

NRVC So. California Members meeting September 26, 2019

Minutes

1. We were led in a beautiful prayer by Sr. Mary Finlayson. She used quotes from Richard Rohr, The Universal Christ and Tirage *Laudato Si* to engage us all in reflection. She promised to send us all the quotes from *Laudato Si* so we could share the Tirage process with our own congregations.
2. Check-In- We had a very lively and deep discussion based on what was shared by each participant in the meeting.
3. Discussion Items
 - a. **West Coast Member Area Professional Development Day, October 30 – 31, 2019, Mater Dolorosa Passionist Retreat Center, Sierra Madre, CA**
 - i. There is still time and room for more members to sign up for the day.
 - ii. The committee: Br. Chris Patino, Sr. Nancy Uhl, Sr. Mary Finlayson, Sr. Cecilia Chuông Phan and Sr. Rita Godhino has met and are well on their way to getting our Day organized.
 - b. Member Area Coordinator's meeting
 - i. Used a dialogue process using *Christus Vivit: Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation to Young People and to the entire People of God*. Helped focus our thoughts on vocations and youth.
 - ii. Next Convocation will be in Spokane WA Fall 2020
4. Other Updates / Business Items
 - a. Sr. Sarah Shrewsbury would love to have help in the San Bernardino Diocese. No Religious orders are based in San Bernardino, so they need Religious to help with vocation talks or events parishes and the Diocese want to host.
 - b. Suggestion that we communicate with each other details about vocation events that are coming up. Each of us knows about some; none of us has a complete list. For example, the LA Archdiocese hosts a religious education congress in each region, similar in organization to the larger Archdiocesan Religious Education Congress hosted annually that draws national and international participation. If we had a listing with dates and place of all the events we know about, maybe we could divide up some of them and work with each other to set up tables, share costs, etc. Sr. Nancy will solicit this information and put a list together for us to share.
 - c. Suggestion that we also put out a list of each NRVC member in the region with contact information, including an address, that we could hand out to potential discerners. Regardless of which ones of us attend a vocation event, we will be able to hand that out so interested people can find us.
5. Next Meeting Date via zoom: November 7th, 7:00 pm