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BC/Yukon News

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The Birthday Book

Aloys Luken, OMI

February 6th

Jules Goulet, OMI

February 12th

Larry Mackey, OMI

February 18th

Congratulations - Anniversary

Fr. Oscar Pauwels, OMI 65th Ordination Feb. 24, 1952



In Prayerful Remembrance

Mrs. Mercedes Conway, aunt of Fr. Terry Conway, OMI passed away last January 14th at the age of 98. A memorial mass was held Jan. 21st in Barry's Bay, ON with burial of ashes in the spring.

Mrs. Boudina Spruyt, mother of deceased Oblate Brother Hubert (Hobie) Spruyt (2000) passed away on January 5th. A mass of Christian burial was celebrated at Holy Cross Parish, Gordon Head.

FINANCIAL REPORTS As we approach the end of January, the bank statements for December should now be available and hence I remind you that the **Financial Report for the full year of 2016** and the **GST Report for the second half (July to December) of 2016** are due in the office of the Treasurer. A sincere thanks to those who have already submitted these reports and a gentle reminder – well, maybe, a bit more than gentle – to those still sitting on them or, God forbid, who haven't prepared them yet. Please submit these Reports as soon as possible. Thank you.

Terry Conway OMI

Oblate Associate Missioning: Re. Mark and Josanne Holland



The Associates for OMI Lacombe Canada, BC District met at St. Augustine's January 21, 2017, for the 8:00 am mass, followed by brunch in the Parish Centre, to include a brief missioning for the Hollands as they prepare to leave for Kenya, on the 26th for a four month mission experience. Mark and Josanne are going to work with Rita Balachandran in her orphanage, 'Our Lady of Grace', in the Marimba area near Meru. The Orphanage cares for 200+ girls. The Mission operates under the umbrella charity of AFGL (Action for God's Love). Josanne hopes to use her teaching abilities to assist in the school, and with Mark's business background he will be implementing systems, accountability around business practices, and accounting practices. They are willing to do "whatever it takes" to share their love and to

make a difference in the lives of the girls. We wish them God-speed and success in their endeavours.

Reminders from the Provincial Office

Oblates who are travelling abroad need to have a working credit card and also cash, in case there is no available ATM where they travel. while travelling. Our CIBC delegate convenience cards do not work for purchases outside of Canada. They can only be used to withdraw cash from an ATM (bank machine) which uses the PLUS system. The ATM should display the PLUS symbol for easy identification.



The short term travel insurance for the Oblates covers for trips to all countries in the world. However, the insurance company is asking us to note that if the Oblates are planning on traveling to highly unstable regions; it would be prudent to check with them first.

Some of the countries that are currently unstable are:

Afghanistan	Iraq
Angola	Israel
Benin	Ivory Coast
Burundi	Libya
Central African Republic	Rwanda
Chechnya	Sierra Leone
Congo	Somalia
East Timor	Sudan
Indian States of Jammu & Kashmir	Syria
Iran	Yemen
	Zimbabwe

Mark your calendars

February 17, 2017 – District gathering at The Crescent to mark this Oblate Feast Day of the Approbation of the Constitution and Rules.

April 24-28, 2017 - Community Days at The Crescent. The Core Team will be present to discuss various issues of Oblate ministry.

October 16-20, 2017 – Retreat Days in Mission, BC.

On the Move

Fr. Peter Altamirano, OMI will provide ministry in Whistler until July 2017.

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Fr. Wladek Karciarz, OMI has moved from Whistler effective January. 22nd leading to a three-month sabbatical.