



PROVINCE OF OUR MOTHER OF GOOD COUNSEL

Province Council Meeting: June 16, 2023

Bellarmino Jesuit Retreat House

1. The meeting opened with **prayer** and the reading of the **mission statement**.
2. The Provincial and Council **reviewed and approved the minutes** from the Council meeting on May 26.
3. The Council, acting as Board of Trustees for Cascia Hall School Corporation, **reviewed and accepted the minutes** from their meeting on April 26.
4. **Robert Dodaro** has received his new visa and will return to Canada soon.
5. Provincial Anthony Pizzo, with the consent of the Council, approved **Stephen Isley** as Prior of St. Rita High School Monastery.
6. The Provincial and Council discussed **health updates** of several friars. (Updates have already been communicated to the Province membership by the Secretary via email.)
7. Bernard Scianna gave an update on **Advancement**. Several friars have already shown interest in helping with the new **Capital Campaign**.
8. **Ed Barrett** has been hired as the next Advancement Director. He will transition to the role later this summer. He has been at Providence Catholic High School for 33 years and is also an Affiliate of the Order. Michael Gerrity will transition out as Director of Advancement and will remain as the Director of the Capital Campaign.
9. Treasurer James Halstead suggested that the **employee handbook** be updated. He plans to work on this and present an updated version in August or September. The current edition is from Tolentine.
10. Dr. Bland and John Merkelis gave a presentation on Wednesday at the retreat regarding **Praesidium**. The Province's **Policy for Maintaining Ethical Ministry with Minors** was sent out again after the meeting at the retreat for the members of the province to review as part of the reaccreditation process.

11. Treasurer James Halstead gave an update on the long-term care facility project at **Marylake**. All permissions have been granted for the project. The wrecking ball will arrive in mid-August. When the project is completed, it will house and serve 160 elderly people. The project will take about 2.5-3 years to complete. James also discussed the finances of the project. Discussions continue regarding where the friars and sisters will live during construction. The Provincial, Treasurer, and Secretary plan to visit Marylake at the end of the month.
12. The meeting closed with **prayer**.
13. **Next meeting:** August 4th