

North American Secretariat for Partnership in Mission

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 9, 2022 (Zoom)

Opening Prayer: Wendy (Reading from *The Inner Voice of Love*, by Henri Nouwen)

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

Fr. Francis is slated to at some point give an overview of Chapter 5 of the Ratio: Formation of Lay Missionaries of the Most Holy Redeemer. *This will be for a future meeting.*

1. Working Group Gatherings

March 19: GATHERING OF UNIT-LEVEL COMMISSIONS AND WORKING GROUPS FOR PARTNERSHIP IN MISSION

April 2: GATHERING OF CONFERENCE-LEVEL PIM WORKING GROUPS/SECRETARIATS/COMMISSIONS

Positive response to the gatherings. The slide presentations from the North American gathering will be posted on CSsR.net.

Want to work to engage all units in the future. Fr. Greg will ask Fr. Roberto if Mexico can recommend a lay partner as a liaison. Anne said that the slide presentations for the Conference Level gathering will be posted on the GG page website.

Desire to share resources. Clarification was provided on the specific formation that Mexico provides lay partners for their 30-Day Missions.

2. Submitting requests for modifications to the Directory.

Submit your suggestions to Anne Walsh by the end of June, 2022.

3. Next steps for engaging the the Formation Secretariat

Open the conversation through Fr. Jack. We need to determine what we're trying to accomplish before we engage. It's important that we have a strategy and a desired outcome, and fortify the relationship between NASPIM and Redemptorists. Determine what's possible and not possible. It's important in the conversations between NAS(PIM) and the formation committee that we discern and decide together. It was decided that there would be a subcommittee representing to engage in dialog: Anne Walsh, Lucy Burich McNamara, and Peter Hill.

Examples were provided by both Anne Walsh and Fr. Greg of ways that professed and laity are engaging in ongoing formation together.

4. XXVI General Chapter

Fr. Jack is busy with planning and preparation for Phase I and beyond. Anne Walsh, Wendy Barnes, Lucy Burich McNamara are attending Phase 1.

5. Other Business

1. Consider a retreat in the fall of 2022? This is a busy year with the General Chapter and elections. We need to prioritize and focus on one or two things.
2. Pilgrimage: Anne is planning a pilgrimage to Italy in May of 2023 (tentatively) Based mostly in Chiorani. Bus drive is booked.
3. Sharing of Working Group Meeting Minutes: Add it as an agenda item for the NASPIM meeting agenda.
4. Availability of the Redemptorist cross: *Please let Anne know how many medals/crosses you would like. Fr. Greg said that he would like 150 for the Denver Province.*
5. Spanish Translation of *Living Redemptorist Spirituality* is complete and formatting is in progress. *Wendy will have by end of April.*
6. **“mentor/buddy program”**
7. 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. *There were discussions at the Working Group gatherings about a world-wide gathering.*
8. 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.

Closing Prayer: Pray together the Lord’s Prayer

Next meeting: Thursday, June 9, 2022. Via Zoom.