

North American Secretariat for Partnership in Mission

Minutes

Thursday, March 10, 2022 (Zoom)

Opening Prayer: Anne shared a video prayer of the prayer of St. Patrick.

“Prayer. That’s what we can do.” Lesia spoke for a bit before the meeting about the tragic situation with Ukraine.

1. A Tour of the Ratio Formationis for Partnership in Mission:

Thursday, March 10: Appendices: Lucy has volunteered to walk NASPIM through this piece.

Appendices: 4 sections. *As the partnership intensifies; so does the formation.*

2. Working Group Gatherings

March 19: Working Groups for PIM/Comisión de Socios en la Misión

****Anne will get in touch with Ex Patriam****

Greg will send a meeting reminder with registration details.

Facilitators: Anne and Wendy

Interpreters: S. Perez and Br. Antonio

Format:

--Welcome

--Fr. Greg will provide technical guidelines for the Zoom

--Prayer: We’ll ask Fr. Francis to provide a video / audio clip for our opening prayer and closing prayer

--Fr. Jack Introduces Anne

--Anne introduces the members of the secretariat

--Fr. Greg will “spotlight” the members of the secretariat throughout the introductions.

--Extension of Gratitude

--Unit Presentations

--Question and Answer segment

--Presentation of the common things we’ve done in the past and brainstorm for the future.

--Closing Prayer and Farewell until next time (Fr. Francis prayer?)

April 2: Conference level gathering. As of the March NASPIM meeting, there were 28 people registered.

We as a group need to do a 10-minute presentation about who we are and what we are about. We

won’t have a meeting prior to that gathering. This is for working groups, secretariats, commissions.

There are 5 groups. Anne will resend the invitation link for our secretariat. The main purpose is to get

to know each other and to learn what each group is responsible for. We want to have an opportunity

learn how different groups work.

3. Meet with the Secretariat of Formation with North America.

Have and conversation and ask where do we think that we could intersect? Fr. Jack says there is some transition happening, so it’s not likely to happen for a few months.

With the Secretariat of Formation. There is a small executive committee of six. Once a year Fr. Jack meets with the student formators to be used as a pseudo. Fr. Jack says he can't see it happening in the next few months due to transitions. Perhaps we could meet with a singular unit and brainstorm with them. Lots of evolution happening right now in formation; meet with an individual group. Anne says give it some thought; we want to make it strategic and productive.

Lucy asks why the students can't jump on any of the virtual circle gatherings that are happening in the conference; Fr. Jack says (paraphrase) this requires dialog and planning.

4. General Chapter: Phase 1 begins May 9 and goes through May 21. Lucy, Wendy, Anne and Jack will be meeting March to have an introduction to how the phase 1 will work.

5. Other Business

1. Pilgrimage: Anne is planning a pilgrimage to Italy in May of 2023 (tentatively) Based mostly in Chiorani. Bus drive is booked.
2. Sharing of Working Group Meeting Minutes: Add it as an agenda item for the NASPIM meeting agenda.
3. Availability of the Redemptorist cross: Anne is working on this. Nothing new to report since the November meeting. At the March 2022 meeting, Anne asked us to give thought to how many crosses each unit would like.
4. Spanish Translation of *Living Redemptorist Spirituality is complete and formatting is in progress. As of March 2022 meeting, Wendy has not had a chance to work on this/*
5. **"mentor/buddy program"** Explore and coordinate a "mentor/buddy program" so that recently professed and/or the professed with no prior experience with PIM can receive direct exposure to PIM activities in our local circles. Put together events, opportunities, and sessions to meet and share significantly on what matters most in spiritual life; share on the animating aspects of life. Produce a series of encounters to find ways to match up a lay partner with a professed. Should be informal; an invitation to join or work on a concrete item like the chapter videos.
These are topics we'd like to explore with the Secretariat of Formation.

Scheduling and organizing a Zoom gathering specifically for the Redemptorist Associates of the North American Conference

This event remains on the agenda and will be planned after the gathering of the Working Groups/Commission.

Fr. Mario is working the adding Spanish and French translation to Lucy's witness video.

Closing Prayer: Anne (thank you)

Next meeting: Thursday, April 7, 2022