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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – AUG 4, 2022

6:00 pm Held at the Allen LeBlanc’s Home

MEET AND GREET 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm

WELCOME: Members present were Rev. Luis Escalante, Fr. Travis Abadie, Fr. Donald Bernard, Jerry Richard, Allen LeBlanc, Charles Taylor, Suzanne Stelly, Sis Laporte, Iris LeBlanc. Also present were Charles Hardy (Past President) and Kathi Hardy.

MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY JERRY RICHARD 7:00 pm

OPENING PRAYER (led by Fr. Luis Escalante)

INTRODUCTION OF NEW PRESIDENT

Fr. Don Bernard was introduced to the group by Jerry Richard as our new president. He is pastor of St. Edwards Catholic Church in New Iberia, LA. A Happy Birthday was wished for Fr. Don Bernard. Fr. Daniel Bernard was Fr. Don’s great uncle who was very close to Nonco. We are very happy to have Fr. Don join our group.

Fr. Abadie reminded the group of the great relationship between Fr. Daniel Bernard and Nonco. They both shared a love of the Sacred Heart , church and vocation. Nonco was devoted to the Sacred Heart by his faith, love of church, daily prayers and penance. He lived a simple life. His devotion to the Sacred Heart was remarkable and well-documented.

Fr. Abadie also informed the group that today, August 4, was St. John Mary Vianney's Feast Day. He was a French Catholic priest and a spiritual connection was suggested between him and our meeting.

NONCO'S RECENT RECOGNITION

Nonco had recent recognition by the Knights of Columbus in their Columbia Magazine, June, 2022 issue as Catholic Man of the Month. Local KC members sponsored Nonco's plays in the 1960's at Little Flower Auditorium in Arnaudville, LA. Jerry Richard and Suzanne Stelly participated in these plays. Discussed possibility of obtaining KC records by Kathi Hardy and Fr. Abadie.

DISCUSSION OF ANNUAL MEETING

It was decided that a French Mass in honor of the Immaculate Conception would be celebrated at St. Francis Regis Catholic Church in Arnaudville, LA on Dec. 8, 2022 by Bishop J. Douglas Deshotel of the Lafayette Diocese. Mass to be arranged by Fr. Abadie, Nonco Foundation's Episcopal Delegate.

Meeting to plan mass and reception will be held at the home of Sis Laporte on October 20, 2022. Fr. Bernard will be introduced at the mass and reception.

DISCUSSION OF ANNUAL FRENCH MASS IN JUNE

Date not finalized pending Fr. Abadie's trip to France.

INPUT BY FR. LUIS ESCALANTE

(Fr. Luis, postulator, appointed by Pope Francis, assists with opening of Nonco's cause.)

Fr. Luis informed us that Nonco's Cause is doing great. He discussed the progress of the three martyrs of Shreveport and again acknowledged that in his opinion Nonco's Cause is progressing well. Exhumation of Nonco's body was mentioned and Fr. Luis stated that the exhumation did not have to be done before the documentation is sent to Rome.

Fr. Abadie commented that Nonco's inquiry elements are very good. He said he has worked very hard to get Nonco's Cause ready. The Acts have been published, dossiers are final, and now up to the Bishop to decide who goes to Rome to hand deliver documents. Fr. Abadie also had some documents with him to show progress. Goal is to finish this year. Process is secret. Cause is published and Conclusion is to be signed by the Bishop. The Promoter of Justice, Fr. Josh Guillory, assisted Fr. Abadie.

SPECIAL INTENTIONS

Charles Hardy requested prayers for Ms. Betty Roy, who is very ill at home, cared for by family and Home Health nurses. She and Jerry Richard founded the Nonco Foundation in 2012. The group then prayed special prayers for Betty and wished her good health.

CLOSING PRAYER

Closing prayers were led by Fr. Abadie.

Meeting ended at 8:00 pm.

NEXT MEETING : OCTOBER 20,2022. 5pm
HOME OF SIS LAPORTE

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