

NCVR Board Meeting
March 24, 2020
1:30 – 2:45 pm Zoom call

1. We opened with a Prayer for a Pandemic, remembering all those who have died during these days, especially Sr. Mariette's Sisters in Italy and the many who are afflicted with the virus.
2. Update on Assembly cancellation:
 - S Mariette has sent all of the refund checks to those registered; some may be in our offices waiting for our return.
 - Orientation for New Vicars will take place via zoom conference call. Two dates will be sent out via doodle to accommodate the ten new vicars and the Executive Board. We will use the power point Mariette prepared for this year and each of the Officers will speak to a particular area. We will plan for one hour including questions.
3. New sites for future Assemblies: Maryann distributed a list possible places that can accommodate our group by size and budget and availability for next March 2021. After some discussion, we decided to proceed with the **Jesuit Retreat Center in Cleveland, OH**. Maryann will contact them and secure the dates for **2021: March 13(early arrival) to March 16 with March 17 as a travel day**. The cost is comparable to the Felician Convent and travel to Cleveland similar to Chicago. We hope to hold our November Board meeting there to experience the site.
4. The 2021 Assembly will follow the same theme and hopefully all the same speakers as planned for 2020. The Mid-West Region is prepared to host the Assembly.
5. Elections process for National Board Officers will proceed electronically within the next few weeks to honor the timeline for terms of office. The ballot will be sent by survey monkey to those who registered for the 2020 Assembly. S Louise agreed to receive and tally the ballots. The announcement of the new Executive Board will be sent to all the members. Installation to follow at a later time. Maryann will contact S. Gilmary with these changes.
6. Communication with the members at this time is important. Maryann will compose a letter including the following points:
 - The approval of the new Constitutions and Bylaws
 - The Orientation process for new vicars
 - The new site for 2021 Assembly
 - Elections process with electronic voting
 - Refunds from the 2020 Assembly have been sent out. Check with you diocesan finance office if you did not receive it.
7. Maryann will circulate among the Executive Officers for signatures an affidavit of promulgation of the new Constitution and Bylaws as of March 24, 2020.

8. NCVR will sponsor three participants in the Canon Law Institute, June 4-10, 2020 to complete the three year cycle to which we are committed. A letter will be sent out to the registered Assembly members with details and dates to respond. **April 1** is the date for the early bird savings. We will proceed as if it is being held unless we are notified otherwise. **We are waiting to hear if it will be held or not. They said they will notify me within this week.**
9. The RCRI workshop on Cor Orans is scheduled for June 16-17, 2020. No word has come yet to change those plans.
10. Preliminary conversation has begun for the NCVR Board visit to CICL-SAL in Rome in 2021 and some of the other dicasteries associated with consecrated life. The last week in April seems to be a favorable time for us at this point. Maryann will contact Fr. Hank about these dates after the virus crisis.
11. The latest RCRI Newsletter has good information on Chapter postponements and cancellations, which may affect many of our congregations.
12. We discussed an appropriate Thank You to the Felician Convent Community in Chicago for their many years of extraordinary hospitality. We will provide a dessert treat for the house since that is an extra to their regular fare. If we are able to meet there in May we can offer that in person; if not we will send it to S. Connie in our name.
13. There was time to surface some conversation and questions around new communities and Diocesan permissions and oversight.
14. May Board meeting: **May 14-16, 2020 with May 16** as travel day; Felician Convent if possible. If travel restrictions still apply, we will set up another zoom meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

S. Maryann Seton Lopiccolo, SC
March 25, 2020