

Chapter Proposal re: Cultural/Generational Issues

1 WHEREAS: The Province of St. Joseph has seen, by the grace of God, an increase in
2 new vocations; and

3 WHEREAS: The newest members of the province represent a cultural shift in our
4 membership, both generationally as well as ethnically; and

5 WHEREAS: Other congregations, as well as the Center for the Study of Religious Life,
6 have made efforts to raise cultural awareness and sensitivity to cultural diversity among
7 its members: and

8 IN ORDER TO: Shift from a concern for “diminishment of numbers of personnel” to a
9 concern for “the changing face of personnel” in the province; be it

10 RESOLVED: That the new provincial council design some means (e.g., a commission
11 of friars, workshops, written materials, a cultural audit or some other means, to help the
12 province address the needs this cultural shift may present to the membership. (More
13 information on the Cultural Audit from the Center for the Study of Religious Life,
14 centered at CTU in Chicago, can be found by calling the office at 773.752.2720, or on
15 line at <http://marianist.net/articles/cultural-audit.htm>

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