

# HIGHLIGHTS

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### DATES TO REMEMBER:

FALL RETREAT, SEPTEMBER 11-15, MANRESA, PICKERING

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## MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR FR. JOHN J. BRIOUX, OMI



A Memorial Mass will be held for Fr. John Brioux, OMI, on Saturday, August 26 at 11:00 a.m. at St. John the Apostle Church, 2340 Baseline road, Nepean. Fr. Jim Bleackley, OMI, will preside. All are invited.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a tax deductible donation to MAMI in Fr. John's memory. Donations can be made online at [www.omilacombe.ca/mami/donate](http://www.omilacombe.ca/mami/donate). Envelopes will also be available at the memorial service.

### JPIC SYMPOSIUM

**The Cry of the Earth is the Cry of the  
Poor, the New Faces of Poverty**

Wednesday, August 30, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

St. Paul University, Ottawa

#### Special Guest Speaker:

**Sr. Linda Gibler, OP**

Assistant Professor, Science and Religion

Associate Academic Dean of the Oblate School  
of Theology, Texas

### REMINDER !

#### Former Oblate Gathering

August 14-17, 2017

Galilee Centre, Arnprior, ON

All Oblates welcome!

(pay for meals on-site)

Please let Fr. Roy Boucher know your plans!

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### Engagement and Transformation—St. Eugène de Mazenod

On Friday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, JPIC-OMI award, but with Joe's work and Lacombe was very pleased to Saint Paul University's vision and participate in the Eugène de mission. The Oblate's new heart in Mazenod Medal award at the connection with conversion, the University of Saint Paul, as their new spirit in connection with the nominee Mr. John Joe Gunn was prophetic voices and the new the honoree of the day. mission relating to our future can

As Br. Leonardo Rego, director of JPIC OMI Lacombe, mentioned in his speech:

"When the opportunity to nominate someone for the Eugene de Mazenod Medal award reached me, I was very inspired by the Oblate's 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary, which brings innovative changes and movements towards a new future and a new mission that are very much in sync not only with this

be easily related to Joe's work, his commitment to social justice within and outside the Catholic institutions, always with great faith and firm conviction that a better world is possible."

The medal bears the name of the founder of the Oblates of Mary Immaculate and recognizes the spirit of St. Eugène de Mazenod in addressing the social issues of his time. The Eugène de Mazenod

Medal honours individuals who have made a significant contribution to the development of their community, in their environment, in the church and in society as a whole.

Although the awarding followed all procedures and decorum, the familiarity between all the ones present there, as well as their familiarity to Joe made the event a brilliant success with that feeling of family gathering.

Moreover, the event and speeches brought about friendly discussions on engagement, next steps towards change, as well as a reflection on our own role in the fight for justice. *(continued on the next page)*

## PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER

**Ron Kedrosky**, continues to deal with cancer. He is unable to join our gatherings but really enjoys the cards, mail and email that come from our community. He mentions lately that he is well looked after by Lee, Tammy and Troy and that Ethan is a ray of sunshine!

**Hugh James MacDonald, OMI**, is exploring with his doctors the options for kidney dialysis, much of which has significant implications for his day-to-day life.

**Jack McCann, OMI**, continues his chemo treatment for lung cancer. His sense of humour and creativity are very hard to repress in spite of the side-effects of the treatment.

*Please send any suggestions for prayers to McE Galbreath at [ontariodistrict@omilacombe.ca](mailto:ontariodistrict@omilacombe.ca).*



**Fr. Chris Rushton, OMI**, presided the mass at his new place of living, it was a powerful time for him. He presided the whole mass at the chapel of Emmanuel House with the assistance of a volunteer. We are very grateful to God for these special moments that Fr. Chris is living. He is very happy in his new place and is very well attended by the personnel of Emanuel House *(note and photo sent by Fr. Heinner Paucar)*.



together friends to celebrate another friend and his amazing work so far, as well as his renewed drive to continue his engagement in transformation for a better world.

As always, we could count on Fr. Ken Forster to give his support and blessings. Although he could not be present at the event, he graced us all with his connection through video.

It brought us to re-think our engagement with progress and our commitment to change and development, postulates for the mission carried by JPIC and its areas of work.

Joe came with his wife, Suzanne, and son, Benjamin, (his daughter, Daniela, could not be present, but was surely connected in mind and spirit). Everyone shared their part in the celebration, friends and partners shared stories and impressions about him and laughter was guaranteed.

Between jokes and audience interaction, the event brought

Referred to as a myth, Joe's work is extraordinary, yet his humility makes him human and drives us all to achieve greatness through his example on fighting for justice, peace, integrity of creation and development.

His speech was not limited to thanking his wife, family and friends, but rather he presented us with an inspiring and engaging speech, a call to justice in difficult times, giving examples and calling us all to join a coalition for the greater good, take on the opportunity to build a future towards change and fighting

poverty. And he said, "None of us is anyone without everyone else, so let's take this opportunity to form a coalition for the greater good in the collaboration and union of all here present today, expressing a preferential option for the poor."

I believe we can all say that this was not only an event for appreciation and honouring but also for engagement, inspiration and drive. A call for commitment, an eye opener to all of us, not only to inspire but also to make us all reflect on our own actions. What are we doing to make the world better? What are the risks we are taking? What are our conclusions and new pledges with the seed planted by Joe in our minds and hearts?

*Fernanda de Castro - JPIC Assistant*



## Upcoming Events at Galilee Centre

### **Find God in this Confusing World**

August 11-13, 2017

Facilitator: Fr. Jim Clarke

### **Six Day Directed Retreat**

Directors: Roy Boucher, OMI, Richard Kelly, OMI, Lucy Germain, CSJ and Mary Catherine Kelley, GSIC

September 16-22, 2017

### **How to Live with a Prickly Porcupine:**

### **Letting the Difficult Person Heal Us**

November 10-12, 2017

Presenter: Fr. Matt Linn, S.J.

For more information on these and other events, contact Galilee Centre at 613-623-4242, ext 21, or [info@galileecentre.com](mailto:info@galileecentre.com).

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### FROM ST. EUGENE

"My dear son, get used early to placing an unbounded confidence in God. You must be totally generous towards such a good Father, who is so great and powerful simultaneously. You must dedicate yourself to him unreservedly. He is aware of your needs, he knows

the legitimate desires of your heart. That is sufficient. [...] You have consecrated yourself to God, his Church and to the Congregation. Rely on him for everything else."

*Selected Texts #452 to Fr. C. Baret  
August 18, 1843*



## CELEBRATIONS

### ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST VOWS

#### OUR JUBILARIANS

Bro. Wayne Jarvo, OMI  
50 years of Final Vows

Fr. Richard Kelly, OMI  
50 years of Final Vows

Fr. Larry MacLennan, OMI  
60 years Ordained

Bro Henry Arruda (36 years)  
Fr. Richard Beaudette (38 years)  
Fr. Normand Bonneau (46 years)  
Bro. Dan Dionne (27 years)  
Fr. Charles J. Donovan (57 years)  
Fr. John Dourley (59 Years)  
Fr. Joe Kane (68 years)  
Fr. Richard Kelly (53 years)  
Fr. Tony O'Dell (29 years)  
Fr. Vaughan Quinn (60 years)  
Fr. Jan Rademaker (51 years)  
Fr. Bill Thompson (61 years)  
Fr. Hanh Van Tran (18 years)

### ANNIVERSARY OF FINAL VOWS

Fr. Joe Kane (65 years)  
Fr. John Maladrewich (28 years)  
Fr. Tony O'Dell (20 years)



### BIRTHDAYS

Fr. Antonio Pannunzi August 2  
Fr. Jack McCann August 5

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