

Regional Assembly
Vicars for Religious October 8-10, 2019
Mission San Jose

Members Present: Sisters Anthony Mary Diago, RSM, Ellen Hess, VDMF (Tuesday, only), Gloria Loya, PBVM, Jeanne Bartholomeaux, SC, Karla Felix, VDMF, Kathleen Warren, OSF, Maria Carlos, EI, Mary Frances Coleman, RSM, Rene Backe, CSA, Rosina Conrotto, PBVM and Joan Patten, AO

Tuesday, October 8, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Rene at 4:15 pm. After review of the agenda, new members Joan Patten (Diocese of Orange) and Sisters Ellen Hess (Diocese of San Jose) and Karla Felix (Diocese of Sacramento) were welcomed. Each member present introduced herself sharing her joys and challenges.

At 5:15 pm the meeting adjourned and we joined the Mission San Jose Dominican Community for evening prayer and Mass.

After dinner, Sister Rose Marie Hennessy, OP, Administrator welcomed the group and joined us for the evening social.

Wednesday, October 9, 2019

The meeting reconvened at 9:00 am. Anthony Mary read the minutes of the regional meeting which took place during the national assembly, March, 2019. The minutes were approved with the following correction: change the location from San Jose to “the Motherhouse of the Mission San Jose Dominican Sisters in Fremont, California”.

Mary Frances presented the financial report noting that the beginning balance (July 1, 2019) was \$2, 879.17. Outstanding dues are still being collected and expenses for the meeting are yet to be paid.

At 9:30 am a ZOOM conference was held with Sister Lynn Jarrell, OSU who addressed questions sent to her in advance by the Vicars. (see attachment). The conference concluded at 12:00 noon..

The meeting reconvened at 1:15 pm with conversation about the content of Sister Lynn’s presentation and was followed by a discussion of the 2021 National Assembly for which the Western Region is responsible. Rene will attend the meeting of regional chairs and NVRC officers in November of 2019 and will ask for the theme of the 2021 National Assembly.

The following decision was made regarding our participation in the 2020 Assembly during which we will be responsible to issue an “invitation” to the 2021 Assembly.

- Musical background “This Land is My Land, This Land is Your Land”
- Slides depicting each area of the Western Region
 - Faces
 - Nature
 - Highlights of the local areas
 - Ending with slides at the borders and fences at the borders and a copy of Norman Rockwell’s painting of the UN Mural.
- Participants will send pictures to Anthony Mary who will put the slide presentation together. (see responsibilities in the Task section at the end of the minutes)
- Rene will prepare the script to accompany the slides.
- Kathleen and Karla will work on hand movements to be used with the song.
- Members of the Western Region will gather after dinner on the opening evening to rehearse.

Following discussion on the 2020 Assembly the Apostolic letter, “Communis Vita” was addressed. (see attachment)

The meeting recessed at 2:50 and reconvened at 3:15.

Gloria distributed “Guidelines for Welcoming and Receiving New Religious into the Diocese of Monterey” and addressed questions about the guidelines.

Karla shared information on the paper she presented for her licentiate and will be the presenter at our regional gathering in 2020. She will have a two hour slot to make her presentation.

NEXT REGIONAL MEETING
Pro Sanctity Retreat Center in Fullerton, CA
September 30 – October 2, 2020

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 4:55 at which time those who wished joined the Dominican community for evening prayer and Mass.

After dinner we gathered in the meeting room for refreshments and to watch the movie “Bella”.

Respectfully submitted,
Rosina Conrotto, PBVM
Secretary

TASKS

AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY – Send Anthony Mary visuals for the slides:

Anthony Mary	Phoenix Washington Hawaii
Ellen	San Jose
Gloria	Monterey Idaho
Jeanne	Tucson Wyoming
Joan	Orange Montana
Karla	Sacramento Nevada
Kathleen	San Diego Utah
Maria	Los Angeles Oregon
Mary Frances	San Bernardino
Rene	New Mexico Colorado
Rosina	Alaska San Francisco