**January 16, 2019, 9:28 PDT; second day**

**Introduction**

Those present from Mater Dolorosa: Clemente Barron, Jean Bowler, Michael Cunningham, Bruno D’Souza, Mike Higgins, moderator, Alan Phillip, John Rockenbach, Marta Salgado-Nino, Janet Selinske and Jeanne Warlick

Opening Prayer by Fr. Phil Paxton

Afterwards, Anne Kemp, Chapter Facilitator and Visioning Commission Consultant, began the meeting by greeting everyone and outlining the way the meeting would unfold. She then introduced the Fr. Mark Clarke for his second presentation to the Pre-Chapter.

**Zoom: Fr. Mark Clarke’s Presentation, The Power of What If and a Response**

The organizers are making the PowerPoint available to each Chapter participant.

Points highlighted

* It’s impact on Society
* The Power of the Question
* Virtues of Leader and the Collective
* Treading the Narrative

Each of the headings were developed and expanded upon by use of examples and explanations.

**Individual responses**

The following individuals offered a variety of responses: Phil Paxton, Cedric Pisegna, Clemente, Eric Meyer, John Hilgert, Kate Mims, Michael Higgins, Sebastian MacDonald. The comments reflected a very positive response to the PowerPoint. Most of them were an affirmation of what was said by way of encouraging statements that included focus, risk-taking, being passionate for the future, the value of prioritizing and keeping a balance as we make our way forward.

**10:40 am Off Zoom: Local Community conversations**

Each community were asked to reflect upon the following two questions:

* How are the signs of the times reflected in these reports (given yesterday)?
* What connections or opportunities are emerging from the groups?

**Afternoon Session**

**12 noon: Reports from communities by Zoom**

Each community shared the fruits of their conversation. (I did not take notes of these reports. What follows is the Mater Dolorosa report.

We decided to begin with the second question: What are we ready to let go of in this community and the Province and how can we address them?

Everyone participated.

We began by naming some dynamic tensions between two sets of goods and/or priorities: to focus mainly on those things that we do well as individuals and as institutions and the need to address those people with diverse needs, which may call for specialization, that are not yet being served.

The more that we are able to name a ministry focus, the better able we can respond to the needs of the people who come to us.

There is a tension between responding to the Province ministry needs as requested by our leadership and developing what we personally are very good at doing in ministry.

As lay Passionists, we are able to choose ministries that the Province and our ministry sites need, for example, preaching ministries and administration.

A question that was asked was how can we be stretched while not being stressed out? This question was addressed to both lay and vowed Passionists.

We are moving into a new experienced with lay involvement here at Mater Dolorosa as a lay person takes on the role of Retreat Center Director, that has oversight of all aspects of retreat center administration and ministry. Someone expressed this transition as “still getting use to it.”

Today we are building our future on the shoulders of those who dreamed what we are living some 50 years ago. What will our legacy be?

While valuing the significant roles that laity have with our ministry, there still is a core belief that vowed members are still essential to a Passionist ministry. How do we expand our vowed membership for a vital future?

As vowed members we became Passionists not so much because we wanted to do a specific ministry but to live a religious way of life, out of which our ministry was done.

Without dialogue with all the stake holders, there will be no consensus.

We also named some things that we needed to let go of, if we were going to become community of Passionists of both lay and vowed members doing ministry, in the future.

For example: We needed to let go of our older models of community life and create new ones. Lay Passionist need to let go of wondering if they are truly Passionists yet. We need to let go of the voluntary model of doing formation for the laity and make it a requirement for doing ministry in a Passionist presence.

Laity are called to claim their Passionist identity and not believe that their desire to be a Passionist is insignificant.

**Zoom: Individual responses**

Responses to the reports were given by Phil Paxton, Alex Steinmiller, Richard Burke, Joe Moons, and Sr. Mary Ann. Phrases that emerged: let go of our fears, our future is assured with lay Passionists, peer motivation, embracing obstacles as positives, e.g., diminishment; need vocations for the future, the Passion is being lived out by our members at this point in history.

**12:40 Off Zoom Conversation: Where is the Spirit leading us in bold and prophetic ways.**

Phrases used in the conversation: Be more inclusive and formalize the bond for lay Passionists, diminishment is not a negative, be innovated, like on line retreats, social media multiplies our communications, embracing new methods of formation and the Province willingness to embrace ministry; recognizing that there are separate vocations (ordained and married) but each vocation can do authentic Passionist ministry, e.g., preaching, administration; recognize the longing people have to be in communion with the Passionists, think about new buildings and new programs, like Spirituality of the Workplace; use social media to help the needy. There may have been other phrases that I missed.

**1:15 Zoom: Individuals sharing what they heard in their local conversations**

* We need to take some bold steps.
* The Province needs to be together, in relationship with each other.
* Do not be afraid
* Allow the movement of the Spirit keep moving us to take the next step (example, when CTU accepted the first lay student, it resulted a whole new understanding of CTU’s mission and thus new structures were needed to respond to this bold step.)
* The power of witness and making use of our “brand” for example the sign and the habit
* Aim high and realize our potential
* Passionist spirituality as a strength
* Collaboration
* Prayer as foundational
* Incorporating new models for Passionist community, such as having religious and lay people living under one roof
* Need to grow in an organic way

**Wrap Up**

Jim Strommer: We need to keep asking, “What do we want to happen?” “Who are we and where are we going?” We need to keep incorporating the individual insights of the groups into a common vision. We need to prioritize the best of what is emerging. This is the work of the Spirit.

Clemente asked the question of the organizing committee is incorporating Chapter proposals that come from the vowed members. As per our constitution, every vowed member has a right to submit a proposal to the Chapter. The Provincial Council and the Chapter committee will follow up on this.

Joe Moons thanked everyone. Grateful that the Zoom experience went well.

**Adjourned at 2 pm**

*Minutes submitted by Fr. Clemente Barrón, CP*