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The Birthday Book

Terry McNamara, OMI	August 3 rd
Gerry Guillet, OMI	August 5 th
Ron Dechant, OMI	August 10 th
Gilbert Bertrand, OMI	August 25 th
Bob Haggarty, OMI	August 27 th
Vince James, OMI	August 27 th
George LaGrange, OMI	August 28 th
Peter Altamirano, OMI	August 31 st



Congratulations! Anniversaries

Terry Conway, OMI	55	First Vows	August 15, 1962
George LaGrange, OMI	55	First Vows	August 15, 1962
Jules Goulet, OMI	45	First Vows	August 15, 1971
Gordon Cook, OMI	20	Perpetual Vows	August 23, 1996

REMINDERS ... Please note that your **FINANCIAL REPORT** for the first half of 2016 is due.

Also the **GST REPORT Jan – June 2017** is due. 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.

Terry Conway OMI

A note from Father Garry:

I used to tease Father John about how much I admired his office at the Crescent and would love to have one like it, but I also assured him that I did not want his job! Sadly, I now have both. I need to be far more careful about how I tease people! And, I miss him a lot, his joyful manner and welcoming personality. I have learned so much more about him as I helped Father Terry Conway and others pack his personal belongings. He was obviously a man of prayer and one who loved the Lord and Native people. He had many books reflecting his interest in learning about the Word of God and the history of the First Nations

in North America. Of course, he was an artist, but in more than one medium. "Well done, good and faithful servant...."

Another faithful servant is Archbishop Adam Exner, who is celebrating his sixtieth anniversary of priesthood. The Archdiocese of Vancouver celebrated this occasion by inviting the clergy and the Oblates to a Mass in their beautiful chapel at the Pastoral Centre, followed by a delicious meal and some very inspiring words of gratitude. Archbishop Miller presided at the Mass, accompanied by Archbishop Exner and retired Bishop Monroe. After the meal, Monsignor Gregory Smith spoke really well about his experience working with Archbishop Exner. Father Lucien Larre also added his own words of appreciation. One young diocesan priest went over to talk to Archbishop Adam and express his gratitude for ordaining him seventeen years ago (I think). I wish that I had taken a picture of that moment. The whole evening was very pleasant. It was a blessing to pray and share a meal with a number of the Oblates, our diocesan brothers, and one Benedictine priest.

Apparently, the celebration for Archbishop Adam continues, as well it should. Elizabeth is including some pictures of what happened in the Holy Land, aka Saskatchewan.

Blessings for you all, I pray,

Father Garry LaBoucane, O.M.I.

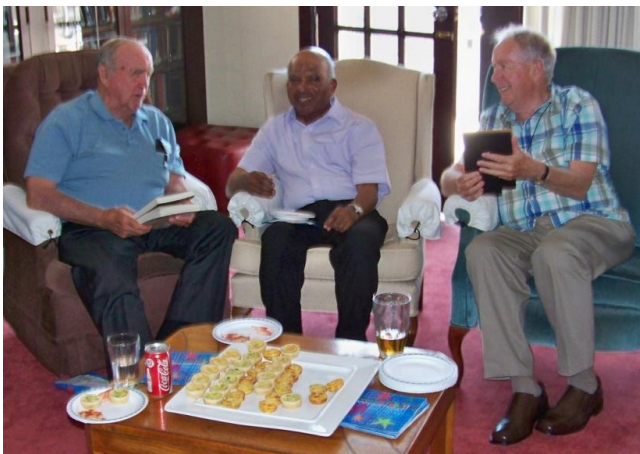


At St. Elizabeth's Parish in Killaly, SK, Bishop G. Wiesner, OMI and Fr. Thomas Mutavanattu, (Pastor of Kilally & Grayson churches) con-celebrated with Bishop Adam Exner, OMI. This was the first church, Bp. Adam went to and was his home parish where he served mass for 14 years. This was also the place of his Confirmation.



(left photo) Fr. Ken Forster and other Oblates were present when they planted a tree in front of St, Mary's Parish in Grayson, SK to mark his 60th anniversary. (Right photo) Oblates Ken Forster & Glenn Zimmer on the head table with friends and parishioners at the reception.

Fr. Oliver Mohan, OMI celebrates 95th Birthday:



It was an afternoon spent in the company of Oblate family and friends (from Arizona, USA) that marked June 26, 2017 a very special and memorable day for Fr. Mohan. Being 95 gave him the pleasure to have a slice each from the two special birthday cakes.