

HIGHLIGHTS

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

COMMUNITY DAYS, MAY 15-19, GALILEE

FALL RETREAT, SEPTEMBER 11-15, PICKERING

OUR LADY SEAT OF WISDOM RECEIVES OFFICIAL STATUS

Dear Brother Oblates and Associates,

I am writing with very good news. The Government of Ontario has advised us that they have provisionally approved Our Lady Seat of Wisdom to offer a Bachelor of Catholic Studies degree! Our official status as a degree-granting institution will come within the next few weeks, once we respond to

certain limited conditions. One of these conditions is that we seek to establish a four-year honours BA degree. We are thrilled and eager to move in this direction as it has been our objective for some time now.

Given all of the circumstances, it is indeed a miracle, and the credit for it goes to Our Blessed Mother.



We now begin building on this miracle. Please give us your prayer support.

We hope to grant our first degrees at the end of April 2017!

Fr. Joseph Hattie, OMI

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER

Ron Kedrosky, continues to deal with cancer. He is unable to join our gatherings due to the possibility of germs and viruses, but sends his prayers our way.

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.

Chris Rushton, OMI, resides now in Hamilton in a hospice care facility. These arrangements keep him safe and comfortable. For those who wish to send him a message of comfort, you may contact him directly at 905-869-7720 or through Fr. Tony O'Dell.

David Perrin's brother, **Gerry**, died on March 3. The funeral mass will take place at St. Columbkille Cathedral, Pembroke, at 11:00 a.m. on Friday, March 10. Please keep Gerry, David and the family in your prayers.

Please send any suggestions for prayers to McE Galbreath at ontariodistrict@omilacombe.ca.

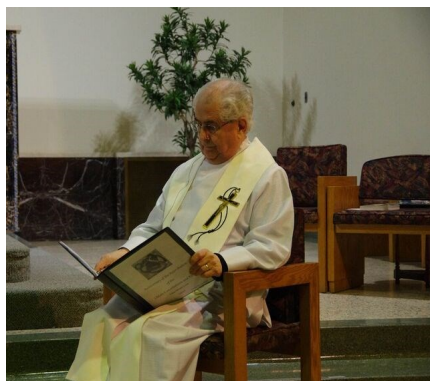
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FR. FRANK KAVANAGH CELEBRATES 90 IN STYLE



Photographs provided by Fr. Heinner Paucar, OMI

FEBRUARY 17 CELEBRATION IN PICTURES



Commitment begins in love.



Commitment is nourished by memory.



Commitment is fired by passion.





Commitment is sustained by courage.

Photographs provided by Fr. Jim Fiori, OMI



Commitment is lived in solidarity.



Commitment is carried along by joy.



CONGRATULATIONS

To Sheila Nolan and Yvon Ouellet, who made their first commitment as Oblate Associates.

CONGRATULATIONS

To Gail Hillier and Ken Hart who made their second annual commitment to Association.

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To Pamela Dixon, Colleen Kerr, Brian Kerr, Ken Mansfield, Maureen Pinsonneault, Eleanor Rabnett and Erin Ryan who made their third annual commitment to Oblate Association.

Thank you to our Presider, Fr. Roy Boucher, OMI, and all who were involved in making the Feast Day celebration so special!

FROM ST. EUGENE

"Come now and learn from us what you are in the eyes of faith.

"You are God's children, the brothers of Jesus Christ, heirs to his eternal kingdom, chosen portion of his inheritance; you are, in the words of St. Peter, a holy nation, you are kings, you are priests, you are in some way Gods, *Dii estis et filii excelsi omnes* (Ps. 81:6)

"Lift yourselves towards heaven, where your minds should be set,

conversatio vestra in caelo (Phil. 3:20), let your eyes see for once beneath the rags that cover you, there is within you an immortal soul made in the image of God whom it is destined to possess one day, a soul ransomed at the price of the blood of Jesus Christ, more precious in the eyes of God than all earth's riches, than all the kingdoms of the earth, a soul of which he is more jealous than of the government of the entire universe."



Homily instructions in Provencal, given at the church of the Magdalene in 1813 [March 3, Ash Wednesday].

HOLY WEEK AT GALILEE

Guided Silent Retreat

Facilitator: Susan Kehoe

When: April 9 (4:pm) to April 10 (4:pm)

Cost: \$ 195
Early Bird, March 10 - \$175

For more information,
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613-623-4242

CELEBRATIONS

ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST VOWS

Fr. Ollie Rich (52 years)

ANNIVERSARY OF FINAL VOWS

Fr. Heinner Paucar (18 years)



BIRTHDAYS

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| Eleanor Rabnett | March 3 |
| Sheila Nolan | March 7 |
| Fr. Carl Kelly | March 9 |
| Bro Len Rego | March 15 |
| Fr. Ken Forster | March 23 |
| Fr. Larry MacLennan | March 26 |
| Fr. Roy Boucher | March 28 |

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