

Business Assembly 2023
May 1 – May 5
Minutes

May 1, 2023 – Evening Session

The meeting was called to order by Fr. Mario Cafarelli, the Provincial Director, at 7:30.

Roll call. Fr. Mario then asked Fr. Ron Wiecek, the Province Secretary, to read the roll. Fr. Jeff Finley, Fr. Patrick Gilmurray, Fr. Joseph Grasso, Fr. Dominic Jung, and Fr. Ron Mahon were absent. The other 20 members of the Atlantic Province were present. There were 20 people present who have active and passive voice.

Reading of Statutes. Fr. Ron Wiecek was then asked to read the pertinent statutes regarding the Business Assembly.

Tellers. Fr. John Colacino said that usually the two youngest members are the tellers. But it was required to have a vote for them. Therefore Fr. John moved that Fr. Jerome Hologa be appointed teller and Fr. Sam D'Angelo seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Then Bro. Anthony moved that Fr. Gerardo Laguartilla be appointed the other teller. Fr. Lui Santi seconded the motion. Again, the vote was unanimous. Both men accepted to be tellers.

Fr. Mario stated that he had received only 13 responses for nominations for Provincial Director on the straw ballot. Now was the time for people to state if they would accept running for the office or to add other individuals for consideration for the position. Fr. Sam D'Angelo asked that his name be removed for Provincial Director. Fr. Brendan Doherty also asked that his name be removed for Provincial Director. Bro. Anthony Canterucci nominated Fr. Lui Santi to be added to the list. Fr. Gary Luiz nominated Fr. Phil Smith to be added. Fr. Mario then stated that other nominations may be made at the time of the elections.

Agenda. Fr. Mario then asked if the Agenda for the Business Assembly would be approved. Before the agenda would be approved, Fr. Phil asked for some clarification of item 6 on the agenda which stated "Father Peter's item." Fr. Peter Nobili stated that it had to do with the Customary of the community and what he called "a Culture of Entitlement." He would like to get an understanding that everyone would agree with rather than "a hit and miss" approach where some people do this and others do something else. With that understanding then, a vote was taken and the agenda was accepted unanimously by the 20 members present.

Provincial Report. Fr. Mario then began his provincial report by explaining the change for the date for the Business and Electoral Assemblies. It was due to a conflict that the Moderator General had and who asked that the date be changed so that he could be present. But something developed so that Fr. Angelo Anthony, the Vice-Moderator will be present for the election.

Then Fr. Mario said his report would follow the four-year plan created at the beginning of his term of office by himself and his Council. First, potential candidates for leadership roles proved to be quite challenging. There were not too many qualified or capable members to take on these responsibilities. The offices of Treasurer and Secretary used to be elected. But now they can be appointed. So that may be a help in determining who has qualifications in these areas. The office of Mission Director has morphed into the Office of Development. The Office of Formation Director proved to be problematic when Fr. Augusto Menichelli was elected to the position of Counsellor who had to reside in Rome. Fr. Lui Santi was gracious enough to accept the role. Fr. Mario stated quite firmly that we need to rethink how we do formation. Vocation Ministry has been a disappointment for Fr. Mario. The Union of the Blood of Christ has a new Director, Fr. Gerardo.

The current mission houses are in Toronto, Niagara Falls, and Rochester, New York. The Formation House at Assiniboine had to be sold because it was costing us money and there were no candidates nor personnel. The house at Niagara Falls is being underused.

The revision of the Provincial Statutes and Customary have been completed. It is a good idea to become familiar with them.

Staffing of current ministries is problematic especially in the area of parish life. We are getting older and fewer. But a deeper concern is would the people in the parish know that we are Missionaries of the Precious Blood? What kind of spirituality have we imparted to them?

The status and future of the Mexican District has been a huge question and problem right from the beginning. Would it be better to transfer this ministry to the Latin American Province where there is a sharing of common language and culture? This would have to be a decision that those involved in this ministry would have to make.

Fr. Mario pointed out that members say one thing and when you encourage them to follow through, they change their minds. On a personal level, this last mandate has taken its toll on Fr. Mario's health.

While Fr. Mario was giving his report, Fr. Angelo Anthony came into the meeting. Fr. Mario stopped for a moment to welcome him and to present him to the assembly. All warmly welcomed his arrival.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

May 2, 2023 – Morning Session

The meeting was called to order by Fr. Mario at 9:30 a.m.

Roll call. Fr. Mario then asked Fr. Ron Wiecek, the Province Secretary, to read the roll. Fr. Jeff Finley, Fr. Patrick Gilmurray, Fr. Joseph Grasso, Fr. Dominic Jung, and Fr. Ron Mahon were

absent. The other 20 members of the Atlantic Province were present. There were 20 people present who have active and passive voice.

Fr. Mario then said that we would continue with reports and he then asked Fr. Peter to give the financial report.

Fr. Peter began with a video presentation showing the various accounts and the postings of income and expenses in these accounts. Basically, we looked at four different accounts. The first was the Province Account which has the official title of the Congregation of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood. Everyone is in this account including the two houses of Niagara Falls and Pelmo. The second account was the Trust Account which has the official title of the Precious Blood Discretionary Trust. This is the retirement account and all the retirees receive their monies from this account. The third account was the Merlini Study Centre and this account funded all the student expenses. The Assiniboine House was funded from this account and the monies from the sale of this property, after repaying the loans, were redeposited into this account. And lastly, the fourth account is the Society of the Precious Blood which is an USD account for the US Corporation.

After looking at the entire financial picture, Fr. Peter suggested that we become a little more generous in donating to the needy. Usually, we just took 10% from the balance of the Province Account. This time, Fr. Peter suggested that we take 10% from all the accounts which meant that the total that would be distributed to the needy would be approximately \$10,600.00 CAD. This would be handled later in the agenda.

The session was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

May 2, 2023 – Afternoon Session

Fr. Mario called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Roll call. Fr. Mario then asked Fr. Ron Wiecek, the Province Secretary, to read the roll. Fr. Jeff Finley, Fr. Patrick Gilmurray, Fr. Joseph Grasso, Fr. Dominic Jung, and Fr. Ron Mahon were absent. The other 20 members of the Atlantic Province were present. There were 20 people present who have active and passive voice.

Fr. Peter wanted to say a few words more about the Trust Account. At the last meeting of the Trustees, it was decided to invest an additional \$200,000 to 250,000 to cover additional costs for the care of retirees.

The Fr. Brendan Discretionary Trust was also revised and it was decided to distribute \$15,000.00 CAD for the year 2022.

Fr. Peter also went over the Mass Association figures for 2022. There were a total of 1484 Masses said. Our quota was 1,000. Fr. Peter said that this quota will most likely change in the future because of the diminishment that is taking place in the membership of the other Provinces.

Right now, it is the Teutonic Province, the Italian Province, and we who are responsible for the Mass Association.

Fr. Peter asked if there were any questions. Since there were none, Fr. Peter took his place.

Fr. Mario then asked Fr. Jerome to give the C.P.P.S. Mission Projects report.

Fr. Jerome stated that it is the desire of the Atlantic Province to handover the mission projects in Tanzania (The Water Projects and the Mission Schools) to the Tanzanian Province. Right now, there is no timeframe for the handover, but there is a way forward. It is time to make Tanzania an active partner and not a silent partner in these Projects for three reasons: 1. The missionaries working in these projects belong to the Tanzanian Province. 2. The Provincial of Tanzania is the legal trustee of the Projects. 3. The Projects are in Tanzania where the Tanzanian Province has jurisdiction.

The major reason for this is many members feel it is time to re-imagine our missionary activities and seek to help other places in need.

Fr. Jerome then went into detail in defining the scope of the partnership. In the end, he informed us that Fr. Eugene Nchimbi was the Deputy Mission Director and Fr. Jerome has been pleased with his progress.

The Financial Report for the Mission Projects was then given by Fr. Jerome. Basically Fr. Jerome stated that on an average we send between \$120,000 and \$150,000 USD every year to our projects in Tanzania.

Fr. Jerome then spoke of the Mission Schools. His concern is that after much hard work, the schools are producing stellar students and everyone now wants to go to our schools. As a result, Fr. Jerome is afraid that we may be neglecting the poor. He feels we need to double our efforts to provide scholarships for the poor to go there, especially girls.

Water is still a sought-after commodity, especially clean a safe water, for almost half the population of Tanzania. This has been an issue for many years. Even though this project has made over \$130,000 USD each year, we have not seen one penny in the past six years. Therefore, Fr. Jerome is suggesting three solutions. 1. Phase it out. If we go this route, we need a clear strategy and timeline. 2. Reinvent to maintenance services. 3. Revitalize the water project with a clear and sustainable vision and mission.

Fr. Jerome talked about the publications. The subscriptions have been going down because of age, language, and other factors. Maybe tapping into the addresses from the Mass Association would be a help. He also would like to redesign the website, but will present something later to the new administration.

Fr. Jerome then asked for questions. People responded very favorably to his presentation and thought that it was very thorough and with positive suggestions. Since there was no further comment, Fr. Jerome took his place.

The session ended at 4:45 p.m.

May 3, 2023 – Morning Session

Fr. Mario called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

Roll call. Fr. Mario then asked Fr. Ron Wiecek, the Province Secretary, to read the roll. Fr. Jeff Finley, Fr. Patrick Gilmurray, Fr. Joseph Grasso, Fr. Dominic Jung, and Fr. Ron Mahon were absent. The other 20 members of the Atlantic Province were present. There were 20 people present who have active and passive voice.

Fr. Mario stated that we would continue with the reports and that Fr. Lui Santi, the current Formation Director, would give the Formation Report.

Fr. Lui began with a brief history of what has transpired since he assumed the Office of Director of Formation in February, 2020. During his tenure he has seen Fr. Gerardo and Fr. Jerome ordained. Sadly, that is all the candidates we have at the given moment in formation.

Fr. Lui then talked about a vocation prospect from St. Charles Parish by the name of David. Fr. Mario asked why he was involved with vocation ministry and Fr. Lui explained that this occurred while Fr. Alarey Abella was in the Philippines on vacation and dealing with family matters.

Fr. Lui said the man has completed the application process and needs one year of philosophy. It was suggested that he would continue to live at his present location and take the philosophy courses that are needed and to remain in contact with the community.

Fr. Mario thanked Fr. Lui for his work and Fr. Lui took his place.

The next report was from the Vocation Office Delivered by Fr. Alarey.

Fr. Alarey gave a very brief list of potential candidates with whom he was working and their status in the discernment process. He then shared where he was doing vocation ministry and stated that in his opinion parishes are still the best source of vocations.

Fr. Alarey stated that he found the job of Vocation Director very frustrating and difficult at times for various reasons.

Since there were no further discussion, Fr. Alarey took his place.

The session ended at 11:00 a.m.

May 3, 2023 – Afternoon Session

Once again, Fr. Mario called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

Roll call. Fr. Mario then asked Fr. Ron Wiecek, the Province Secretary, to read the roll. Fr. Jeff Finley, Fr. Patrick Gilmurray, Fr. Joseph Grasso, Fr. Dominic Jung, and Fr. Ron Mahon were absent. The other 20 members of the Atlantic Province were present. There were 20 people present who have active and passive voice.

Fr. Mario then asked Fr. Gerardo to give the report on the Unio Sanguis Christi since he has assumed the role of the delegated director. Fr. Gerardo began with some membership information according to parishes. He then shared with the group the yearly calendar for the Toronto groups.

He then thanked Fr. German for starting a group in Mexico. Even though it has 6-9 members, the core group is really four women. But it is a start and hopefully it will be able to grow.

He also thanked Fr. Gary Luiz and Fr. Peter for keeping in contact with the Niagara group and the Rochester group.

Fr. Gerardo's plan of action for the future is to rebuild, revisit, revive, and revitalize the USC groups in our parishes in the Toronto area. He wanted to make sure that people understood that this is not a full-time ministry because he is involved with a parochial assignment at St. Eugene's Chapel. Again, this is something that the future administration will need to look at.

Since there was nothing to add, Fr. Gerardo took his seat.

Fr. Mario then asked Fr. Gary to give the Archivist Report which would be the final report. Fr. Gary began by passing out his report to each member that was present. Fr. Gary just wanted to highlight some items in his report.

We all need to be gathering our history when something important happens in our local areas that the community is involved in. This is the only way we can obtain exact and truthful information to be able to witness to the event in the future.

Fr. Gary wanted to remind the members that the Archives are the property of the Province. Any member has the right to look at his file with the Archivist present, but may not remove anything without the expressed permission of the Provincial.

Finally, a reminder that every member is to have a current will on file in the Archives. Fr. Gary also strongly urges each member to have a separate note which indicates his wishes for funeral arrangements as well as his place of final disposition. This would greatly help the Provincial and his Council at the time of a member's death.

When Fr. Gary finished his report, Fr. Sam asked why there was not a report from the Mexican District. The membership wants to know what is going on in Mexico.

Fr. Mario asked Fr. Rene Cerecedo to give a brief resume of what is going on in Mexico. Fr. Rene state that there is a lot of change going on right now. He has found himself working in his home town in the diocese of Tuxpan, we have surrendered back to the Diocese of Iztapalapa the parish of Sagrado Corazon. Each one is living in a different place to take care of the needs of the people. It is not the best situation, but what we have found ourselves in.

Fr. German wanted to say something but needed Fr. Ron to translate for him. Basically, at the beginning Fr. Gregorio and Fr. German were taking their meals together and spending a day together once a week. When Gregorio started the reconstruction, everything got changed. It had to be done because the place was falling apart.

Then Fr. Gregorio wanted to add something. Again, Fr. Ron had to translate for him. He stated that he had to throw all the bedding out of the rectory at Sacred Heart because of the infestation of bedbugs and vermin in the house. Walls were falling apart and needed to be reinforced. This was a huge expense and that is why he was involved in doing some of the labor himself because he did not have the funds to hire people. He needed space for materials and the plan would be to eventually get the place back together. But then the decision was to give it back to the Diocese and let them take care of the problems.

Obviously, this is another issue that the new administration will need to address.

Then Fr. Peter asked that we deal with the distribution of funds for the needy. In the past we have been given the fund to Guinea-Bissau, the mission run by our Iberian Province. Perhaps there are other suggestions.

Bro. Anthony suggested that we give the Carmelite Sisters in the Philippines for all the work they do especially help Bro. Anthony at St. Alphonsus. Another suggestion was helping the Mexican District with payment for their health insurance. |A third suggestion was that we donate the money to the Polish Province for the help they are giving the Ukrainian refugees. And again, a suggestion was made to help Guinea-Bissau.

The question was raised if we must give all the money to one place, or can it be divided? Fr. Peter said, it can be divided. The membership then proclaimed to divide it among the four possibilities mentioned. A vote was taken and it was 19 in favor to divide, 1 abstention, and 0 negative votes.

Since there were no further issues to discuss as business, Fr. Mario asked that a motion be made to close the business assembly. It was voted on, and the decision was unanimous.

The session was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

May 4, 2023 – Morning Session

Fr. Mario called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Fr. Ron called the role and there were 20 members present and the same five members absent.

Fr. Mario then had Fr. Peter address his item. Fr. Peter stated that he wanted to have an open discussion on what he called the “Culture of Entitlement.”

Fr. Peter shared the following information with us. He based his thought on the following premises:

PREMISES: Our General Statutes on poverty C16, C17, S9

Once upon a time we received the minimum allowance for personal needs, while the community was paying for every personal expense. Then we thought to increase the personal allowance to cover personal expenses rather than asking the community each time.

Now we receive more than enough to the point of accumulating money in a checking or saving account. And we still expect the community to pay for everything. We consider the monthly allowances, personal and car, clear net money.

FACT: Employers (Companies and Dioceses) pay the premium for medical insurance and the employees pay the deductibles and for whatever not covered under the insurance.

ISSUES to consider:

Co-payment for prescriptions

Personal payments for over-the-counter purchases.

Personal payments for what is not cover under insurance

Cost of Burial should be cover by estate of the individual especially when the Estate was generated by community funds.

About the New Guidelines for Sabbaticals: the financial aspect is up to the Provincial and the individual. More guidelines should be put in place.

REMINDERS:

The whole stipend of Funeral Services done in a Funeral Home should go to the community.

Individuals need yearly to forward to the Provincial Treasurer a copy of the T4.

Car allowance and Transportation allowance are for ministry; a member with no ministry is not entitled to either one. He will be reimbursed instead for official travel.

When dining out at the community's expense, please remit the itemized bill and receipt so that we can recoup some of the HST paid.

Parishes or Individuals when they have no Mass Intentions, they should apply for the Mass Association, and at the end of each year, they should send the total to the treasurer.

Since the Community pays 80% of the car Insurance, payment to the insurance Company should be done yearly to avoid service charge for monthly payments.

Some members contributed their thoughts on these matters. After some time, the discussion closed.

Fr. Mario moved that we close the discussion and move into the Electoral Assembly. Fr. Sam seconded the motion and there was unanimous agreement to move into the Electoral Assembly.

Fr. Angelo Anthony called the Electoral Assembly to order at 10:10 a.m.

Roll call. Fr. Angelo then asked Fr. Ron to call the roll. Fr. Jeff Finley, Fr. Patrick Gilmurray, Fr. Joseph Grasso, Fr. Dominic Jung, and Fr. Ron Mahon were absent. The other 20 members of the Atlantic Province were present. There were 20 people present who have active and passive voice.

Before we got into the electoral process, Fr. Angelo want to give the membership an update on the work of the General Council.

Fr. Angelo presented some input on the various projects that the General Council is working on to implement the Core Values that were given to us at the 2019 General Assembly in Poland. These will be presented at the Major Superiors Meeting in September.

- 1) **Workshop on *Guidelines for Safeguarding Children and Vulnerable Adults***. Core Value 2. As an international congregation we experience the sharing of members across units which necessitates the development of common statutes, policies, and guidelines which assist us in our shared mission and ministry. As a congregation dedicated to the ministry of the Word, we must ensure that our members are prepared to be in ministry with children and adults in a way that safeguards their dignity as children of God. A new set of guidelines will be presented at the September 2023 Meeting of the Major Superiors along with a process of implementation of these guidelines in each unit of the Congregation. Members of the General Council will offer training sessions in each of the units of the congregation. We will look at guidelines for safeguarding children as well as healthy boundaries in ministry with adults. A set of guidelines is also being prepared for the appropriate use of the internet and social media.

- 2) **International CPPS Communication Office.** Cores Value 5. The General Council organized two Zoom meetings with all the Directors of Communications through our congregation. This group has made the recommendation to hire a full-time expert in communication to lead an international office of communication so that we can give a consistent and up-to-date message in the mission and ministry of our congregation.
- 3) **Formator and Vocation Workshop.** Core Value 5. Last fall the members of the congregation working on Vocation and Formation ministry have been meeting every other month via Zoom with a facilitator and psychologist to begin building a community of members involved in this ministry. This is preparing them for a worship in Rome, in September to talk about vocation and formation ministry and developing a consistent policy within this ministry. The hope is that this group would continue to meet after the workshop to foster a community of formators to support one another and share ideas.
- 4) **New Agreement for the Funding of the General Curia.** The Provincial Treasurers, the General Treasurer, and the Moderator General met at the St. Charles Center, in Ohio, on October 2022 to discuss a new financing proposal including the corresponding percentages of contribution to the General Curia budget of each province considering their number of members and current financial situation. This proposal will be presented to the MMS to be voted and be implemented for the 2024 budget process of the General Curia.
- 5) **Laity.** Core Value 4. Since the 2019 General Assembly, there have been several initiatives in this area (e.g., two video conferences CPPS-ASC-Lay associates of both congregations), you yourselves have taken a day for the topic last September at the end of our common retreat in Rome/Villa EUR. Apart from everything that is happening at the regional or provincial level, we would like to propose to you a worldwide meeting of the Precious Blood Family in Rome in the Holy Year 2025 and to enter into conversation with you about this idea.
- 6) **2024 Brothers Gathering.** Core Value 2. The General Curia would like to organize an International CPPS Brothers Gathering/Retreat on 2024 to foster relationships among CPPS brothers, to strengthen their brother identity and vocation in the CPPS, and to help promoting this vocation in the different units.
- 7) **Training for new Provincials.** There are four provinces having electoral assemblies this year. We will add a training session for new Provincials to the MMS meeting in September.

Process for reflection on the Normative Texts and preparation for the next General Assembly. In anticipation of the 2025 General Assembly, the General Council is proposing that the Congregation begin a discernment process that has three goals. First, the discernment process will assist members to reflect on their experience of life in the community. This includes the ministry of the Congregation, community life, ongoing formation, and leadership. Second, this process will help members discern who should be elected as delegates to the 2025 General Assembly. Third, this process will lead to the updating of the General Statutes.

Fr. Angelo asked if there were any questions. There were none.

Fr. Angelo then asked that we proceed to the election of the Provincial Director. He reminded people that the nominations were for Fr. Lui, Fr. Patrick, and Fr. Phil. But members still can vote for whoever they wish on this ballot. Before the voting, Fr. Phil asked that his name be dropped from this vote for Provincial for health reasons. But that he would be open to being a Councilor if elected.

The vote was taken. There were 20 votes cast and three mail in votes. For a 2/3 majority on the first ballot, 16 votes are needed.

Fr. Lui Santi received 14 votes.

Fr. Patrick Gilmurray received 7 votes

Fr. Phil Smith received 1 vote.

Fr. John Colacino received 1 vote.

Since there was not a 2/3 majority, a second vote needed to take place. This time a simple majority is needed. Since there are no mail in ballots, the simple majority is 11 votes.

Fr. Lui Santi received 14 votes.

Fr. Patrick Gilmurray received 6 votes.

Fr. Angelo asked the assembly if the balloting was conducted fairly. The vote was unanimously yes. Fr. Angelo then asked Fr. Lui if he would accept the Office of Provincial Director. Fr. Lui answered affirmatively and there was applause.

The session was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

May 4, 2023 – Afternoon Session

Fr. Angelo Anthony called the session to order at 3:00 p.m. He asked from Ron to call the roll. Once again, Fr. Jeff Finley, Fr. Patrick Gilmurray, Fr. Joseph Grasso, Fr. Dominic Jung, and Fr. Ron Mahon were absent. The other 20 members of the Atlantic Province were present. There were 20 people present who have active and passive voice.

Fr. Angelo then stated this ballot is for the Vice-Provincial and First Councillor. There were 20 votes cast and two mail in ballots. Therefore 22 votes total. A 2/3 majority on the first ballot is 15 votes.

Sam D'Angelo received 15 votes.

Patrick Gilmurray received 4 votes.

Fr. Jim Reposkey received 1 vote.

Fr. Jerome Hologa received 1 vote.
Fr. Mario received 1 vote.

Fr. Angelo asked the assembly if the balloting was conducted fairly. The vote was unanimously yes. Fr. Angelo then asked Fr. Sam if he would accept the Office of Vice Provincial Director and First Councillor. Fr. Sam answered affirmatively and there was applause.

Fr. Angelo asked if we were ready to vote for the Second Councillor. All said yes.

There were 20 votes cast and two mail in ballots. Therefore 22 votes total. A 2/3 majority on the first ballot is 15 votes.

Fr. Jerome Hologa received 11 votes.
Fr. Patrick Gilmurray received 4 votes.
Fr. Ron Wiecek received 3 votes.
Fr. Mario Cafarelli received 1 vote.
Fr. Peter Nobili received 1 vote.
Fr. Jim Reposkey received 1 vote.
Fr. Gerardo Laguartilla received 1 vote.

Since no one received a 2/3 majority on the first ballot, a second vote needed to take place. This time a simple majority is need which is 11 votes.

Fr. Jerome Hologa received 15 votes.
Fr. Patrick Gilmurray received 4 votes.
Fr. Peter received 1 vote.
Fr. Gerardo Laguartilla received 1 vote.

Fr. Angelo then asked the assembly if the balloting was conducted fairly. The vote was unanimously yes. Fr. Angelo then asked Fr. Jerome if he would accept the Office of Second Councillor. Fr. Jerome answered affirmatively and there was applause.

Fr. Angelo then asked if we were ready to vote for the Third Councillor. All said yes.

There were 20 votes cast and two mail in ballots. Therefore 22 votes total. A 2/3 majority on the first ballot is 15 votes.

Fr. Patrick Gilmurray received 6 votes.
Fr. Mario Cafarelli received 4 votes
Fr. Ron Wiecek received 3 votes.
Fr. Brendan Doherty received 2 votes.
Fr. Michael Mateyk received 2 votes.
Fr. Gary Luiz received 1 vote.
Fr. Jerome Hologa received 1 vote.
Fr. Gerardo Laguartilla received 1 vote.
Fr. Phil Smith received 1 vote.

Bro. Anthony Canterucci received 1 vote.

Since there was not a 2/3 majority on the first ballot, a second ballot was needed. This time it would be a simply majority based on 20 votes. The number needed to obtain the position is 11.

Fr. Patrick Gilmurray received 9 votes.

Fr. Mario Cafarelli received 7 votes.

Fr. Ron Wiecek received 3 votes.

Fr. Brendan Doherty received 1 vote.

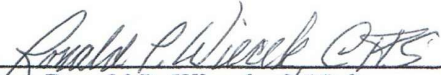
Since there was no majority on the second ballot, a third ballot was necessary. This time it would be between the top two vote getters of the previous balloting. Therefore, it would be between Fr. Patrick and Fr. Mario. The number to obtain the position is 11.

Fr. Patrick Gilmurray received 11 votes.

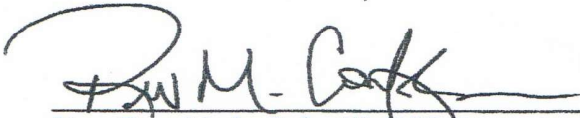
Fr. Mario Cafarelli received 9 votes.

Fr. Angelo asked the assembly if the balloting was conducted fairly. The vote was unanimously yes. Since Fr. Patrick was in Spanish, Fr. Ron contacted him by telephone and Fr. Angelo asked him on speaker if he would accept the Office of Third Councillor. Fr. Patrick answered affirmatively and there was applause.

Since the elections were completed, Fr. Mario moved that the assembly be close and Fr. Phil seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Fr. Angelo declared the Electoral Assembly closed.



Rev. Ronald P. Wiecek, C.P.P.S.
Provincial Secretary
Atlantic Province



Very Rev. Mario Cafarelli, C.P.P.S.
Provincial Director
Atlantic Province

May 25, 2023

Date