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Sights and Sounds

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Birthday greeting to Brad Taylor February 1!

February 2017 SDC Community Days will be held on Wednesday, February 15th (beginning at 1:30pm) to Friday, February 17 (concluding with lunch). Please register as soon as possible.

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### News from Trinity Manor:

- The next coffee gathering will be on Thursday, February 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 3:00pm.
- Oblates never retire from ministry! I continue to admire and be in awe of the thirteen Oblates who reside at Trinity Manor as they continue ministering to those around them while at the same time attending to the needs of their brother Oblates. With varying levels of health they contribute to their community in any way possible.
- Bro. Oscar Delanghe, even with his very limited hearing, is always ready for a game of cribbage and he enjoys taking excursions to different events on the Trinity Manor bus.
- Bro. Walter De Mong enjoys visiting and assisting those around him. He continues to accompany his brother Oblates to doctor's appointments and runs errands for them as needed. Just this week Bro. Walter took a cab to Central Haven, picked up Fr. Ron Zimmer and took him to an eye specialist appointment. I admire that dedication!
- Fr. Richard Doll was in active ministry until a month ago. He recently gave marriage prep to my daughter and her future husband who got married at the beginning of December. I had heard that Fr. Richard was awesome with young people and even though he wasn't feeling great at the time he did a remarkable job with Ali and Matthew.
- Fr. George Gruber, with his limited eyesight, assists with the sacrament of reconciliation.
- Fr. Louis Hoffart says mass at the prison twice a month as well as doing replacement ministry.
- Fr. Lester Kaufmann also presides twice a month at the prison and does replacement ministry.
- Fr. Syl Lewans contributes by assisting the choir at daily Mass. He is also very patient with my mother, who's had a stroke, and sits at the same dining table as Fr. Syl and Bro. Oscar.

- Fr. Tony Schmidt has taken on the role of “communications” he is the liaison between Trinity Manor and my office. If equipment breaks down, if documents need to be copied or if any kind of information needs to be communicated Fr. Tony is always willing to assist.
- Fr. Albert Ulrich goes to Central Haven every Sunday morning so that Fr. Ron Zimmer, Fr. Alois Kedl, and others who might want to join them, can participate in Sunday Mass.
- Fr. Eugene Warnke (the young one of the group) is always being called for replacement ministry.
- Bishop Gerry Wiesner is always busy but never too busy to take Bro. Oscar Delanghe to see his sister in North Battleford or take individual Oblates out for breakfast on their birthdays.
- Fr. John Zunti ministers to those at Samaritan Place and is called by the funeral homes when funeral services are needed.
- Fr. Paul, well Fr. Paul just keeps everything running smoothly! As well as being the Oblate Director at Trinity Manor he also works at Queen’s House. Fr. Paul is the “go to person” for health, finances, BOC meetings, mass schedules etc.....and as a “sideline” he likes to entertain the residents at Trinity Manor. Fr. Paul and Isadore, another resident at Trinity Manor, like to play music, sing, tell stories and jokes; their next performance is on Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm.
- Although Fr. Ron Zimmer is no longer at Trinity since he was moved to long-term care at Central Haven he too continues to minister to those around him. He knows the history of almost every resident in the building. He reads to people and he’ll even call Corrine to give her an update on her mother who also resides at Central Haven.

Like I said “Oblates never retire”. (by Gaetane Paul)

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SDC Oblates with a personal bank account – please submit the following items to the SDC Treasurer’s office as soon as possible or by February 3, 2017:

- *Fourth Quarter Financial Reports for 2016*
- *2016 GST Receipts*

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### **What does a Bishop do?**

We were celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our church, and several former pastors and the bishop were in attendance. At one point, our minister had the children gather at the altar for a talk about the importance of the day. He began by asking “Does anyone know what the bishop does?”

There was silence. Finally, one little boy answered gravely, “He’s the one you can move diagonally.”

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