

PROVINCIAL COUNCIL MINUTES

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**Provincial Council Meeting
Darien, Illinois
July 22, 2022
Minutes**

Present in Darien: Carl J. Markelz, O.Carm. and Gregory Houck, O.Carm.;
Present via Zoom Video Conference: David McEvoy, O.Carm. (Leavenworth, Kansas), Daryl Moresco, O.Carm. (July 23 in Wonthaggi, Victoria, Australia); Luis Jesús “Chuy” Paz Acosta, O.Carm. (Torreón, Mexico), and Rolf “Nepi” Willemsen, O.Carm. (Whitefriars Hall, Washington, DC).

Opening Prayer: Gregory Houck led the Provincial Council in an Opening Prayer from St. Teresa of Avila’s Bookmark.

Personal Review: Following the Opening Prayer, each member of the Provincial Council shared with their brothers their various personal experiences since our May meeting.

Assignments:

Pedro Adolfo Cruz Diaz	Carmelite Novitiate, Middletown, New York; Effective July 19, 2022
Barry Dineen	Second Year Internship, Joliet Catholic Academy and St. Elias Priory, Joliet, IL; Supervisor: Lawrence Fidelus; Intern Director: David McEvoy; Effective immediately
Luis Alberto Sibaja Casas	Second Year Internship, St. Agnes Parish and Priory, Phoenix, AZ; Supervisor: Bradley Peterson; Intern Director: David McEvoy; Effective immediately
Eduardo Diaz Espinosa	First Year Internship, Nuestra Señora del Carmen Parish and Priory, Miraflores, Lima, Peru; Supervisor: Miguel Bacigalupo; Intern Director: Raúl Maraví; Effective immediately

Jairo Hernández Jiménez	First Year Internship, Transfiguración del Señor Parish and Priory, Torreón, Mexico; Supervisor: Rogelio Garcia; Intern Director: Rodolfo Aznarán; Effective immediately
Adrián Hernández Ramírez	Casa San Alberto de Jerusalén, San Salvador El Salvador; Effective July 1, 2022
John Sprissler	Prior, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Priory, Encino, CA and Carmelite Community at Villa Scalabrini, Sun Valley, CA; Effective July 1, 2022
Michael Joyce	Member, Vocation Commission Effective July 1, 2022

Men Leaving Formation Program

The following men recently left the Formation Program of the Province: Richard Lachira Alcas and Joyser Nestor Laulate Pereyra from the Novitiate in Lurín, Peru, Tereso de Jesús Benítez López from his Internship in José Gálvez, Peru, Franz Jhonathan Leyva Bárdalez from Casa San Elias, Miraflores, Lima, Peru, Ramón Coutiño López from his Internship at Salpointe Catholic High School in Tucson, AZ, and Stephan Rochefort from Whitefriars Hall, Washington, DC. We wish these men well as they continue their lives' journey.

St. Elias Province Personnel

Two men from the SEL Province will be living in one of our communities while working on degrees. Nicholas Blackwell will live at Whitefriars Hall in Washington, DC, as he finishes his JCL degree at Catholic University of America. Brent Alexis will live at St. Cyril's Priory in Chicago, while working on an STL degree in Liturgy at St. Mary of the Lake University in Mundelein, IL. We welcome both men to the Province!

Need for a Chaplain for the Carmelite Nuns in Christoval, Texas

Sister Mary Grace, O.Carm., and the nuns in Christoval, TX, are looking for a chaplain to serve their community. If you are interested in this ministry, even for a short period of time, please e-mail Sister Mary Grace at desertcarmel@hotmail.com

Provincial Visit to El Salvador and Honduras

Carl Markelz gave a report to the Provincial Council concerning his visits to the Carmelites in El Salvador and Honduras, July 7-19. Carl was able to attend the priestly ordinations of Santos Antolino Mendez Ramírez and Henry Mauricio Cienfuegos Ostorga on July 9 at Nuestra Señora de Lourdes Parish in Ciudad Delgado, El Salvador. He also traveled to Yamaranguila, Honduras, to attend the July 16 feast day celebrations of Our Lady of Mount Carmel with the Carmelites at Santa Lucia Parish. Bishop Guillén of Gracias, Honduras, celebrated the feast day Mass there. Carl was able to initiate Bishop Guillen in the Carmelite Third Order during the festivities.

Praesidium Accreditation

David McEvoy, Director of Ethical Ministry and Accountability, reviewed with the Provincial Council a recent communication from Saul Espinoza of Praesidium. Every five years the Province must be re-certified in order to be in compliance with Praesidium standards. Our current accreditation expires in April 2023. This accreditation process is a nine-month long process that will begin this summer. With the updated Praesidium standards approved in 2020, there is a new model for the accreditation process. This process includes a self-assessment survey of our compliance with Praesidium standards, a time frame to make necessary corrections, on-site visits, a preliminary report with sixty days to take any additional corrective actions, and a final review by the internal Praesidium Accreditation Committee. We hope to be able to complete this process and receive accreditation for the next five years by Spring 2023.

Sharing the Charism: A Program of Sponsorship for the North American Schools of the Carmelite Province of the Most Pure Heart of Mary

The Provincial Council met with Kambra French via Zoom Video Conference. Kammie is the newly appointed Sponsorship Coordinator for the Province. She has been employed at Carmel Catholic High School in Mundelein, IL, both as a theology teacher and in Campus Ministry. She is currently the Director of Mission Effectiveness. She holds degrees in Liturgy from Mundelein Seminary and in Catholic School Leadership from Creighton University. She is currently a student in the doctoral program in Pastoral Studies at Mundelein Seminary. Her first initiatives as the Province's Sponsorship Coordinator include hosting a one day program for new faculty and staff of our Carmelite high schools on August 29, 2022, called *Onboarding for Mission and Charism*. Later this fall, she will be conducting on-site visits to each Carmelite high school.

Carmelite Properties

The Provincial Council reviewed two memos from Ryan Anderson, Director of Provincial Properties. Ryan presented an estimate from Fox Excavating, Inc., of Batavia, IL, in regard to the potential demolition of the Whitehouse at Darien, IL. The projected cost for demolition of the building, removal of debris, and re-seeding the property is \$95,900.

Ryan also presented a report of his recent visit to St. Cecilia Parish in Englewood, NJ. Discussions are underway regarding the need for a new roof and installation of a commercial style elevator at the priory. At the Charter School, issues focused on the need for new windows, an HVAC project, and roof repair. Finally, at the French Academy school building there are some concerns regarding the parking lot and need for new windows.

Carmelite Missions Grant to Brazilian Carmelites

The Provincial Council reviewed a correspondence from the Carmelites of Icó, Ceará State, Brazil, thanking the Provincial Council and Joseph O'Brien of the Carmelite Mission Office for a grant of \$5,980 for the Carmelite Priory there. The funding helped to complete a plastering and painting project on the exterior of the priory.

Carmelite Missions Grants to Carmelites in Timor-Leste

The Provincial Council approved the funding of \$3,150 for a Yamaha motorcycle for the Carmelite mission in Zumalai, and \$10,000 toward the \$43,000 purchase of a Toyota van for the St. Elijah Community in Hera.

Misconduct Review Board

The Provincial Council reviewed the April 29, 2022 minutes of the Misconduct Review Board. Safety Plans for men in the Province with credible allegations concerning minors will be modified to include internet monitoring procedures. We were recently notified of the death of Cindy Power, a long-time member of the Review Board. The Provincial Council extends our sympathy to Cindy's family and acknowledges with gratitude her service to the Province these many years.

Elijah-Elisha Mentoring Program

Daryl Moresco presented a July 20 memo to the Provincial Council that had been sent to those Carmelites involved in the Elijah-Elisha Mentoring Program. Daryl emphasized the importance of the mentors and mentees spending time working through problems together, rather than simply ensuring that certain skills had been mastered. Also, he reiterated that mentees should be the ones setting the agenda for any meetings and were basically “in charge.” A Zoom meeting will be organized for mentors and mentees this August and plans will be discussed for the timing of the 2023 Annual Meeting.

Center for Carmelite Studies

Daryl Moresco gave the Provincial Council an update on the Center for Carmelite Studies. Planning is well underway for the fall semester at Catholic University of America. To celebrate the canonization of St. Titus Brandsma, the Center is planning to include a symposium in conjunction with the Third Annual Lecture in Carmelite Studies around mid-October. Fernando Millán Romeral, O.Carm. has agreed to be the keynote speaker. It is the hope to expand the event to include talks on Edith Stein, Pere Jacques, and possibly Hilary Januszewski, under the general heading “Carmelite Witnesses to Truth.” With the final approval of the Certificate of Carmelite Studies, the Center looks forward to expanding its offerings of Carmelite courses. Leopold Glueckert, O.Carm. will be teaching the two Carmelite History courses online, allowing Steven Payne, OCD, to teach John of the Cross in the Fall Semester and Teresa of Avila in the Spring Semester. Steven is also teaching two other courses, Introduction to Christian Spirituality and Mysticism.

El Salvador Formation

Chuy Paz reported to the Provincial Council that based on his experience with the pre-novices at Centro Xiberta in El Salvador, that there was a need for a time before the pre-novitiate for the men to learn good study techniques and to improve their reading and writing skills. This would require a brief period of aspirancy before the pre-novitiate. Chuy will pursue the possibility of implementing such a change and will discuss this issue with the Provincial Formation Commission at its next meeting.

Carmel Catholic High School Board of Members

The Provincial Council wishes to thank Sister Teri Hadro, BVM, former President of the Congregation, for her many years of service on the Carmel Catholic High School Board of Members. We are very grateful that Sister LaDonna Manternach, BVM, the new President of the Congregation, is currently serving on the Board of Members for Carmel Catholic.

Future Dates

August 2-4, 2022	CMSM National Assembly, Buffalo, NY
August 17, 2022	Finance Commission Meeting, Darien, IL*
August 17, 2022	2023 Chapter Preparatory Commission Meeting *
August 17-21, 2022	Carmelite Studies Program, Whitefriars Hall, Washington, DC
August 29, 2022	Provincial Council Meeting, Darien, IL *
September 1, 2022	Carmelitana Board Meeting *
September 4-16, 2022	General Congregation, Rome
September 9-11, 2022	Strategic Vocation Planning Committee Meeting Whitefriars Hall, Washington, DC
September 27, 2022	Priors' Meeting, Darien, IL*
September 28, 2022	Parish Commission Meeting*
October 4-5, 2022	Provincial Council Meeting, Casa del Carmen, Tlalpan, Mexico City, Mexico
October 6-9, 2022	Vocation Commission Meeting, Casa del Carmen, Tlalpan, Mexico City, Mexico
October 21, 2022	Provincial Formation Commission Meeting, St. Therese Priory, Cresskill, NJ
October 22, 2022	Interprovincial Formation Commission Meeting, St. Eliseus Priory, Harrison, NJ

November 12, 2022	Provincial Council Meeting, Darien, IL*
December 17, 2022	Priestly Ordination of Daniel Gonzalez Cabrera, Nuestra Señora de Lourdes Parish, Ciudad Delgado, El Salvador (approval pending)
January 7, 2023	Simple Profession, Lurín, Peru
January 9, 2023	Priestly Ordination of Evir Zambrano, Peru (approval pending)
January 10-13, 2023	Annual Meeting of Peruvian Commissariat and Provincial Council Meeting, Lurín, Peru
January 13, 2023	Reception of Novices, Lurín, Peru
January 28, 2023	Priestly Ordination of Roberto Mejia, Mexico (approval pending)
February 27-March 3, 2023	Provincial Council Meeting, Encino, CA
May 9-12, 2023	Provincial Council Meeting, Leavenworth, KS
June 20-23, 2023	PCM Provincial Chapter, Darien, IL

*By Zoom Conference Call

Respectfully submitted,
David McEvoy, O.Carm.

**Board of Members
Mount Carmel High School
Chicago, Illinois
June 8, 2022
Minutes**

Present in Darien, Illinois: Carl J. Markelz, O.Carm., David McEvoy, O.Carm., Daryl Moresco, O.Carm., Gregory Houck, O.Carm., Luis Jesús “Chuy” Paz Acosta, O.Carm., and Rolf “Nepi” Willemsen, O.Carm.

Carl Markelz addressed the Board of Members and informed them of a Task Force Study underway at Mount Carmel High School to consider the possibility of Mount Carmel becoming a co-educational institution, perhaps as early as the academic year 2023-2024. Girls would be admitted as freshmen in 2023, and each year an additional class of girls would enter the school.

The Board of Members gave their initial impressions regarding the proposal and unanimously felt they needed more time to study the proposal. Carl stated that a 25 Question and Answer Fact Sheet prepared by the Task Force would be forwarded to each member of the Board of Members by Brendan Conroy, Mount Carmel President, for their consideration.

The Board of Members decided to meet again on June 12 to discuss the proposal before the June 14 Board of Directors Meeting at Mount Carmel.

Respectfully submitted,
David McEvoy, O.Carm.

**Board of Members
Mount Carmel High School
Chicago, Illinois
June 12, 2022
Minutes**

Present in Middletown, New York: Carl J. Markelz, O.Carm., Daryl Moresco, O.Carm., Rolf “Nepi” Willemsen, O.Carm.

Present via Zoom Video Conference: David McEvoy, O.Carm., Gregory Houck, O.Carm., and Luis Jesús “Chuy” Paz Acosta, O.Carm.

The Board of Members met to discuss the possibility of Mount Carmel High School becoming a co-educational institution. Each member had reviewed a fact sheet of 25 questions and answers submitted by Brendan Conroy, Mount Carmel President, from the Task Force considering the move to make Mount Carmel a co-educational school.

After a discussion of the pros and cons regarding this proposal, it was the consensus of the Board of Members that although they are open to the possibility of this change in the school, they were not completely convinced it was the best decision. The Board of Members recommended further discussion on the topic with additional feedback from the Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted,
David McEvoy, O.Carm.

**Board of Members
Mount Carmel High School
Chicago, Illinois
July 22, 2022
Minutes**

Present in Darien, Illinois: Carl J. Markelz, O.Carm., Gregory Houck, O.Carm.
Present via Zoom Video Conference: David McEvoy, O.Carm., Daryl Moresco, O.Carm., Luis Jesús “Chuy” Paz Acosta, O.Carm., and Rolf “Nepi” Willemsen, O.Carm.

The Board of Members reviewed a July 19, 2022, presentation to the Mount Carmel Board of Directors, including a summary of listening sessions of alumni, student leaders, employees, current students and parents, the Class of 2026, and top donors. The summary indicated the following:

- 1) The timeline to move to a co-ed school is too short.
- 2) The idea of a Mount Carmel brotherhood would be diminished.
- 3) The concept that Mount Carmel “teaches the male brain” is important.
- 4) Mount Carmel should consider all options for improvement before considering co-education.
- 5) Will girls come to Mount Carmel? Will boys leave?
- 6) Alumni Survey of 349 alumni, 78% of whom have children:
 - a. 70% would consider sending sons if MC is all male
 - b. 17% would consider coed MC for sons
 - c. 11% would consider coed MC for daughters
 - d. 49% would likely not send sons to MC if coed
 - e. 57% would likely not send daughters to MC if coed
- 7) What financial investment would be needed to go coed?
- 8) What are donor ramifications if MC goes coed?
- 9) What will it take for Mount Carmel to remain an all-boys school?

Carl proposed that a professional study be undertaken to get objective data as to the projected enrollment of Mount Carmel over the next ten years, should it remain an all-boys school or go coed. As a result, it was decided to engage Meitler (formerly Meitler Consultants) to undertake this task. The Province will make use of sponsorship funds to pay the \$38,000 fee for this study. The Board of Members unanimously approved this decision.

Respectfully submitted,
David McEvoy, O.Carm.

**Board of Members
Salpointe Catholic High School
Tucson, Arizona
July 22, 2022**

Present in Darien, Illinois: Carl J. Markelz, O.Carm. and Gregory Houck, O.Carm. Present via Zoom Video Conference: David McEvoy, O.Carm., Daryl Moresco, O.Carm., Luis Jesús “Chuy” Paz Acosta, O.Carm., and Rolf “Nepi” Willemsen, O.Carm.

The Board of Members of Salpointe Catholic High School met to discuss three persons that have been approved by the Salpointe Governance Committee and the Board of Directors to become new members of the Salpointe Board of Directors. The potential new board members are:

Rafael Meza, M.Ed. Rafael is a Tucson native and first generation Mexican-American. He holds a BA Degree in Mexican American Studies from the University of Arizona and a Master’s Degree in Educational Leadership from Northern Arizona University. He currently serves as the Assistant Dean of Undergraduate Admissions at the University of Arizona. He is a Salpointe alumnus, Class of 1987. Rafael and his wife, Kristyn, have two daughters who have attended Salpointe.

Neil Weitman. Neil is a valued member of the Salpointe Finance Committee and well connected with the Salpointe alumni base and the greater Tucson community. He is a Salpointe alumnus, Class of 1990. He is married and has three children. The Weitmans are loyal donors to Salpointe.

Amy Huether, JD. A native of Sioux Falls, SD, Amy received her JD Degree from the University of Iowa College of Law and is a licensed member of the Arizona State Bar Association. She is Vice President of the Arizona Skin Cancer Surgery Center. She and her husband, Mike, are loyal donors to Salpointe, and have four children, who are either at Salpointe or are alumni.

The Board of Members unanimously accepted these candidates to become members of the Salpointe Board of Directors.

Respectfully submitted,
David McEvoy, O.Carm.