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BC News

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Birthday Celebrants ... June & July

Vince LaPlante, OMI	June 13
Stan Racich, OMI	June 13
Oliver Mohan, OMI	June 26
Bernie McCosham, OMI	July 6 th
D.D. MacDonald, OMI	July 14 th
Oscar Pauwels, OMI	July 16 th



Congratulations on your Anniversary

Adam Exner, OMI	July 7	60 th Ordination
Al Luken, OMI	July 23	20 th Ordination

Greetings my brother Oblates and Associates;

With this message from Lacombe Provincial Office, I want to thank Garry Laboucane OMI for accepting the leadership position as District Superior of the B.C. District. He was confirmed at the June Provincial Council Meeting. He will complete the term of John Brioux OMI, on August 15th 2019. Thank you Garry.

We also thank Andrzej Stendzina who has accepted to serve on his Council along with Martin Moser. Terry Conway continues in his ministry as District Treasurer.

B.C. District Council

District Superior
Councillor
Councillor
Treasurer

Garry Laboucane OMI
Martin Moser OMI
Andrzej Stendzina OMI
Terry Conway OMI

St Eugene de Mazenod

Pray for us!

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Reminders from The Treasurer:

FINANCIAL REPORT..... It's THAT TIME of year again! Once you have balanced with your June bank statement, please do up and submit your Report for the first half of 2017. Please use the approved template. If you need a copy, let Elizabeth know. Thank you.

GST It is also time to do the **GST Report for Jan –June 2017**. BUT, TAKE NOTE – the rules have changed! Please enter **ONLY RECEIPTS WITH GST OF FIFTY CENTS (0.50) OR MORE!** However, please send **ALL RECEIPTS WITH GST to the Treasurer's office in TWO BUNDLES, one with GST amounts of fifty cents or more and then the rest.** If you feel you just cannot enter the GST receipts into the template, PLEASE send all your receipts with GST – in the two bundles mentioned above – to the treasurer's office – **with the date and GST amount circled on the 0.50 or more ones** – and I will enter them for you. I would prefer though you assist me in this task by entering the amounts into the template. If you need a copy, please request one from Elizabeth.

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Oblate Studies Opportunity

Beginning on August 21, 2017, the Oblate School of Theology, San Antonio, Texas, is launching the *Oblate Studies Certificate Program*. The six online courses will give students an in-depth knowledge of the constitutive elements of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate; the founder, history, Constitutions and Rules, spirituality and mission. Besides offering the program to students who will be completing the course for a certificate, the program is open to any qualified students who wish to register for enrichment non-academic purposes.

At their June meeting the Provincial Council approved a motion, to offer ten scholarships to the Associates of OMI Lacombe Canada; two for each of the five Districts of OMI Lacombe Canada. The Province will pay 50% of two full scholarships for two Associates from each District each year. Associates who are interested in participating in the program are invited to check out the webpage: **Certificate in Oblate Studies** and get in touch with the District Superior.

Travel Insurance

As summer is upon us, there will be a number of Oblates travelling outside of Canada. This is a reminder that the Provincial Office needs to be informed of any travel outside of Canada for any length of time – even if it is only one day – in order to ensure that there is a valid and sufficient health travel insurance booked.

Also, it is necessary that each Oblate be in possession of a wallet travel card before travelling. Check to see that you have the card with you, and then ensure that the date on the card is not expired. If you do not have a current card, please inform Marilen Badiu at mbadiu@omilacombe.ca or your district administrator/secretary, who will ensure a new card is sent to you.