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Annual
Report



Saluting the past, feeding the future

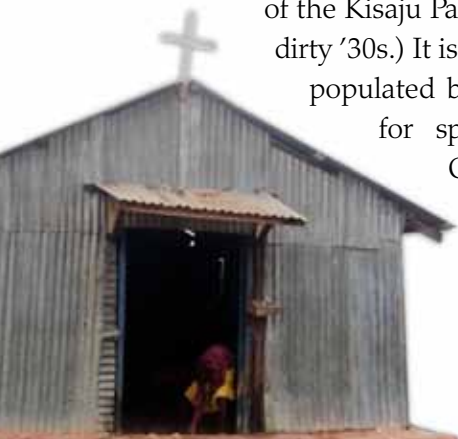


As we gathered information and data for our annual report issue, it became increasingly obvious that this yearly record of activities was going to focus more on the future than on the past. We have all the facts and figures from 2014, but this issue also follows on the heels of the OMI Lacombe Canada convocation, where the future was very much in the present.

That is perhaps why we found it so fitting to use a picture of Faustin Litanda, OMI, joyfully feeding a one-month baby at Nkabune children's home in Méru. Eighteen years ago, when the Kenyan Mission was founded by the Canadian Oblates, there were no native Kenyan Oblates. We now have four Kenyan Oblates and several more individuals in formation.

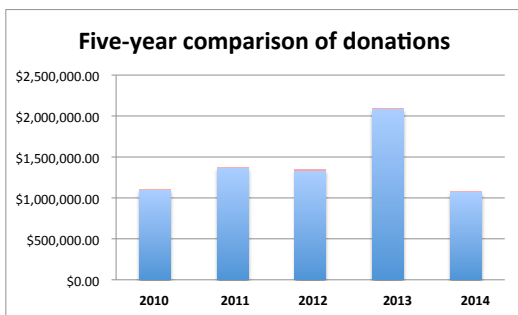
A large portion of the support for the Kenyan Mission has come from MAMI, the umbrella organization under which *Oblate Spirit* operates. For example, in 2014, \$379,680.97 of funds raised by MAMI was contributed to the Kenyan mission. That figure represents about one-third of the \$1,074,887.55 raised by MAMI last year. Today, there is a new need in Kenya ... a new mission as the Oblates undertake the development

of the Kisaju Parish. (Think of the prairies in the dirty '30s.) It is a barren and desolate landscape populated by a Maasai people who hunger for spiritual growth. The Canadian Oblate family, of which we are all a part, is committed to the future of the *Maasai*.



Kisaju church

Oblates,
after all, are
missionaries
to the core ...
always have
been and
always will be.
That is how
they were seen



by our Canadian ancestors, although the Oblates' roles have evolved so much over time. The Oblates have a long-established relationship with Canadian families. We can proudly say that MAMI has 8,844 members and supporters. Of these, 2,203 offered financial assistance last year, a 24.9-per-cent rate of participation. And only God knows how many more of you have offered prayers and words of encouragement through your engagement with Oblate priests, brothers and lay associates, a thoughtfulness that is always so much appreciated.

The donation total of 2014 included funds from 11 estates totalling \$93,473.51, and three donations of publicly-traded securities totalling \$18,043.42. The average donation was \$487.92. The funds raised supported 80 projects in 2014 for a total disbursement of \$1,004,751.

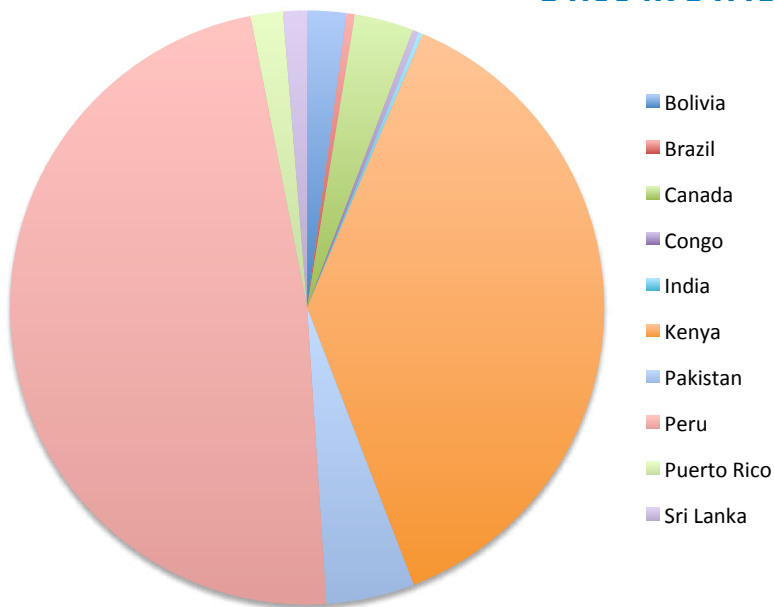
The fund-raising expenses in 2014 of \$296,313.84 also included the production and printing costs of five issues of *Oblate Spirit* in English (\$1.69 per copy) and French (\$5.21 per copy).

As you move through this issue, you will find a number of stories devoted to the future, a future that was at the heart of the Convocation in Cornwall, ON. If growth is not part of the future, then all that remains is death. The Oblates continue to choose growth, and that is perhaps why Fr. Faustin looks so pleased to be feeding that infant on our front cover.

John and Emily Cherneski
Communications Coordinators

2014 Projects Funded

\$1.004.751.15



Bolivia	\$21,427.14
Brazil	\$4,480.81
Canada	\$32,417.72
Congo	\$3,274.41
India	\$2,422.00
Kenya	\$379,680.97
Pakistan	\$48,260.00
Peru	\$482,082.40
Puerto Rico	\$17,702.78
Sri Lanka	\$13,002.92

Thank you!

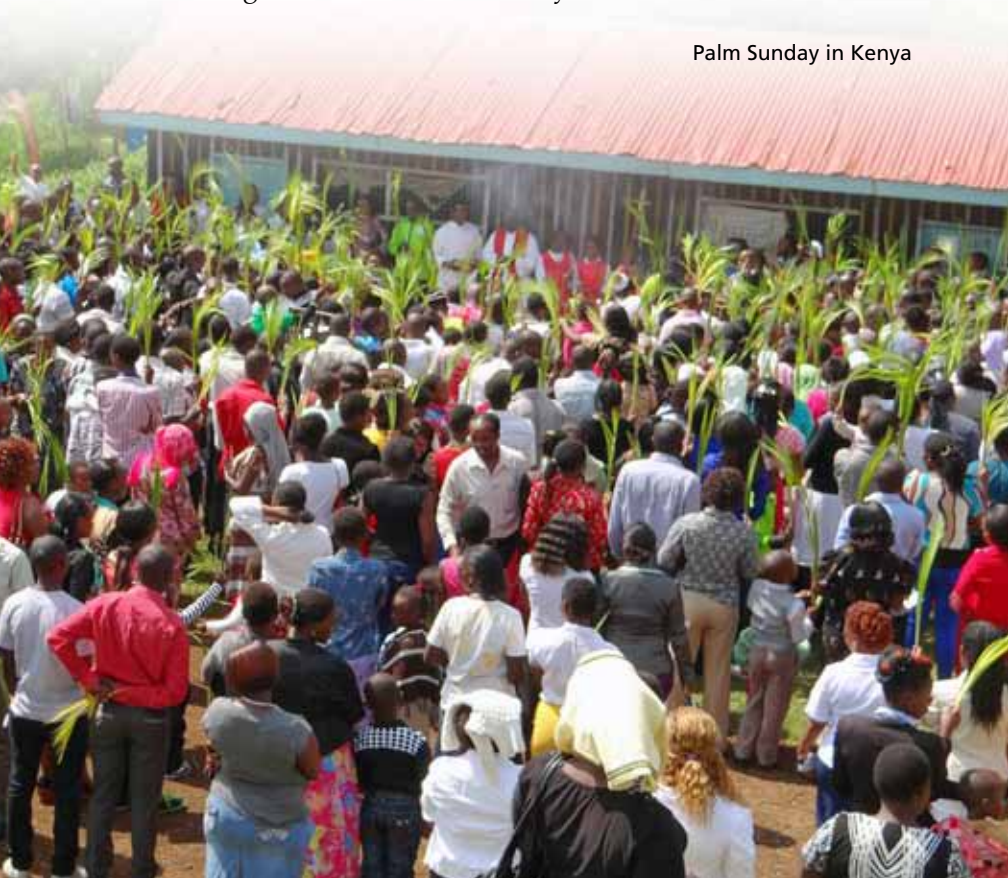
BY KEN FORSTER, OMI

"Lord send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth!"

We as Christians celebrate the Easter Season of joy and look forward to the mighty Pentecost winds of change!

The *Oblate Spirit* breathes in that Spirit and Fire of Pentecost. Every edition of *Oblate Spirit* relates stories of faith, of hope and the strengthening of community bonds, between the people themselves and their Oblate Missionary brothers and priests. We strengthen our solidarity with them as well through generous donations, but it is also the story of communion with those on the other side of the world who in their physical poverty give us an experience of the richness of a life lived in gratitude for the little they have.

Palm Sunday in Kenya





Ken Forster, OMI, visits the Stony Earth prayer house in Kisaju parish

The ideal for the Christian community was spelled out in a post-Easter scripture reading that cannot but challenge our often isolated lives: "The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common ... there was not a needy person among them." *Acts 4*

After the last issue of *Oblate Spirit* in April, I wrote to those who contributed stories. I hope these stories "in-spirited" you as they did me.

There are many pressing needs. Recently, I wrote to the MAMI office asking them to reserve \$50,000 in 2015 to assist the new parish of Kisaju in Kenya to build a church/hall. The local Maasai have little and yet we look to them to raise approximately \$25,000 as their commitment. To date they use a classroom for worship and more gather outside than inside for the mass.

Today I write to you "Missionary Associates of Mary Immaculate" who hold the Missionaries in your prayer and hold these far-away Christians in your hearts. I write to you and thank you for your prayers, your concern, and your compassion that is often realized in generous material sharing. Some give a regular amount. Others are happy to give when reminded that

our world is bigger than ourselves. Others plan fund-raising events. Others have remembered MAMI by donating securities. Others have chosen to include the Missionary Oblates as a beneficiary in their wills.

You have encouraged the people with your gifts that match their sacrifice. Churches, schools, water projects, hospitals, houses, orphanages and many other projects have been realized. Through your donations young men have studied and become brothers and priests carrying on the work of Canadian Oblates who now are few in number in our original foreign missions. You are there! Thank you.

*Fr. Ken is Provincial, OMI Lacombe Canada,
and also the chair of the MAMI board of directors*

WANTED

YOUR STORIES!

There are many charities and good causes that solicit your support. Yet for some reason you have chosen to offer the Oblates your prayers, friendship and assistance.



We are curious:

Why did you choose us?

How did you hear about the Oblate missionary work?

How have the Oblates supported, inspired and encouraged you?

What are some of your best memories of Oblates and their missionary work?

Send your stories (and photos) to: lacombemami@sasktel.net

PROJECTS FUNDED

Africa

CONGO

- City of Youth roof repair

KENYA

- Bore hole pump
- Care of mission
- Kapiro primary school





- Kisaju parish leadership training
- Nomadic Centre
- St. Euphrasia women's Group - Shauriako Slum
- Vehicle
- Watoto - Children in Africa Organization (CIAO) helps children with disabilities



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Asia - Oceania

INDIA

- Renovation of cottages at Ashram
- Scholasticate renovation in Pune

PAKISTAN

- Micro business finance in Quetta
- Formation
- Oblate Juniorate in Multan
- Social assistance

SRI LANKA

- Mazenod Youth





Marek Pisarek, OMI

Canada

- First Nations trauma and grief recovery program
- JPIC mining symposium
- Formation of laity
- Kenya leadership training
- Northern missions
- Retreat/prayer houses
- Care of elders



Latin America

BOLIVIA

- Agriculturally sustainable greenhouse
- Christmas packages
- Health care and food aid
- Education of children

BRAZIL

- Care of poor children
- Nilzete Orphanage

PERU

- Foster parents children's education sponsorship program
- Beds, blankets, mattresses and houses
- Medical assistance and programs including tuberculosis program
- Care of elders
- Social assistance



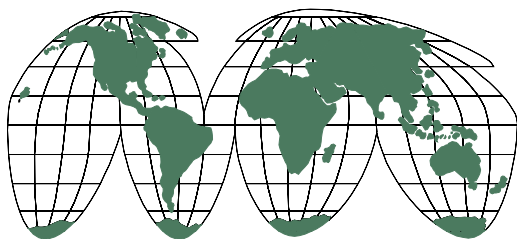


- Digital equipment
- Milk for malnourished children
- Aucayacu parish needs
- Barcaza and Santa Clotilde parish needs
- Luis Espejo Patient House construction and salaries
- Parish house roof
- Youth week activities

PUERTO RICO

- Church roofs





2015 Goals

\$1,300,000

Bolivia	\$10,000
Brazil	\$5,000
Canada.....	\$145,000
Guatemala	\$10,000
India	\$10,000
Kenya	\$600,000
Pakistan.....	\$10,000
Peru	\$450,000
Sri Lanka.....	\$10,000
World (<i>Congo, Haiti, Lesotho, Madagascar, etc.</i>)	\$50,000





A huge challenge

In Canada, a run-down, dilapidated old building like the one pictured here would be an invitation for a bulldozer. In Kisaju, Kenya, this building is the church. It is the beginning of a new parish. It is an image from which dreams are made. It is the seed from which hope emerges.

Kisaju is the new focus, the new mission, for the Oblates of OMI Lacombe Province. The Oblates began ministering to the people in that region in June 2013 when it was still part of St. Monica's Parish, Kitengela. In November 2014 the bishop separated Kisaju and made it a parish under the patronage of St. Paul.

It is a land so barren, so impoverished, that Ken Forster, OMI, the provincial of Lacombe Canada, has earmarked \$50,000 from MAMI to assist the new parish to build a combination church and hall. The local people, primarily Maasai, have been asked to raise approximately \$25,000 as their commitment to the project.

It will be a challenge. The mission is vast, spanning more than 90 kilometres from end to end. It is hot and dusty nine months of the year, wet and muddy the other three months. During the rainy season dry riverbeds become torrents and communities are cut off.

Two-thirds of the area is Maasai reserve land, strictly four-wheel drive territory. The remainder is cosmopolitan with industrial factories and high density housing.

Though the area is semi-arid, subterranean water is available. During the dry season people rely on shallow wells or purchase water at exorbitant prices. Therefore, community water projects centred around boreholes are an urgent need.

Leadership training seminars for men, women and youth groups are essential for faith promotion, community building, conflict resolution and environment protection.

There are seven faith communities in the mission area. One community gathers in a make-shift classroom for Sunday mass and in homes for meetings. Only one community has a small permanent structure. All others are constructed from iron sheets with earth floors.

As challenges go, this would have to rate near the top. But going back 200 years to when St. Eugene de Mazenod asked a small group of Oblates to inhabit a huge, strange foreign land (Canada), is this any different?

“Two years ago, when we entered the new parish of Kisaju, the Maasai outstations had only a handful of people coming to mass on Sunday,” said Mario Azrak, OMI, the new Kenyan mission superior. “I heard Fathers Gideon (Rimberia) and Sam (Hong) together with Brother Cosmas (Kithinji) have been visiting homes and attending community events – basically being involved in the daily lives of the people.

“The sharing of ‘themselves’ with those communities had a big impact,” continued Fr. Mario, an Australian who replaced Canadian Jim Fiori, OMI, as mission superior this spring. “On the fourth Sunday of Easter I had the privilege to join them while Fr. Gideon was away in Canada for the OMI Lacombe convocation. To my surprise Fr. Sam and Br. Cosmas gave me a list of FOURTEEN children to be baptized and three adults who were to receive first Holy Communion at Lenchani outstation.

“From the word go, the atmosphere was joyful. Men were



Mario Azrak, OMI, after 14 baptisms

chatting under a tree beside the church and women were cooking over an open fire. The celebration really began in the church with the entrance procession for mass. The pictures show only a quarter of the story ... more than the sight of Maasai mothers adorned in bright colours and bead artwork was the singing and dancing. Above all was the glow on their faces – as if it were the first Pentecost with the Holy Spirit descending on each one in that humble church building.”

The Holy Spirit has issued a call. Oblates from Canada and other countries of the world have heard and are responding. Will they succeed? Did the Oblates succeed 200 years ago? Once again, it certainly won't be for lack of trying.

If you have an intention or someone special for whom you would like the Oblates to pray we invite you to submit your prayer requests to mamiprayers@sasktel.net



Hospitality, compassion for the poor

BY LUCIE LEDUC

ST. ALBERT - Each year in the spring, Star of the North welcomes up to 30 inner city women for our annual Women's Wellness Retreat.

This year we welcomed 25 women who applied through agencies such as Bissell Centre in downtown Edmonton, Literacy, Alexis Health, Inner City Pastoral Ministry, and the Learning Centre in the Abbotsfield region of Edmonton.

Donations have also been pouring in to support the costs involved for the full retreat experience. Some of these women have come regularly over the years and others are new to the retreat. They bring with them an openness of heart and





warmly expressed gratitude for the gift of their time together of faith sharing, craft-making and prayer. They have the option of choosing from workshops on Yoga, improvisational story-telling, card-making, healing meditation, art therapy, or stained glass beading on the Saturday of the weekend.

In 2014, realizing that there was nothing for the men in our inner city, we added our first ever Men's Wellness Retreat coordinated by Archbishop Sylvain Lavoie, OMI, inner city pastoral minister Rick Chapman and Doug Kreft. Rick Chapman's report on the 2014 retreat included the following:

"The theme for the retreat was Navigating the Male Journey. Eleven disadvantaged men from the inner city and the Gunn Centre participated. The agenda included spirituality and the male journey; bowling; poetry; personal empowerment, artwork, a closing ritual and sharing circle. The evaluations highlighted the great food and hospitality of the Star, as well as a request for a longer retreat and more time for prayer, reflection and relaxation. The success of this first initiative has led the team to plan a second retreat again for 2015."

We are excited to welcome both inner city men and women again this year and look forward to the mutual enrichment of our time together. We are grateful for the gift of their presence.

Lucie Leduc is the Executive Director at Star of the North

The ripple effect

BY BLAISE MACQUARRIE, OMI

PERU - Our truck, loaded with five metres of clean gravel, was being unloaded by four men with shining shovels at 10 a.m. on a very hot Thursday. We were dumping the gravel for the building of a house, but not one of ours. You see, from our gravel pit, we sell some material like fine sand, rock, coarse sand, bricks, earth and the gravel to people who want these items and we sell at a lower price. The money we earn from these modest sales goes back into the work.

As we were unloading the gravel I noticed that seven men were busy building the house. I did not know any of them. All were young except for a man in his late '70s. He had what looked like a shovel in his wrinkled hands, mixing cement with the gravel. He was also heavily perspiring.

I thought to myself that the poor man should be sitting in a rocking chair reading the morning paper. So, while our truck was being unloaded, I went to a little store and bought a big bottle of cold pop. I went over to this elderly gentleman and handed him the bottle. He looked at me in a very surprised manner and as much as to say 'why'? He took the bottle, thanked me and then went to where the other men were working and shared the cold drink with them.

Once our truck was unloaded we left the scene. As we were leaving the house builders called out to us to say 'thanks!'





Now let's go back to this scene. Let's say you are near a little body of water, a puddle, a big tub, a swimming pool or a small lake and you take a pebble and throw it into the water. What happens next? Of course, ripples. And where do these ripples go? Well, until they hit the rim of the tub, the swimming pool, the shore.

Now let's get back to that elderly gentleman who received the bottle of pop. When he gets home what story or news will he have to share with the people under his roof? Will he not say that a total stranger, one not from his country who speaks with a foreign accent, gave him pop? And as for the other workers who shared in drinking the pop, will they not have something to say to their families?

A little goodness, a little kindness and consideration for others does make ripples, and this is good. It is another way to evangelize, to show there are people who care, who think, who do. Every single day there is an opportunity to ripple a good deed, even by opening a door for someone, or letting other drivers out of the parish parking lot before you make a beeline for the exit!

There is a song that says 'little things mean a lot.' As sisters and brothers we should recognize in the person next to us a 'Christ' and treat that person with respect even if that person does not recognize in you (me) a Christ. Never let a day go by without first causing a ripple that will eventually reach the hearts of others.

Convocation: Renewal of life and mission

CORNWALL, ON – When the Oblates of OMI Lacombe Canada gathered for their convocation in Cornwall, ON, they were challenged to be a community of prayer and reflection. Among the exercises they went through, one asked: What do we celebrate, what do we lament and for what do we hope? Some of the responses follow.

- We celebrate our past missionary endeavors, our priority for the poor, our love of the people and the strength of community.
- We lament that we are decreasing in numbers, increasing in the average age of our members and the fact we are forced, by these facts, to withdraw from ministries that we love. We can weep with the people who, in many cases, will be left without the ministry we had provided over many years.
- Hope was a constant spirit throughout the days. Though there were fears expressed, there was confidence in the



leadership team and the prayerful spirit and good will of all present. Professed Oblates were encouraged and strengthened by the presence of our lay associates. It was frequently expressed that we are one family, and though we face an uncertain future, as a family, we move into the future with a spirit of great faith and abundant hope.



Ken Forster, OMI

- As we began the convocation there was the announcement of the death of one of our brother Oblates, Fr. Donald McLeod. This news served to draw us closer as family. We were able to celebrate, individually and as a family, the joy and gratitude that Fr. Don lived as a dedicated Oblate.
- There were many challenges presented to us by our leadership team and by our Superior General Louis Lougen who spoke with us via Skype. Their messages called us to personal commitment, renewed faith in the guidance of Christ and the challenges of our founder St. Eugene de Mazenod. Their enthusiasm will be carried to each one's ministry and especially to those Oblate brothers and sisters who were not present at the convocation.
- We continue to define ourselves and our mission at this time in history. As one individual said, "We may not know, for certain, where we are going, but we do know Who is leading us."

Following are three individual reflections from the convocation.



Paul Feeley, OMI

The Spirit at work

BY PAUL FEELEY, OMI

A reading from our prayer service on the Thursday of convocation: “C’est l’Esprit Saint, auteur du charisme oblat...”

Our first session asked us to state what we were celebrating. Briefly, here are some of the responses:

- Courage and audacity to undertake this re-formation of the province
- This coming together, this oneness
- Our lively hope in the power of life
- Our history, both highlights and darkness

Enumerated in black and white doesn’t do justice to the convocation. Something else was happening. Two comments brought this out more clearly:

- There is a real felt sense of the Spirit present and working among us.
- This has truly been a Kairos moment.

A mixture of emotion

BY ALBERT LALONDE, OMI

“An article . . . two paragraphs . . . your experience of the convocation . . . 500 words . . . at the end of the month.” That is what happens when you sit down for lunch beside the editor of Oblate Spirit. Five hundred words? To meet that requirement I would have to go to the very heart of the matter – and write from the heart. Not easy, but here goes.

The convocation was not what I expected. During the course of three days, some 120 men, women, religious broth-



Albert Lalonde, OMI

ers and priests were expected to engage in meaningful and fruitful dialogue. Given the cultural diversity, language problems, technical difficulties and the logistics of moving that mass of people around in an organized way, the people in charge faced a daunting challenge. I could not help wondering, "Are they rushing in where angels fear to tread?"

I am one of those people who is ignorant of group dynamics so I admit I do not know what happened. All I know is what I saw. I have to say that the group was animated by a spirit of discipline and harmony I did not expect. No one assumed the task of determining what this spirit was. But it was there.

When we get together, we do not meet as individuals perfect in virtue; we come with our bitterness and our brokenness as well. And yet, I did not sense a lingering resentment springing from past hurts. What I heard most frequently was the laughter of people who were enjoying immensely just being together. My interpretation is that the Holy Spirit gifted Eugene with his special vision. He passed it on to us, and now we are seeing it bloom in the lives of some of the laity we serve.

If this process makes us feel uncomfortable, maybe it is because we have forgotten that, according to Canon Law, the Oblate brothers are laity. Yet the founder chose to make them an essential foundational element of our congregation. We priests come from the laity; we are in ministry for the laity. Perhaps that is why we, as Oblates, are close to the people.

I have to admit my own experience of the convocation was



bitter-sweet. For me, the last mass was particularly poignant. I had the sense we had been to the mountain-top together; now, we were going separately back to our daily life that is sometimes a valley of tears. I could not escape the painful realization that age is taking its toll on us. Among the faces that I see around me today, some I will not see again in this life.

When faced with bitter separation, the Jewish people consoled each other with the hope of “Next year in Jerusalem.” We are all in exile. During the convocation, Oblates who were absent or had died were often remembered. I left the convocation with regret, but also with a hope that can never be extinguished: “Next year in the heavenly Jerusalem.”

A long process

BY GREG OSZUST, OMI

It is hard to write something on a subject that has so much attention from all the others. We wrote so much about it at convocation that to reflect on it would certainly incapacitate my ability to do my work in the North, or any other work for that matter.

To write again about Convocation 2015 and the call to renew our life and mission, I will have to start a lot earlier than that.

I was privileged to attend the convocations leading to the creation of Lacombe province. It was a process that is still in development, to understand and respond to the needs of the brothers and sisters to become one province and one community of Lacombe.

We started the process of becoming one, as I recall, in Calgary (2003) and I felt lost. I felt like we were becoming some kind of corporation or organization that did not reflect our values but primarily governed by a constitution and rules. Only after the convocation in Vancouver (2012) could we see some

spirit of reason to return to what we are and call to renewal in our life and mission. I will go back again to the speech of our Superior General Louis Lougen that I am sure moved everyone in a special way to lead us to the spirit of convocation 2015.

I can say that from all the gatherings at this convocation I find myself as an Oblate again. I do not want to say that all the past was unnecessary and useless, but that it was a process that made my understanding of Oblate life and Oblate community a lot more human.

Finally, I feel like I do not waste my time waiting for decisions to be made. I am part of the decision and I am part of the action. The only regret that I have is the time lost. This is almost 15 years of my life as an Oblate. In the back of my mind still lingers a dark cloud. Is it real?

After all the wise words spoken, all the people encountered, all the meals eaten, all the drinks consumed, all the rooms slept in, all the corridors walked, all the planes flown, are we better off?

I can say for myself that I will do my best to make my future as an Oblate as fulfilling as I can. Imagine what we can do together!

Oblates Greg Oszust, Paul Feeley, and Oliver Rich



We plant seeds ...

BY McE GALBRAITH

OTTAWA – This spring, more than 100 Oblates and Oblate Associates gathered in Cornwall, ON, for Convocation 2015. The gathering was certainly witness to a conversion, a renewing of the lives and missions of these men and women as they face the future of the missionary charism of OMI Lacombe Canada. The ministry office for Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation (JPIC) had the opportunity to provide a brief presentation on their mission with and through the Oblate parishes throughout the country.

Leonardo Rego, OMI, director of JPIC, described the vision for JPIC as effecting change such that a new social order emerges that promotes respect and responsible stewardship of the earth and of all life – simple and yet tremendously ambitious in our conflict-ridden world society.

The mission is to proclaim the Good News to all people, and to focus particular attention on the cry of the poor and oppressed, that they not be unheard in our societies today. JPIC will continue to work in collaboration with the churches of many denominations and the social agencies across the country to bring about the development of a life-giving society, underpinned by the values of fairness, compassion, respect and justice for all peoples.

Notwithstanding the importance of the many concerns that arise daily in this ministry, in this coming period JPIC will focus its activities in three areas: First Nations, mining industries, and ecology and climate change.

At this moment in history, Canada's Aboriginal Peoples are fighting for their rights in land-claim struggles and negotiations over natural resources, and for their human rights with respect to care for their people and education for their children. JPIC will continue to support the social agencies that work with

Aboriginal groups. In addition, the office will be a resource and clearing house for information between the many First Nations ministry activities in our Oblate mission centres across the country.

JPIC organized a special Eucharistic celebration with the First Nation's people to mark the culmination of the work of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC). In collaboration with the Oblate parishes in Ottawa (St. Joseph's, Canadian Martyrs and Sacré Coeur), the Citizens for Public Justice and members of the First Nations, the celebration mass was scheduled for St. Joseph's Parish on May 30. It offered a precious opportunity to worship together, to further the cause of forgiveness and healing, and to demonstrate unity and inclusion.

The "integrity of Creation" is the gift given to us and we must work to protect it from the ravages of greed and selfishness caused by industry, in some cases, and by ourselves through many of the developments of our own society. JPIC continues to raise awareness of our responsibility as stewards, to take care of our environment and to heal what we can of the destruction we have caused.

An excerpt from Blessed Oscar Romero's famous prayer, "A Future Not Our Own":

This is what we are about:

We plant seeds that one day will grow.

We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.

We lay foundations that will need further development.

We provide yeast that produces effects beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that.



Len Rego, OMI

*This enables us to do something, and to do it very well ...
We are workers, not master builders, ministers, not messiahs.
We are prophets of a future not our own. Amen.*

As Blessed Oscar Romero so aptly described in his prayer, we are not alone and the job is not all ours to do. JPIC provides a focus for this mission work that is so integral to the Oblate charism and our role as responsible children of God.

McE Galbraith is co-ordinator of the Ontario District, OMI Lacombe Canada

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\$5,000 is suggested. We would be happy to facilitate this exchange that benefits you and the poor of the Oblate missions.

A photograph of two stoles hanging on a wall. On the left is a white stole with gold-colored embroidery along the edges and a small gold-colored cross pendant. On the right is a green stole with gold-colored embroidery along the edges and a small gold-colored cross pendant. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

Remembering

We remember the following Oblates who died in 2014:

January 14	Père André Vincelette (1958)
January 21	Père Philippe Boudreau (1965)
January 22	Fr. Leo Engel (1913)
February 27	Père Pierre Veyrat (1924)
March 9	Père Pierre Rigaud (1921)
June 13	Fr. John Doetzel (1926)
June 13	Fr. Nicholas Forde (1932)
June 27	Père Albert Lafrenière (1926)
July 17	Fr. Brian Jayawardhana (1938)
August 11	Fr. Paulo Leroy Ehle (1940)
September 7	Br. Ed Lynch (1934)
October 25	Père Guy Lavallée (1940)
November 27	Fr. Valentine Fix (1914)
December 14	Père Gérald Labossière (1927)
December 23	Père Jacques Joly (1935)
December 28	Père Jean-Marie Lacasse (1926)



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