

BC News

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Happy Birthday

Frank Salmon, OMI

April 9th



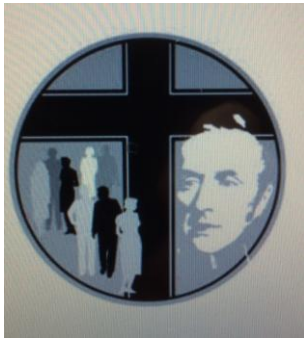
Fr. Oscar Pauwels, OMI – 65th Ordination Anniversary (by John Brioux, OMI)

On the 24th of February, 2017, the Pandosy community with a few invited guests, celebrated, the 65th Ordination of Oscar Pauwels. Our get-together began with mass in the chapel; Oscar was main celebrant and John Brioux gave the homily. A lovely reflection, describing Oscar's personal sentiments, on the back of the liturgy leaflet set the tone. A short 'gaudeamus' in the sitting room was followed by a sumptuous meal, to include a toast and a cake, beautifully inscribed, with our best wishes. All in all, it was a most memorable afternoon. Congratulations Oscar!



...Thank you Lord, you called me from childhood on, you accompanied me all through the difficulties of life and now you give me the joy of your friendship and love.





BC District Associate Meeting:

On February 25th, 2017, the BC District Associate began at the 8 am mass at St. Augustine's with John Brioux as main celebrant and joined by Vince LaPlante and Jules Goulet. After the final blessing, six Associates renewed their Commitment Promises with OMI Lacombe Canada, BC District, for the third time; Chuck and Marie Luttrell, Mike and Jo Creedon, Linda Arnold and Deacon Rennie Nahanee. Breakfast, a prayer reflection and a meeting took place in the Parish Centre. Among other issues, our main concerns were; a) the perspective retreat, open to the Associates and interested Oblates, with Fr. Bonga Thomsanga Majola, OMI, with the Oblate Aix International Community in Aix en Provence, France, scheduled for September 15 – 17 at St. Augustine's; and b) the 'fund-raising' event, also at St. Augustine's, for the Kenya Missions and the Orphanage in Tanzania. Dates were suggested, but one that stands out for the moment is the Wednesday evening of the 12th of July.

Dates to Remember:

April 24 – 26 District Community Days at The Crescent. This will be animated by Oblates Ken Forster, Ken Thorson, Jim Bleackley and Tim Coonen. The future of retreat centres is on the agenda.

Sept. 15 – 17 Retreat with Father Bonga Thomsanga Majola, OMI for Oblate Associates and interested Oblates will be held at St. Augustine's Parish Centre.

October 16 - 20 "Walk A New Path" District Retreat Days at Westminster Abbey. Archbishop Emeritus Sylvain Lavoie, OMI will be the retreat director.

INSURANCE ... Those driving vehicles registered to The Order of the OMI in BC and under the fleet insurance plan, need to have the new decals on the plates as of April 1st. If you haven't already done so, please be sure you go to an ICBC Autoplan office and renew for the new year's insurance. Thanks.

Reminder – Income Tax Returns must be filed by April 30th.
BC Medical Premium Assistance & Pharmacare are dependent on this.

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