



OLOTA Meeting Highlights Feb 20, 2021

Spiritual Reflection

Lent is a season of Grace.

Mark 1.12-15 “Repent and believe in the Gospel”

Restore your relationship with God through:
Prayer, Almsgiving and Penance.

A quick review of a few items:

- **The 2020 Fraternity contributions** were received aside from 2 fraternities. The Vice-Minister will contact the 2 fraternities.
- The spring 2021 local **elections dates** were reviewed. The CIOFS document “Questions in the time of the pandemic” states that elections can be postponed up to 3 months.
- Phase 1 to refresh **the table of contents** of the Handbook is completed. It will be emailed to fraternity ministers and uploaded on the OLOTA website. Phase 2 is planned for the future. This will be for the new council to look at.
- Fr. Manoj advised that the **duration for future appointment for Spiritual and Resource Person** is 3 years and reappointment cannot exceed more than 12 years in the OLOTA Region.
- OLOTA received a new translated “**Ritual**” from CIOFS. “The Rite of Temporary Commitment to the Gospel Life” was omitted in the new translation. Fraternities should wait printing the new revised Ritual until National has looked into this.

Meetings focus: Preparation for the OLOTA Chapter of Election 2022

- The date of the OLOTA Chapter of Elections was moved to **May 5-8, 2022**. The date is earlier as not to coincide with the National Chapter of Elections at the end of May 2022.
- The Theme and song for the next Chapter of Elections was agreed by council and is titled: **“COMPANIONS ON THE JOURNEY!”**
- The speakers to the Chapter is still being considered. Zoom speakers as well as in person speakers.
- Council plans to invite Young Adults, who are interested in Franciscans to attend the Chapter of Elections meeting.
- A final 3 year report will be prepared by each council members for the Chapter of elections.
- A financial review of costs will be conducted to decide on the amount of registration fee.
- Council has to appoint the Resolution Committee for the Chapter of Elections one year before the elections take place.
- OLOTA had not received the National Commission Restructuring Report. It might present recommendations concerning this region’s future structure and governance, resulting in amendments to the OLOTA Statutes.

Next OLOTA meeting is May 29, 2021 on Zoom
