



PROVINCE OF OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL

Province Council Meeting: May 26, 2023

Provincial Offices

1. The meeting opened with **prayer** and the reading of the **mission statement**.
2. The Provincial and Council **reviewed and approved the revised minutes** from the Council meeting on April 19.
3. Provincial Anthony Pizzo led the Council in a **climate check**.
4. Vocation Director Thomas McCarthy gave a **vocation update** on recent and upcoming meetings with inquirers.
5. Provincial Anthony Pizzo, with the consent of the Council, **approved admittance to the next step of formation** for the following people:
 - A. **Pre-Novitiate**: Jonathan Lutz and Jeremy Welch*
 - B. **Novitiate**: Cody Ford
 - C. **First Profession of Vows**: Nathan Fernandes and David Marshall

***More info about the new Pre-Novices**

Jonathan Lutz is 22 years old and comes from Fairmont, MN. He just graduated from St. Mary's University (Winona, MN), with majors in Philosophy and Psychology.

Jeremy Welch is 42 years old and comes from Terre Haute, IN. He graduated from the University of Edinburgh (Scotland) in 2003 with an MA in Classics and Medieval History. He currently runs his own tea company, which he founded. He also sells vinyl records at an antique mall.

6. The Provincial and Council discussed **personnel matters**.

7. The Provincial and Council discussed **health updates** of several friars. (Updates have already been communicated to the Province membership by the Secretary via email.)
8. Finance Officer Patrick Griffin presented the **financial report** on behalf of Treasurer James Halstead. He presented the April financial reports and gave an update on the 2023-24 Fiscal Year Budget.
9. **New car insurance cards** have arrived and will be distributed soon.
10. **St. John Stone Friary** has been listed, but they plan to have a second appraisal. The University of Chicago was not interested in the property.
11. The Provincial and Council discussed several updates about **Marylake**.
 - A. Treasurer James Halstead and Quinto Annibale (AFOI) attended a city council meeting in King City on May 16 in response to a proposal to halt the building of the long-term care facility at Marylake. They were successful in having the proposal withdrawn.
 - B. Living arrangements for the friars and sisters during construction of the long-term care facility are still being decided.
 - C. The builders plan to break ground in August for the new facility. The new monastery will hold 8-10 friars, and its smaller size will be much more reasonable to maintain for heat, electricity, etc. than the current one. St. Augustine Seminary will be given the opportunity to take what they want from the current monastery library. The archives will be stored temporarily and eventually moved to the new building.
 - D. The Provincial, Treasurer, and Secretary plan to go to Marylake at the end of June.
12. Bernard Scianna gave an update on **Advancement**. Bernard will also give a presentation at the upcoming Province Retreat.
 - A. The Provincial and Council were presented with the most recent draft of the **Case Statement** and the proposed timeline for the **Capital Campaign**.
 - B. **Michael Gerrity** will be the Director of the Campaign and will help the new Advancement Director to transition into the role.

- C. **Vicar General Joseph Farrell** will join the Advancement Council for a fundraiser event at the Polo Grill in Tulsa on Sunday, October 15. This will be part of Joseph's visitation to all the houses of the Province in October.
13. John Merkelis gave an update on **Survivor Assistance**. Dr. Bland will speak about Praesidium at the Province Retreat in June.
 14. Provincial Anthony Pizzo was named the **new Prior of FANA**. He would like to see the inactive commissions within FANA become more active.
 15. The Provincial shared updates the **Peru Vicariate**. Bishop Daniel Turley just went down to dedicate and bless a new school building in the Diocese of Chulucanas. The school in Pacasmayo will be receiving a large donation for a computer lab.
 16. The Provincial and Council received and discussed several proposals for **JPIC grant projects**. According to Province Program 135, members of the province and vicariate can submit proposals to the JPIC Commission, who approves and submits them to the Province Council for consideration. There is \$7500 available for grants each year. The following proposals were approved:
 - **Canadian Centre for Social Justice**—various projects
 - **Morropon and La Matanza, Piura, Peru**—comprehensive program of activities, education, and JPIC outreach in the parishes of San Agustin (La Matanza) and San Isidro (Morropon).
 - **Pacasmayo, Peru**—provide guidance and socio-economic support for children with special education needs.
 17. Thomas McCarthy and Jack Tierney submitted a proposal to move forward with the hiring of a **Director of Augustinian Youth and Young Adult Ministry**. This position was approved by the 2022 Province Chapter. The Provincial and Council would like to have the new Advancement Director (still to be hired) to be part of this conversation.
 18. **Richard Young, Director of Augustinian Mission and Ministry** will coordinate ministry opportunities for the upcoming year with the heads of school and priors of the province.
 19. **Next meeting**: June 16