

Charism Formation Team
Notes
March 30, 2020

Present: Jean Bowler, Jack Conley, CP, Marci Madary, Tim O'Brien, Don Webber, CP

1. Jack Conley led a 'Prayer during a Pandemic'
2. What is happening in OME - Don Webber, CP
 - have a liaison with the different retreat centers
 - published "What Is?"
 - formation program at Mater Dolorosa in the fall - 25-30 people
 - helped with Jubilee Celebration in Chicago to promote the Passionist charism
 - planned CTU summer institute, OME does formation, will be done by Zoom now
 - Jean Bowler and Faith Offman will be working the Don Senior on a province-wide retreat - still looking for a date
 - trying to figure out who are the audiences and what depth of formation do they need?
 - working with Board chair and vice chair and offering formation for them
 - may produce videos (or a Zoom conference) with discussion questions that can be facilitated on a local level - will need to 'train the trainer'
 - want to line up preaching team with CTU professors
 - three levels of formation - government level, administration, ministry and other pastoral staff
 - at next OME meeting, will determine what kind of formation activities are appropriate for each level
 - challenge is that models don't translate well from location to location, as all retreat centers are individual
3. Possible priorities
 - bringing people together to talk
 - consider ways technology can expand community
 - use Zoom for formation
 - retreat center goes out to people
 - there needs to be substance in the Zoom conversations
 - can use substance from other sources
 - ****regular Zoom gatherings with gentle charism inclusion at the end of April - start with women who were going to be a part of a retreat - give to Jean and Faith and Kate "What are the satisfactions that you have had to live detached from?"***
 - Part of living with Passionist charism is living with unpredictability in detachment
 - ****developing a 'Rule of Life' for lay Passionists - applying or translating the Rule to the lay life - give to OME and OME Board***
4. Next Steps
 - type up the two focus ideas and send the groups the recommendation
 - Tim and Marci will type up the 'translating the Rule for lay people'
 - Jean will type up 'Zoom gatherings'
5. Next Meeting - Monday, April 27 at 3:00 pm