

REGIONAL MEETING
HOLY TRINITY
February 1, 2019

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In the first part of the meeting we each expressed specific concerns and issues that might topics for the XVI General Cenacle. (These will be listed later)

This began a long discussion. We felt that all the issues were tied together. We know that we have written good documents (and have for many years). Actually, all of our topics were addressed in the XV General Cenacle. They have also been addressed at many General Cenacles in the past. But to quote a confrere: “Documents are our death. We wrote it out. We are good.” And to quote Pope Francis: “we do not need more documents but we need people who witness to Christ.”

Our main thought is that we need to “witness to the Charism of Father Judge,” especially “to develop a missionary spirit in the laity with the goal that every Catholic be an apostle,” and “to call forth apostolic men and women from everyday walks of life to become lay associates in the Missionary Cenacle Family.”

We know that each Cenacle has a “mission plan.” We propose a **PROCESS OF EVALUATION** to see if we are faithful to our charism. At present, there is **NO** process. We think that we need a process of evaluation if we are serious about what we say we are doing.

We also know that as human beings we become comfortable in the way we do things (for better or worse). This is a quote from one of the facilitators at a previous General Cenacle: “The operative dynamic in men’s communities is that **NOTHING CHANGES.**” That does not have to be our dynamic.

So here are the topics and issues that came to the fore leading to our recommendation.

VOCATIONS

- We want to invite people to the mission of Father Judge. To do this we have to be clear about what this mission is.
- It is very much in line with the call of Pope Francis that all be Missionary Disciple.
- It is also at the core of the work of the XV Encuentro.

MISSIONARIES FIRST

- People do not know difference between us and diocesan priests.
- What we do, even in our parishes, should stand out as quite different.

YOUTH

- What do we do with them and for them?
- It is in our documents. How many parishes have active youth groups?
- The youth are not our future, they are our present.
- Do we foster skills for working with youth?

NUMBER OF DELEGATES TO GENERAL CENACLE

- Propose the number of elected delegates be lowered to 15 (more than 10% of our congregation).
- The number would rise as our numbers grow topping off at 24 elected members as is presently called for in our Conduct of the General Cenacle.
- For the past two General Cenacles we have talked about the number of delegates. The committee that looked at our structures also looked at the possibility of lowering the number of elected members.
- Nothing was done about it. We can do something at his General Cenacle.

CALL TO BE FAITHFUL TO THE CHARISM OF FATHER JUDGE

- Look at Father Judge and the Laity
- Review the Charism of Father Judge
- We have put a lot of emphasis on how to be a religious rather than a missionary
- Our call is to be Missionary, not just priests.
- As missionaries, we call others to be missionaries.

COMMITMENT TO MISSION

- Need to know what THE MISSION is
- We do not just want to help the laity to “do Church,” we want to help them to “be Church.”
- As a community of Missionaries, do we want to be a big outfit, or do we want to be Missionary.
- Our task is active development of the laity, especially the MCA
- We need Apostles in the parish.

DEFINITION OF MISSION

- Do we have one?
- Do we put personnel before Missions?
- Do we want to get back to the simplicity of our beginnings?
- Is our main job to be of ministry to the MCA?

REVIEW OF CONSTITUTIONS, RULE OF LIFE AND GENERAL CENACLE DOCUMENTS

- Need to review documents to see what we have decided to do
- We challenge Chapter to stop writing documents
- Need to review and educate ourselves on the subject of Father Judge’s charism
- Need to be aware of the way we go to mission. Right now we are not in agreement.
- People are hungry for Christ. Church in USA pretty blah! It is not the force and power for good that it can be. Not to mention the numbers of people that are not active in church at all.
- Process of evaluation, to see if we are faithful to our Charism

Our meeting ended with the proposal at I have put at the beginning of these notes.

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