Charism Working Group:

Date: 11-16-2018

Present: Tim O’Brien, Marci Madary , Manuel Valencia, Trudi Webb Stinson, Megan Silas, David Colhour, Anne Kemp.

**Topics of Conversation:**

Reflected a little about redemptive suffering. Good theologies of Suffering tie into compassion and love of another person. Suffering can be unitive in that I choose to suffer with someone or for someone out of love. Pain that is not transformed by the cross becomes transmitted.

Update on the Leadership Day:

* There is a unitive element of the Charism. The deepest levels of conversation and meaning is when we share charism, not ministry, personal interests, sports. It is the deepest level where we can share, commit, connect with others. It is unitive, transformative, transcultural.
* Henry Nouwen. “Community is being with the individuals you most deeply want to share the good news with.” This is deeper than having things in common or having a common life. For us as Passionists this is the Passion of Jesus Christ.
* Is there a relationship between formation and commitment? And can a person integrate charism without being invested in the long term? Absorption in the Charism,
* Some live Charism in their job and others can take is a step further and pull it into their personal lives.
* The power of Ritual in conjunction with formation with the laity.