Chapter Agenda

Saturday January 16,2021   
1 PM CDT (2 PM EDT, 11 AM PDT, 3 PM San Paulo, 7 PM GMT)

* Greeting - Abbot David
* Opening Prayer – Fr. Sid

Announcements-10 minutes

Annual Reports: 20 minutes

* Sister Toni – Six-month status report for FY 2020-21.
* Prior’s Report – Sr. Martha
* Abbot’s Report - Abbot David
* Vote to accept reports as presented/amended

Discussions/other business 60+ minutes

* Upcoming surveys
* Discuss proposed new committees and work-groups.

Proposed committee

* + Worship committee. This committee would develop, expand and implement online prayer services, possibly including centering prayer meetings. In addition, it would review our regular and special services used during convocation.

Proposed working groups

* + Working group 1: Continuous Learning and Mentoring. To develop a program to support learning and mentoring for all members. It is hoped that life professed members would assume a leadership role in this endeavor.
  + Working group 2: Member Care and Support. To develop a program to encourage and support member-to-member friendly, informal support between all members. This may be a two-part program; one part to deal with immediate issues (ie Co~~r~~vid19 and isolation of members house bound by other medical issues) and a second part to offer long term support for all members.
  + Working Group 3: Communications. To define our communication needs and requirements including but not limited to; a regularly distributed prayer list for members, a newsletter (including need, kinds of content, schedule, and promoting member participation), exploring electronic services beyond Zoom, video distribution of convocation services and meetings.
  + Working Group 4: Review Oblate membership. This effort will be spear-headed by Sr. Martha. The working group will consist of three members selected by her. The objectives of the working group are:
* Create a written history of Oblation within CSL--how it came to be, etc.
* Discuss and reflect upon the current scope of Oblation. Answer questions such as What is Oblation in CSL (both how it is presented in community documents and how it is perceived by all members)? How can we better utilize the talents of our Oblates?
* Review the current application for Oblation and anywhere definitions or discussions of Oblation appears in community documents/social media, website, etc. for consistency and to ensure it reflects outcomes of discussions in #2.
* Briefly review current Oblate formation to be sure it meets needs of those being formed and is consistent with CSL's vision of the path of Oblation.
* Submit any recommendations concerning the Oblate program in general and/or the formation program to the Abbot, the Director of Oblates and the Dean of Formation). The abbot and council will determine if any recommendation should be ratified by Chapter.
* Since October, professed members have been meeting to socialize and discuss life profession issues and responsibilities. I want to begin a similar program of virtual discussions for the juniors (postulants and novices), and the Oblates. I’d like this to begin in February at the latest. I need a novice to spearhead this effort. The Oblate discussion program could be part of the working group planning.

The worship committee is permanent since our services are organic, changing as the community grows and evolves. The working groups should plan to make final reports and recommendation by our late spring/summer Chapter meeting 2021.

* Other business from members

Closing Prayer Fr. Sid