



## In Loving Memory



Fr. Alexander Shahun, OMI

1929 - 2017

Father Alexander Shahun, OMI passed away on May 16, 2017 at the Grey Nuns Hospital, Edmonton, AB at the age of 96.

Fr. Edward Kosa, OMI celebrated a Funeral Mass on May 26, 2017 at St. Albert Parish; interment followed in the Oblate Plot of the St. Albert Catholic Cemetery

Father Alex was born in Regina, SK on October 19, 1920.

He was predeceased by his parents, Frank Shahun and Rita (ne Schwengler), and his sister, Margaret.

Father Shahun pronounced his First Vows with the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate on September 8, 1941 and was ordained a priest on June 4, 1948 at St. Mary's Church, Regina, SK, by Bishop Michael O'Neill. . He professed his ministry in the following places: Allen, Battleford, Marsden, Scott, Lancer, and Saskatoon, SK; Fairview, Medicine Hat, Edmonton, and Calgary, AB. He retired at Foyer Lacombe in St. Albert, AB in 2010, and in December 2014 he moved to St. Thomas Health Centre, Edmonton, AB.

May he rest in peace.

## News from Kenya – by Fr. Alfred Groleau, Superior

At Eucharist this morning, I enjoyed the melodious voices of fourteen young African men on their journey to Oblate priesthood. They are studying Philosophy at the Consolata Institute of Philosophy in Nairobi. Three of them have completed their degree and they intend to proceed to Oblate novitiate in January. I leave this morning for Meru, a five-hour trip by public transit called mutatu, where I will be teaching ten postulants who have joined last January. On Sunday, all will gather for the final profession of Zachary who was a postulant in Meru when I came to Kenya in 2006.

Last night the community gathered to celebrate the closing of the academic year. We sat outside on the porch of the beautiful dining room that was still unfinished when I moved into this property in December 2006. At that time from this sight we used to view the Ngong hills that reminded me of Karen Blixen's words: "I once had a farm in Africa overlooking the Ngong hills. These hills have a round shape like knuckles from whence comes their name. Now they are hidden by the trees that have grown. Much has transpired in the past decade.

## Lac Ste Anne Pilgrimage

The Lac Ste Anne Pilgrimage will take place from Saturday, July 22 to Thursday, July 27, 2017. For information about the pilgrimage, please address your inquiries to [lacstannepilgrimage@gmail.com](mailto:lacstannepilgrimage@gmail.com) or by calling Stephanie at 780-233-4422

**September 25 - 29, 2017** - Br. Anthony District Retreat, to be animated by Fr. Bonga. Information and Registrations have been distributed to all members and associates of OMI Lacombe Canada.

## Pot Luck Dinner

Star BOC and Gareth BOC are welcoming all to a Pot Luck dinner at Star of the North on Wednesday, June 14, 2017. Gerry Dupont, Lucie Leduc and Debbie Doornbos are helping to organize this event. For more information, please contact Lucie Leduc at 780-459-5511.

## June Anniversaries



### Birthdays

June 2 - Fr. Peter Doherty  
June 26 - Fr. Virgilio Baratto  
June 26 - Br. Louis Gendre

### Ordinations

June 3 - Fr. Edward McSheffrey (45 yrs)  
June 8 - Fr. Alfred Hubenig (61 yrs)  
June 16 - Fr. Maurice Joly (61 yrs)  
June 17 - Fr. Les Kwiatkowski (30 yrs)  
June 17 - Fr. Ignacy Warias (17 yrs)  
June 18 - Fr. Daniel Lafrance (62 yrs)  
June 20 - Fr. Wes Szatanski (25 yrs)  
June 21 - Fr. Marek Pisarek (12 yrs)  
June 24 - Fr. Gerry LeStrat (50 yrs)  
June 28 - Fr. Gilles Gauthier (58 yrs)  
June 29 - Fr. Virgilio Baratto (65 yrs)  
June 29 - Fr. René Bélanger (57 yrs)

### Episcopal Ordination

June 8 - Bishop Emeritus Denis Croteau (31 yrs)

## Upcoming Programs at Star of the North Retreat Centre

To register for any or all of these programs, please call 780-459-5511. See [www.starofthenorth.ca](http://www.starofthenorth.ca) for more info. Pre-registration is required for all programs and requested by one week before the program.

### Twilight Recovery Evenings with Archbishop Sylvain Lavoie

The evenings are open to anyone either in the program or loving one who is, as well as anyone wanting to learn more about the recovery process.

Thurs Apr 18, May 18, Thurs June 15 at 7pm Cost: By Donation

### Brother Sun, Sister Moon - Laudato Si - You and Me!

A contemplative retreat weekend guided by Maureen Wild, SC ([www.paxgaia.ca](http://www.paxgaia.ca))

7 pm Fri June 2 – 1 pm Sun June 4 Live in: \$250 Commute: \$ 175

### 'Faith, Doubt, & Dark Nights'

Facilitator: Ron Rolheiser, OMI

September 15-17, 2017 Live-in \$250, Commute \$190

(Please register by a week before the program date)