**Report of Jan. 15-16, 2019 Pre-Chapter Zoom Mtg—Christ the King Retreat**

**Jan. 15** Michele Ochesky, Chuck Rose, Blaise, Giltus, Carl, Arthur, E John

**Local gatherings**: Questions, **session 1**

**How are the signs of the times reflected in these reports?**

**What connections or opportunities are emerging from the Working Groups?**

* Limited to those who go to church; how get to “nones”; media
* Sense of interculturation, mixed
* God preaches through people
* More aware of countercultural: number of families homeschooling, e. g.
* Hunger of young people today
* Today: polarization, incivility, division; is there a message that connects
* How does a mother love her children going in all directions? 1 response from group female group member: unconditionally
* Emphasize gratitude and 300 years of hopeful future (rank #3)
* CP General Chapter reflecting on charism and connecting to apostolate
* Preaching involves an educational component
* 70% of RCIA folks leave the church; need for becoming faith community, emotional bonding through personal relationships
* No C. P. presence in Nashville, TN, yet 300 involved in CPP
* So many parishes, not only in English masses, but Spanish, Filipino, etc.
* Last 20 yrs., greatest energy/benefits that come from relationship w/ laity, primarily people to replace C. P.s (rank #2)
* Preaching: message carried, Christ loves us
* David Colhour: Passion: how to tell the story again, finding the venue to tell the story (rank #1)

**Jan. 16** Michele Ochesky, Chuck Rose, Bob Porter, Blaise, Giltus, Carl, Arthur, E. John

**Local gatherings:** Questions, **session 2**

**What obstacles are with us in this community and in the Province and how can we address them?**

**What are we ready to let go of in this community and in the Province as we live into our future?**

#1

* Vocations: re-imagine community life
* What about reaching out for Filipino and Vietnamese vocations?
* We’re very individualistic (great diversity in community membership)
* Bp. Soto has called Christ the King a jewel in the diocese

#2

* Where do various generation regard community?
* What from the past structures, traditions might be hindering us?
* What burden or obstacle do we need to let go?
* What is not a burden/obstacle: TV, watching together, or dominating?
* Is cable (TV, etc.) taking too much of our resources?

**Local gatherings:** Question, **session 3**

**Where is the Spirit leading us in bold & prophetic ways?**

* Reimagining community: prayer time and meal times, no reason laity can’t participate
* Charism is beyond (more than) congregation: Where is the charism leading us? Community established by Spirit
* Build bridges between divisions in our world: Muslim/Jew/Orthodox/Evangelical (Pope Francis, John Allen, Jr, Benet Kelly)
* Suffering can be a gift (Road less traveled)
* Crucifixion end divisions: neither Jew/Greek/Gentile, slave or free, etc.
* Journey, spiritual guidance, walking with Christ
* Older you get, the wiser you are regarded; this is cultural like in Asian countries, in US elders often regarded as “useless”
* Modern world: need to be crazy, shake bush, be off center; wake people up, once you can get their attention
* 1 of gifts of Spirit is wisdom (comes with age)
* 1 thing essential to Passion: Jesus (also human suffering), people were angry with him, humans brought him to it by evil
* One of the women groups in Louisville is Charity Alive Association (Charity of Nazareth sisters and….?)