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“They will bear with one another in much patience and meekness, and strive to outdo one another in rendering service and joyfully practising charity. They will love each other and show mutual respect and deference for one another.” – St. Eugene De Mazenod 1826.

Your prayers



Please remember in your prayers **Father Edmond Turenne, OMI**, who passed away on February 2nd at St. Boniface Hospital. He was 97 years old. His funeral took place on February 7th at Despins Residence followed by burial in the St. Boniface cemetery.

Taché District Community Days

The District Community Days will be held June 6-9, 2017. We will send out soon details regarding the place, theme, etc.

The Jubilarians will be celebrated on June 7th at Despins Residence.

“Ongoing formation encompasses all aspects of our development. It renews and develops our spiritual life and its inner resources and favors our growth in emotional and affective maturity. It increases our pastoral skills. It enables us to be critically aware of the integration of our life and mission at all stages of our development.”
- OMI Constitution 69



Young Oblates of CA-US Region Committee Meeting

Held in Toronto on 13th & 14th Feb. 2017.

From left to right: Frs. Marian Gil (Assumption), Luc Tardif (Notre Dame du Cap), Daniel Janulewicz (Assumption), Juan Gaspar (US), Rémi Lepage (Notre Dame du Cap), Arokia Vijay Deivanayagam (Lacombe).

Travel Notice

Please note that the CIBC convenience cards do not work for purchases outside of Canada, they can only be used to withdraw cash from an ATM (bank machine) which uses the PLUS system. The ATM should display the PLUS symbol for easy identification. We ask all Oblates who are travelling to make sure that they have a working credit card and also cash – in the appropriate currencies – in case there is no available ATM.

Here is a copy of the back of a card showing the PLUS symbol.



OMI Member Statistics 2017

Total number of Oblates (around the world): 3709

Canada- US : 657 (Oblates)

Birthdays

March 01: Fr. Laurent Alarie (92)

March 10: Fr. Lukasz Zajac (34)

March 22: Conrad Wyrzykowski, Honorary

March 26: Fr. Edmond Paradis (79)

February 17: "to remind us of our identity"

"But our Society has two "chief" aims, not just one, and I think these two goals go together, both in our lives and in our mission. First, Mission: *"to work for the salvation of one's neighbour by dedicating itself to the ministry of preaching."* Second, that is why the text continues: *"... its chief aim also includes providing its members with the means necessary to practice the virtues of religion to which they are so strongly attracted..."*.

A reference to our Rules, even if in a more spiritual way, was made by Pope Francis when he met the members of the 36th General Chapter on October 7 last year. Among other things, he said: *"Following the example of the Founder, may charity among you be your first rule of life, the premise of every apostolic action; and may zeal for the salvation of souls be a natural consequence of this fraternal charity."*

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