

# HIGHLIGHTS



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## COMMUNITY DAYS 2017

Wednesday evening, at a prayer service led by Fr. Roy Boucher at St. Theresa's Cemetery, we spent time with those who have gone before. Thank you Yvon for keeping the black flies away so effectively!

Thursday and Friday of our gathering were dedicated to discussion of community issues:

- Mission centres in Ontario
- Name change for Ontario District
- The new structures within the Province
- Strategies for community building
- Administration of retirement and end of life choices
- Update on the Associates and new candidates

The Oblate Associates also had some time for reflection and discussion as a group on Thursday morning.

Our mass and dinner on Thursday celebrated our three Jubilarians this year: Fr. Richard Kelly, Fr. Larry MacLennan and Bro. Wayne Jarvo.

Once again, our thanks to all! Pictures inside!

*The Community Days Team*

Thank you to all who attended and participated in our Community Days this year, and to all who were praying for us during this week.

As we gathered at Galilee on Monday evening, the stories of Novitiate life started flowing, and the reminiscences began.

Tuesday was our day of retreat, led by Fr. Ken Forster. His focus on the charism of St. Eugene and, particularly the call to live life in community, set the stage for our week together.

Wednesday was dedicated to the *Review of the Retreat Centre* process, led by the Core Team. After a presentation on each, The Star of the North (AB), Queen's House (SK) and Galilee (ON), we were asked to consider a series of questions about each facility. The feedback will be included in a Province-wide discernment on the future of these valuable ministries and important properties.

## PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER

**Ron Kedrosky**, continues to deal with his cancer treatments. He is unable to join our gatherings, but sends his prayers our way.

**Hugh James MacDonald, OMI**, is exploring with his doctors the options for kidney dialysis and transplant.

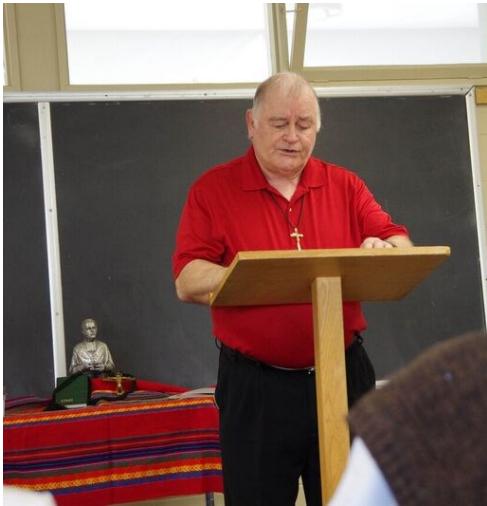
**Jack McCann, OMI**, continues his chemo treatment for lung cancer. His sense of humour and creativity are

very hard to repress in spite of the side-effects of the treatment.

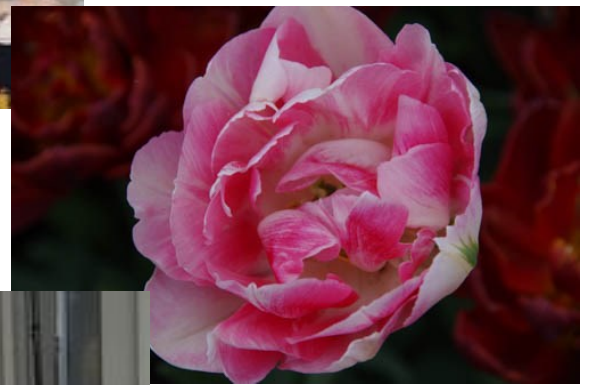
**Chris Rushton, OMI** is in the Emmanuel House, Palliative Care Centre, where he is receiving wonderful care from the staff who see Chris not just as a patient, but also as the in-house chaplain.

*Please send any suggestions for prayers to McE.*

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## MEDICAL ASSISTANCE IN DYING, WORKSHOP / RETREAT

Fr. David Perrin will bring this workshop/retreat to Galilee, July 7-9. Entitled "Why the Catholic Church thinks the way it does," Fr. David hopes to provide a place for discussion and deeper understanding of the issue.

On June 17, 2016, the Government of Canada passed into law Bill C-14, approving medically assisted dying. The Catholic Church affirms and believes that the deliberate taking of a human life goes against the dignity of the human

person and the belief that all human life is sacred. But why does the Catholic Church take this position? How can the Church's position be explained in a simple and straightforward way? What response does the Church provide for those contemplating – either for themselves or for a loved one – medically assisted death?

This workshop is for anyone, Catholic or not, who is seeking deeper answers to the issue of medically assisted suicide, which is now part of the fabric of

Canadian life and Canadian health-care services. Whether you are a pastoral worker, parish volunteer, health-care professional, teacher, or are simply wondering what medically assisted dying means for yourself from a Christian faith-based perspective, this workshop/retreat is for you.

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

**July 1, 2017**

**Canada 150 – Strawberry Social**

1-4pm @ Galilee Retreat Centre

Invitation to all

**Aug 14-17, 2017**

**Former Oblate Reunion**

@ Galilee Retreat Centre

Invitation to all Oblates

**Sept. 11-15, 2017**

**District Annual Retreat**

@ Manresa Retreat Centre, Pickering

Invitation to Oblates and Associates



## FROM ST. EUGENE

"...There is no need of regrets when one has done one's best. God makes use even of human mistakes to achieve his purpose. I do not know what he expects of me; all I know is that he

governs with His wisdom those whose sole purpose is to work for His glory."

*Letter to Henri Tempier,  
dated October 24, 1833*



## CELEBRATIONS

### **OUR JUBILARJANS**

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

### **ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST VOWS**

Fr. John Maladrewich (33 years)

### **ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION**

Fr. John Dourley (46 years)

Fr. Frank Kavanagh (64 years)

Fr. Carl Kelly (59 years)

Fr. Larry MacLennan (60 years)

Fr. Gil Mason (54 years)

Fr. Jack McCann (62 years)

Fr. Jarek Pachocki (18 years)

Fr. Bill Thompson (55 years)

### **ANNIVERSARY OF FINAL VOWS**

Fr. Normand Bonneau (42 years)

Fr. Oliver Rich (46 years)



### **BIRTHDAYS**

Fr. Jan Rademaker	June 2
Fr. Richard Kelly	June 8
Erin Ryan	June 16
Yvon Ouellet	June 27
+ Doug Crosby	June 28
Fr. Tony O'Dell	June 30

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