



# Taché District

## Info Taché

December 21, 2016

### **A message from Armand**



Dear Oblate confrères, Associates and friends of the Oblates.

As Christmas draws near, it is a busy time for those in full or part-time ministry. Besides the ministry, there are personal things that pre-occupy us. Yet, it is important that we take some time to live this special mystery this year and identify what makes it special or particular for us this year. Here at Holy Family, there was a question on a big sign that said: What do you expect of Jesus the Saviour? What would be your answer?

To each and everyone, I wish a Blessed Christmas, and for those who are in full or part-time ministry, may that ministry bring you joy, happiness and peace. May the love that Jesus brings touch your lives and call you to a great love of everyone.

May your New Year be blessed with health, growth in love of God and neighbour, and as the saying goes in French "paradise at the end of your life".

*Armand Le Gal, OMI.*

*Merry  
Christmas*

### **District Taché Council meeting**

The next Taché Council meeting will take place on January 20, 2017, from 1pm to 4pm at the Pastoral Centre of St. Boniface, Winnipeg.

### **Meeting of the Arctic Oblate community**

The annual meeting of Oblates from the Arctic will take place on January 23-27, 2017 at McMillan Residence, Winnipeg.

### *Birthdays*

December 25: Fr. Noel Boulanger (75)  
December 29: Fr. Armand Le Gal (71)



### *Anniversary of ordination*

December 21: Fr. Albert Bouffard (53)  
December 22: Fr. Isaïe Blanchette (53)  
December 23: Fr. Albert Lalonde (52)  
December 27: Fr. Noel Boulanger (47)

### **Financial report for 2016**

Like we do every year, we are asking the Oblates who are bound to submit a financial report to fill it in and to send us their report no later than **January 31, 2017**. We are asking you to use the 2016 forms for the year 2016. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the Taché District office.

### **GST report: July to December 2016**

We ask all Oblates to submit their GST report for the period of July to December 2016 at the latest **February 15, 2017**. You should, therefore, submit all invoices dated from July 1 to December 31, 2016 listed on your report. Please use the recent forms that have been sent. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the Taché District office.



### **“Oblate Associates in the Triennium: A New Heart, A New Spirit, A New Mission”**

**DISTRICT ANIMATORS:** There have been some changes this past year with new appointments for District Animators for Oblate Association. The following Oblates and Associates have accepted to serve as Animators for the Province in this important ministry: Father Richard Beaudette, Pamela Dixon [Ontario]; Father Mike Dechant, Darcie Lich [Saskatchewan]; Father Fred Groleau, Debbie Doornbos [Brother Anthony]. Continuing in the ministry are Brother Thomas Novak, Margot Lavoie [Manitoba] Father John Brioux and Marie Luttrell [British Columbia]. Our gratitude goes out to all the animators for taking on the responsibility of facilitating Association in their district. OMI Lacombe would not have the vibrant Association it does without the work of the Animators.

Our warmest gratitude is extended to the District Animators who retired from the ministry this past year: Father Roy Boucher, Erin Ryan, Father Bill Stang, Christine and Brad Taylor, Father

Camille Piché, and Lucie Leduc. It was with their able assistance and guidance that Oblate Associates became established in OMI Lacombe Canada. We continue to build on their work.

### **DIRECTORY OF OBLATE ASSOCIATIONS:**

A few months ago, the congregation released a revised **Directory of Oblate Associations** in honor of the 200th jubilee. The booklet is the fruit of some years of work by the Internal Mission Committee under the direction of Fr. Gilberto Piñón, Assistant General for Mission. It builds on the work of the first Official Directory of Oblate Lay Associations, published in 2001 and updated in 2004. As quoted in the Directory: *“Our Superior General wishes that this Directory helps us keep “our hearts burning with new vision, new hope, and new energy.” May this be a helpful tool of information and animation to “fan the flame of our Oblate Charism” as we celebrate the 200 Anniversary of our Foundation.”*

The directory is available on the OMI Lacombe website, on the **Oblate Associates** page, under the Tab **Associate Resources**. It provides a succinct history and snapshot of association throughout the congregation: definitely worth a look!

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