



PROVINCE OF OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL

Province Council Meeting April 19, 2023

1. **Prayer/Reading of Mission Statement**
2. **Review and approve amended minutes** from the Province Council meeting on March 31.
3. Provincial Anthony Pizzo led the Council in a **climate check**.
4. The Council **scheduled and/or confirmed dates** for several events:
 - A. August 5, 2023: **First profession of vows** at St. Clare. Exact time hasn't been confirmed, but probably late morning.
 - B. August 27, 2023: **Solemn Vespers for Feast of St. Monica/St. Augustine** at 5PM. Location TBD.
 - C. **Future Province Council Meetings:**
 - a. May 26, 2023—9:30 am, Province Offices
 - b. June 16, 2023—9:30 am, Province Offices
 - c. July 7, 2023—9:30 am, Province Offices
 - d. August 4, 2023—9:30 am, Province Offices
 - e. September 8, 2023—9:30 am, Province Offices
 - f. October 13, 2023—9:30 am (possibly in Tulsa with Prior General)
 - g. November 22, 2023—9:30 am, Province Offices
 - h. December 20, 2023—10 am (with Advent reflection)
 - i. January 19, 2024—9:30 am, Province Offices
 - j. February 9, 2024—9:30 am, Province Offices
 - k. March 22, 2024—9:30 am, Province Offices
 - l. April 22, 2024—9:30 am, Province Offices
 - m. June 7, 2024—TBD based on Midchapter schedule and location
 - D. **ASEA**, Oct 18-20, 2023, Austin Catholic High School, MI
 - E. **AVI**, Oct 20-22, 2023, Austin Catholic High School, MI
 - F. **Vicar General Visit**, Oct 14-27, 2023
 - G. Tentative: **Midchapter** June 3-7, 2023
5. The Council wants each community to consider whether they want to nominate anyone to be an **Affiliate** or to receive a **Fidelitas Award**. These

will be recognized at Solemn Vespers on Aug 27. The Secretary will send out more details regarding nominations.

6. Treasurer James Halstead presented the **March financial statements**.
7. Treasurer James Halstead gave an update on **St. John Stone Friary**. CTU will NOT be renewing their lease because they will not be offering housing for their program anymore. James is in contact with an agent to help sell the property.
8. The Finance Commission is working on the **2023-24 Fiscal Year Budget**. All house treasurers need to submit their house budgets ASAP.
9. The Council discussed **personnel matters**.
10. Provincial Anthony Pizzo, with the consent of the Council, approved **Spencer Thomas and David Relstab** for **renewal of vows** for one year.
11. Provincial Anthony Pizzo, with the consent of the Council, finalized several **appointments**:
 - A. **Stephen Isley** will move to St. Rita High School and serve as a member of the faculty. He will also provide sacramental assistant at St. Rita/St. Clare Parish.
 - B. **Joe Roccasalva** will move to Cascia Hall and serve as a member of the faculty.
 - C. **Jack Tierney** was accepted to St. Louis University for a PhD Program in Public and Social Policy. He will live in St. Louis and be *de familia* with Cascia Hall.
12. The Council, acting as Board of Trustees for Cascia Hall School Corporation, accepted several nominations to the **Cascia Hall School and Foundation Boards**.
13. The **Vocation Board** will meet on May 25 to consider applications to the Pre-Novitiate.
14. A **Formation Gathering** will be held on Aug 3-5 for the men in formation from all the North American Provinces, as well as men who are out of formation for 5 years or less. It will be held at St. Rita High School.
15. The Council received **healthcare** updates on several elderly friars. (Updates have already been communicated to the Province membership by the Secretary via email.)

16. Bernard Scianna gave an update on **Gala preparations**. The number of attendees is up at least 40 from last year. Honoree Matt Coughlin will not be able to attend because of serious health issues, but he will be represented by his three daughters. The **next Gala** will honor Greg and Wendy Jania, Fr. William Lego, and Fr. Walter McNicholas (posthumously).
17. Bernard Scianna gave an update on the new **case statement** by the Advancement Council. It is nearing its final draft and will be submitted to the Province Council once it is approved by the Advancement Council.
18. John Merkelis gave an update on **Praesidium reaccreditation**. The Secretary of the Province will begin collecting compliance certificates of Virtus and Pathways from friars.
19. **Provincial Health Update**—Anthony Pizzo He has been diagnosed with prostate cancer. He is meeting with his doctors to discuss treatment options.
20. Provincial Anthony Pizzo shared about an outreach program **called PJI-Asylum Seekers**. They are a Chicago based group and are looking for priests, especially Spanish-speakers, to say Mass for the asylum seekers they serve.
21. Provincial Anthony Pizzo gave an update on **Peru**. Thanks to generous donors, the school in Pacasmayo will receive a new computer lab and a new youth soccer field will be built in Iquitos.
22. Next Council meeting: June 16.