

HIGHLIGHTS

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

COMMUNITY DAYS, MAY 15-19, GALILEE

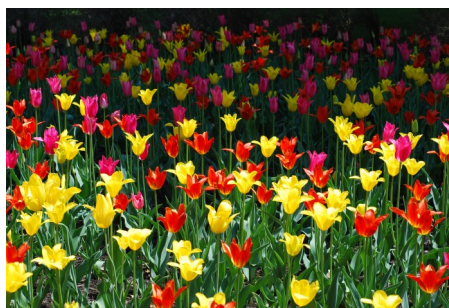
FALL RETREAT, SEPTEMBER 11-15, MANRESA

THE EASTER SEASON

“What Sunday is to the Christian week – the day of resurrection, the day of the Lord, the inauguration of the New Creation – the Easter Season is to the liturgical year. The Easter season, then, is Sunday writ large and amplified to embrace a period of fifty days stretching from Easter Sunday to Pentecost. In the early centuries of Christianity, before there were separate feasts of Ascension and Pentecost, the

Fifty Days from Easter to Pentecost sought, ‘like the Lord’s Day [to] proclaim the lordship of Jesus as attested by his resurrection, ascension, and bestowal of the Spirit’.

“The Fifty Days, celebrated as one Great Sunday, underline the victorious, triumphant facet of the paschal mystery of Christ. They bask in an aura of the risen Lord’s abiding presence with his



Church, though it is still a hidden presence. They offer a foretaste of the heavenly kingdom where the faithful, clothed in white, will be gathered with the Lamb that was slain to give praise and glory to God.”

Excerpted from *The Sunday Lectionary* by Normand Bonneau, 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 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 who is always ready to listen to their faith experiences and respond to their prayer requests. They appreciate his peaceful spirit, his gratitude for everything and his loving concern for them and the other patients. As you continue to keep Chris in your prayers, please note that everyday he prays for all the members of OMI Lacombe Canada.

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

Jim Bleackley, OMI

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NEW VEHICLE POLICY FOR OMI LACOMBE

INTENT

To define procedures for the purchase and use of vehicles in OMI Lacombe Canada (OMILC).

DEFINITION

Vehicle: all motorized vehicles including, but not limited to cars, trucks, four wheelers, motorbikes, snowmobiles, boats, etc.

ASSUMPTIONS

1. The principle of religious simplicity will guide the members in the selection of vehicles. It should fit the simple lifestyle of a missionary. As well, in that spirit, consideration will be given to sharing vehicles within the community.
2. A vehicle is a significant investment of capital and should be respected as a community asset.
3. It is the responsibility of the Oblate to whom a vehicle is assigned, to maintain and service the vehicle according to the manufacturer's requirements and public safety standards; a designated individual will be given responsibility for the care of a community vehicle.

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IMPLEMENTATION

Consideration for the purchase, sale or trade-in of vehicles will occur first at the BOC level (at budget time, if at all possible) and then with the District Community Leadership Team. The request for the purchase of a vehicle should be submitted in writing to the District Community Leadership Team, outlining the reasons for such a purchase, e.g., age of car, repairs needed, mileage, etc.

The District Community Treasurer's Office will coordinate the purchase of the vehicle with the OMILC Finance Office. Final approval by the Provincial Finance office is required before any vehicle purchase is finalized.

The OMI Lacombe Canada Provincial Council will set the maximum capital cost of vehicle purchases, excluding trade-in or taxes, on an annual basis. It is the practice of OMILC to purchase gently used vehicles. It is also the practice of OMILC not to purchase extended warranties on vehicles or components, anti-theft programs, such as window etching, or other extra cost dealer services. Exceptions to financial competency limits require the approval of the Provincial leadership on a case-by-case basis.

All vehicles (including recreational vehicles) must be registered for insurance purposes, and operated by a person with a valid driver's license. Insurance for the vehicle will be purchased and renewed by the District Community Treasurer's Office and OMI Lacombe Canada Finance Office and will meet the necessary statutory requirements to protect OMILC from any legal liability. In provincial jurisdictions where government coverage is mandatory (i.e., British Columbia, Saskatchewan and Manitoba), the basic minimum coverage will be

purchased through the appropriate authorities. Additional insurance coverage, liability or otherwise, will be purchased by OMI Lacombe Canada Finance Office.

Annual vehicle and license plate registration will be done by the District Community Treasurer's/ Administrator's Office.

When a member is transferred, consideration of whether or not the vehicle is transferred with the individual will be discussed and mutually agreed upon by the District Community Leadership Team/s involved. Together, the individual Oblate and District Community Treasurer's Office will be responsible for ensuring the vehicle registration is properly transferred if such a change is required.



OBLATE RESOURCES ON FACEBOOK

Oblate Missions (out of the US but with wonderful short daily prayers and articles)

CIEM (which is Aix - both English and French but I use both and use the Facebook translator)

Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate - OMI Lacombe

U.S. Province of Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate

Missionary Oblates JPIC

St. Eugene de Mazenod (Belleville IL in the US)

Rosario OMI (not English - need translator - this is used to set up ongoing international Rosary at particular times during the year)

Frank Santucci (St. Eugene Speaks blog)

As with all Facebook pages all that is necessary is to find the page and enter a friend request! Enjoy!

FROM ST. EUGENE

"Each Oblate through his oblation assumes responsibility for the common heritage of the Congregation, expressed in the *Constitutions and Rules* and our family tradition. He is exhorted to let himself be guided by these

norms in creative fidelity to the legacy bequeathed by St. Eugene de Mazenod."

Constitutions and Rules
Constitution 168



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

Bro. Leonardo Rego (44 years)

ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

Fr. Richard Beaudette (35 years)

Fr. Normand Bonneau (41 years)

Fr. Andy Boyer (43 years)

Fr. Joseph Hattie (53 years)

Fr. John Malazdrewich (26 years)

Fr. Mike McCarthy (46 years)

Fr. Hanh Van Tran (12 years)

ANNIVERSARY OF FINAL VOWS

Fr. Richard Beaudette (35 years)

Bro. Leonardo Rego (38 years)



BIRTHDAYS

Bro. Dan Dionne May 4

Fr. Joe Kane May 12

Fr. Bill Thompson May 19

Colleen Kerr May 29

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