center in Oakland, CA. He has just progressed to being able to carefully use a cane for ambulation. A discharge date has not yet been determined.

Roger Bonneau has just moved into The Fountains Assisted Living in Sarasota, Florida, following a hip procedure and stays in acute and skilled rehabs. Currently, he has been restricted to using a wheelchair for getting around and having supervisory staff close by. He has been experiencing some cognitive impairment which has been limiting his progress.

Prayers for all of the above men are requested along with other of our brothers across the Province who are dealing with challenges to their health.

Note the following men whose ongoing situations are deemed stable, but who require that they be in healthcare facilities where professional staff can help:

Joe McGowan is in the Sunrise Assisted Living at 3 Tenakill Park Drive East, Cresskill, NJ 07626

Michael LaFay is at the Avita Memory Unit at 880 Greendale Avenue, Needham, MA 02494.

Stephen Cooley is in the skilled nursing unit at Addolorata Villa, 555McHenry Rd, Wheeling, IL 60090

Tiernan O'Callaghan is at the Morning Star Assisted Living at 3200 E Glenrosa Ave, Phoenix, AZ 85018

Gus Carter and Matt Ewing are in skilled nursing at Villa Scalabrini, 19631 Vinedale St, Sun Valley, CA 91352.

Blaise McInerney is in skilled nursing at the Springs at 3280 Lake Pointe Blvd, Sarasota, FL 34231.

Al Koppes is in skilled nursing at Marycrest Manor, 10664 St James Dr, Culver City, CA 90230.

Co-Sponsored Schools

Joliet Catholic Academy

A verbal report on the October 5, 2018, Board of Members was given. Each area of the school gave a report. The testing for the Class of 2022 increased over last year. The process for the renewal of the school building and property lease has begun.

Carmel Catholic High School

The Provincial Council received an update on Carmel Catholic High School including future trends at the school.

Upcoming Events Around the Province and Order

2019

January 5	Gregorio Vázquez Solís Diaconate Ordination Washington, DC
January 8-11	Annual Meeting of the Peruvian Commissariat Lurín, Perú
January 10	Initiation of Novitiate Lurín, Perú
January 10	Salpointe Catholic Ground Breaking for Aspire Capital Campaign
January 11	Profession of Class of 2019 Lurín, Perú

January 15-18	The Need to Preach & the Art of Preaching: A Carmelite Approach Fatima, Portugal
January 16-17	World Youth Day Preparation Centro Xiberta, El Salvador
January 17	Santos Cecilio Hernandez – Solemn Profession San Salvador, El Salvador
January 19	Santos Cecilio Hernandez – Diaconate Ordination San Salvador, El Salvador
January 21-29	World Youth Day Panama City, Panama
Feb 26 - Mar 3	Cultural Heritage Workshop Rome, Italy
March 25-29	Carmelite Secondary Schools Commission Lima Lurín, Perú
May 25	Jorge Montorroso Merída Priestly Ordination Guatamala
June 3-6	Pre-Chapter Meeting Picture Rocks Retreat Center Tucson, Arizona
June 24-27	Pre-Chapter Meeting - Mt. Carmel Niagara Falls, Ontario
July 15	Pre-Chapter Meeting - Villa Carmelitas Lurin, Perú
July 19-21	Lay Carmelite National Assembly - Chicago, Illinois
August 15-18	Carmelite Studies Program - Washington, DC
September 10-27	General Chapter of the Carmelite Order - Sassone, Italy
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January 24	Pre-Chapter Meeting Centro Xiberta Ciudad Delgado, El Salvador
June 21-26	PCM Provincial Chapter - Niagara Falls, ONT Canada

Upcoming Provincial Council Meeting Dates and Places

2019

April 9-11	San Francisco – St Teresa of Avila
July 13-15	Peru – Villa Carmelitas & AGM
October 15-17	Florida – Carmel at Mission Valley

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

Board of Members
Board of Members of Crespi Carmelite High School
December 19, 2018

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

A draft of the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting was reviewed and accepted by the Provincial Council at its meeting on December 19, 2018.

The Board of Members is waiting to receive the most recent evaluation of the President, Dr Kenneth Foersch.

The Board of Directors will move forward with funding for the was informed that the previously approved \$10.3 million Capital Campaign for the Acquatics Center and reports that the fund raising is meeting its objectives.

Provincial policy requires that 75% of the total pledges and 50% of the total money before work begins.

A Lease Agreement between the Society of Mt Carmel and Carmelite Crespi High School for space in one wing of the Carmelite priory will take effect January 1, 2019.

Respectfully submitted by,
Daryl Moresco, O. Carm.
Secretary
December 19, 2018

**Board of Members
Salpointe Catholic High School
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Members present: William J. Harry, Carl Markelz, Paul Henson, Quinn Conners, Emilio Rodriguez, Daryl Moresco.

Minutes of the November 16, 2018, Board of Directors Meeting were reviewed and accepted by the Provincial Council.

The Board of Directors reports that the \$8 million Capital Campaign to improve the schools' arts, academic and athletic facilities is making very good progress. Groundbreaking is scheduled for January 10, 2019.

As prior of the OLMC Community, Paul Henson asked for interns to be sent Salpointe High School for the upcoming academic year.

Respectfully submitted,
Daryl Moresco, O. Carm.
Secretary
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Mt. Carmel High School
Board of Members Mount Carmel High School
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Members present: William J. Harry, Carl Markelz, Paul Henson, Quinn Conners, Emilio Rodriguez, Daryl Moresco.

Minutes of the November 13, 2018, Board of Directors Meeting were reviewed and accepted by the Provincial Council at its meeting on December 20, 2108.

The Illinois Tax Credit Scholarships is providing funding to send their children to private schools while reducing their own tax bill on dollars otherwise owed to the State. Mount Carmel H S. currently has 29 recipients of tax credit scholarships to the amount of \$304,000. Mount Carmel H.S. is researching ways to increase this number of recipients.

At its meeting in September the Board of Members recommended that the Annual Performance Review of the school president, Mr. Ned Hughes, be conducted. The Board of Members reviewed and discussed the 2017-2020 review. The report focused on the areas of advancement, academics, athletics, finance, mission and ministry, marketing, and operations.

The president's many accomplishments and fine work that he has achieved in this time was acknowledged, notably his reduction of the school's annual deficit for 8 years.

The Board also reviewed a survey from the faculty and staff and a "Parent Satisfaction Survey." The evaluation from the faculty and staff, raised concerns in three areas which will be addressed by the Prior Provincial with the president of Mt Carmel High School.

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