

## Jesus Caritas National Fraternity Meeting Conference Call

Tuesday, September 11, 2018 4pm Eastern Time

On the line: Hap Ragan, John Jacquel, Ron Belisle, Greg Pawlowski, Joe Greeley, and Bob Amundsen.

1. **Review of Life** – Hap led us in an opening prayer at 4:04 pm. He said he's bowled over by "the crisis" and delivered a tirade at regional bishops' meeting. But he enjoyed a wonderful retreat last week – Jesus is with us in our poverty. John said another (retired, frequent guest) priest was put on "the list" by the bishop the other day and spoke of his Holy Rosary Finance Council asking, "Does anyone think we'll be in 10 years?" No one responded. We would do well to go into hospice mode. Bob joined us late due to his birthday celebration (10<sup>th</sup>). "When will I retire?" Everyone says, "You'll know." Greg's fraternity brother is "under the gun," besides all the other Lincoln Diocese investigations. One parishioner mentioned he (Greg) might be struggling with memory problems – so he's thinking and praying. Joe reported that Cardinal Mahoney published a list of priests ahead of time, so the CA grand jury wasn't so bad. He's brainstorming about what the parish can do next – to go from pain → healing. Ron returned from his fraternity meeting yesterday not uplifted (appalled by squalor in which one brother lives) (agitation with another when discussing the Rosica article on clericalism) (another blames it all on homosexuality). But he enjoyed some enthusiasm by a young Catholic (trained as Presbyterian minister) which balanced this out.
2. **Month of Nazareth** – Hap got an inquiry (Bob Samson of Cleveland). Joe Greeley wants to sign up, also. With regard to the retreat, Joe has talked to new auxiliary, Bishop Mark (LA) who has not yet responded. Bob will approach two potential retreat masters (and was given OK to do so). Overall, the site at Tybee Island will keep costs down (as Marywood in Florida will be pricey, but is locked in).
3. **October 9-10 Meeting** – Flight information was being shared. Ron will be going to the retreat in Viviers, France, and cannot join us. John is driving and may adjust his arrival to pick up guys at Savannah Airport.
4. **World Assembly** – Hap reminded us the registration is due October. Ron registered, but does not have flight info yet, wanted to join someone on a flight. Bob and Hap will fly to Tokyo, then Manila. No one has reservations from Manila → Cebu yet.
5. **New Business**
  - a. **Bishops' Fall Meeting – Nov 12 in Baltimore** – Hap cannot attend, Bob would but wants to know if they have "information tables" or not. He's gone as a subcommittee member.
  - b. **Newsletter** – Please submit something by Oct 3 – your experience of the Month.
  - c. **Fraternity Mates** – Those with active allegations (such as in Greg's), etc. Welcome the brother to talk, we all said. Various other responses followed. How do you approach wounded priests? Joe mentioned that the situation is no longer a scandal but a "cancer." Let's continue this discussion when we get together at Tybee Island next month.
6. **Prayer of Abandonment** – was begun 4:49 pm EDT with Hap Ragan leading.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, October 9 & 10, 2018 at Tybee Island, GA

*Respectfully submitted: John Jacquel*