Secretary's Report to the 2022 General Chapter Retreat of the Society of the Holy Trinity

1. Membership report
    - We have 277 subscribed members in 20 chapters in two countries.
    - 5 pastors subscribed to the Rule in 2021.
    - 9 pastors subscribed to the Rule this year
    - 160 members paid their dues in full this year (in 2021, it was 156)
    - Of those 160, 44 are not attending this General Retreat for various reasons, much of which are related to the pandemic.
    - 5 members asked to waive a portion of their dues.
    - 8 members asked to have their 2022 dues waived entirely.
    - 100 subscribed members did not pay any of their dues at all, nor make contact concerning them-- down from last year's number of 110, but some members have been removed from the rolls.
    - Dues are each individual's pledge of investment in our common life together. They are paid by members whether or not one attends the General Chapter. Dues don't just cover costs for the General Chapter, they also help cover the cost of seminarians to attend the General Chapter Retreat or local chapter retreats, contribute toward the administrative needs of the Society in terms of the fees for our accountants and investment managers, and even postage.
    - I continue to note that 277 is too high a number for our actual membership. Our true membership is closer to 170.

2. Credentials report
    - For this 2022 General Chapter Retreat, there are 149 total attendees, up from 2020's 110, but fewer than 2019's 159.
    - 124 Members attending (including the newly-subscribed)
    - 25 Guests, including 4 Seminarians and Vicars from 4 seminaries.
    - 67 people arrived early, either Sunday or Monday nights.

3. Reminders
    - Online dues and donation portal: PayPal charges us a fee, which recently increased. That gets passed on to you. So, if you pay for something like dues or early arrivals through PayPal, please add 3.7 percent to the cost to cover the fee.

- Please fill out the annual forms with your dues! Newsletters and most communications are sent directly by email to save on postage, which won't get to you if you aren't current in your contact info.
- For both dues and registration information, I send things to the deans, and they are supposed to send them to you. All summer, again, I heard from people who had not gotten things from their deans about either dues or General Chapter registration. Some people tell me they have no contact at all from their deans about these items.
- If your dean is not fulfilling the crucial administrative duties that are an integral part of that office, consider whether they truly have the skills to be elected dean.
- This is a real problem in the life of the Society and it's abusive of my time, my family's time, my parish's time--as well as displaying a tremendous disregard for collegiality, basic manners, and respect.

4. Other reminders
   - Please read carefully, and respond in a timely fashion
   - Pay attention to deadlines.
   - If you move or take a different call or retire, let me know. If you change addresses or emails, let me know.
   - People continue to struggle to get their dues in on time. I serve a small church and I truly understand cash flow issues. All I ask is that you let your dean know if you will be late, or me directly. That way, I won't bug you about it.

<u>IMPORTANT DATES. Please mark these down.</u>
Dues are due on Holy Trinity Sunday, June 4, 2023
The General Chapter Retreat dates for 2023 will be Sept. 19-21.

6. Thanks
   - I want to thank Paddy for his tireless work as Senior. And thanks to Judson Merrell for his work as Webmaster of the Society, to Katie Johnson for doing the thankless job of editing *De Trinitate*, to Dave Hanssen for fulfilling the archivist's duties, to Jay Denne for his patient work as our Bursar, to Jim Lehmann as Vicar, and to the Rev. Keith Forni, Dean of the Northern Illinois Chapter, for handling the calendar sales.
   - Thanks also to Erma Wolf for making the nametags and the pocket schedules.

Respectfully submitted,
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