

North American Secretariat for Partnership in Mission

Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 9, 2022 (Zoom)

Opening Prayer: Lucy

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 item is deferred until September and will be moved to "Other Business".**

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

slide presentations from the North American gathering will be posted on CSsR.net. **The presentations are associated with the events that are on the calendar. If you go to a previous event, you can click on it and see the attachments and resources that were used for that event. Wendy will add the content to other areas of the website. Please note, there is a bug-issue with the calendar. Sometimes a user is not able to go back to previous months to view an event.**

2. Submitting requests for modifications to the Directory

Submit your suggestions to Anne Walsh by the end of June 2022. **Greg asked about the possibility of using a shared document such as a Google doc or a shared Microsoft Word document using OneDrive. Anne said that might be difficult since there are many, many people offering input on the document. Wendy will share her formatted 8.5 x 11 formatted copies of the Ratio and the directory with Anne.**

3. Next steps for engaging the Formation Secretariat

It was decided that there would be a subcommittee representing to engage in dialog: Anne Walsh, Lucy Burich McNamara, and Peter Hill. **A report was provided on the meeting. Suggestions were offered on engaging Redemptorists, such as sharing a calendar of all circles that are meeting to invite CSSRs to participate if they would like (this could be easily done on CSSR.net--wb). Greg reported that he hosted a presentation for the Bronx community and invited PIM associates and lay missionaries to participate.**

4. XXVI General Chapter

Report on Phase 1 North America and looking toward Phase 2. **Those who were present at Phase 1 shared their thoughts on being a part of it and the positivity of the experience.**

5. Other Business

- a) 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. See “f” for more details.
- b) Pilgrimage: Anne is planning a pilgrimage to Italy in May of 2023 (tentatively) Based mostly in Chiorani. Bus drive is booked.
- c) Sharing of Working Group Meeting Minutes: nothing new to report.
- d) 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. Anne has placed orders.
- e) Spanish Translation of *Living Redemptorist Spirituality* is complete and formatting is progress. *Viviendo la Espiritualidad Redentorista: Oraciones, Devociones, Reflexiones* is ready for sharing. Wendy shared the final PDF with Anne; it is too large to upload to the website; it will need to be added to DropBox and a link to the file can then be placed on CSSR.net. We also have a version in Portugese, translated by the group in Aparaceida.
- f) Scheduling and organizing a Zoom gathering specifically for the Redemptorist Associates of the North American Conference: An event is planned for November 19. Ideas included a presentation on Phase 2 of the General Chapter and a meet-and-greet format to introduce all of the different circles in North America. It will become an agenda item for future meetings.
- g) 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. Nothing new to report.

Closing Prayer: Lucy

Next meeting: Propose Thursday, July 7, 2022. Via Zoom.