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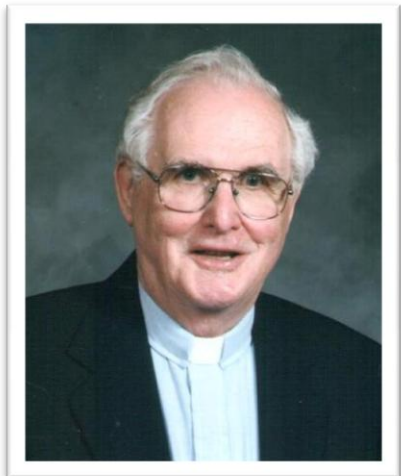
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October 2, 2017

## BC News

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### *Prayerful Remembrance*



**Rev. Donald Douglas MacDonald, O.M.I.,** passed away on Sept 24, 2017 at Brock Fahrni Pavillion, Vancouver, BC. Fr. DD was born July 14, 1933 in Antigonish, NS. He was Ordained to the Priesthood in the Congregation of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate Dec. 19, 1959 in Antigonish, NS. Fr. DD is survived by two sisters: Phyllis (Ronald) McLeod of Connecticut, USA, Moira (Leonard) Prekel of Michigan, USA and a brother, Ronald (Myrna) MacDonald of Antigonish, NS. He is predeceased by his parents, Angus Ronald and Marie MacDonald (nee MacInnis), sister Annette MacDonald and brother, John R. MacDonald.

Following graduation from Morrison High School at age 16, he attended Saint Francis Xavier University in Antigonish, NS and graduated in 1953 with a Bachelor of Arts degree. In 1954, Fr. DD spent a year at Saint Jerome's preparatory seminary in Kitchener, ON before entering the Oblates of Mary Immaculate in Arnprior, ON in 1955. He made his first vows as an Oblate on September 8, 1956 and perpetual vows on September 8, 1959. Fr. MacDonald was ordained at Saint Ninian's Cathedral in Antigonish, NS by Bishop Malcolm MacEachern.

Fr. MacDonald spent the next fifty years doing missionary work. While his first obedience was at St. Joseph's parish in Ottawa ON, he mostly ministered in the Province of British Columbia, including: Agassiz, Princeton, Penticton, Kamloops, Prince George, Fort St. James, Sechelt, Tofino, Kuper Island, Chemainus, Salt Spring/Gulf Islands and St. Augustine's parish in Vancouver BC. He also served briefly at Annunciation parish in Edmonton AB.

The past seven years, due to failing health, Father DD was resident at Brock Fahrni Pavillion in Vancouver BC. The Oblates wish to express their gratitude to the medical team and support staff at Brock Fahrni Pavillion for the love and care they gave to Fr. DD.

Fr. DD is remembered by his family, friends and Oblate family, as having a wonderful presence. He was compassionate, kind and caring. Fr. DD was very knowledgeable; he loved history and held a keen interest in politics all his life. He is also remembered as having a great sense of humour. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

**Services:** Prayer Service will be held on Monday, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:30pm at St. Augustine's Parish, 2028 West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Vancouver, BC. Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday, Oct 3<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30 am at St. Augustine's Parish, 2028 West 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Vancouver, BC. Interment will be at the Oblate Cemetery in Mission, BC.

## *The Birthday Book*

John Greene, OMI	October 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Jerry Prazma, OMI	October 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Garry LaBoucane, OMI	October 9 <sup>th</sup>
Dennis Alexander, OMI	October 13 <sup>th</sup>
Phil Smith, OMI	October 31 <sup>st</sup>



## *Congratulations - 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary*

Jim Jordan      Ordination      October 14, 1972

Fr. Jim Dukowski, OMI will be celebrating his 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Ordination on October 8, 2017 at 11am Mass at St. Peter's Parish in New Westminster, BC. All are welcome.

# RETREAT 2017

**October 16<sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm – October 20<sup>th</sup> Noon**  
Westminster Abbey – Mission BC

Director: **Archbishop Sylvain Lavoie, OMI**  
Theme : **Walk a New Path**

Deadline for registration – Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>.

**2018 BUDGETS** ...The Budget for the District needs to be in Ottawa by mid November. Therefore, please use the approved template to prepare and submit your 'personal' budget by **October 25<sup>th</sup>**. If you need a copy of this template, please let Elizabeth or Fr. Terry Conway know.

Please also note, there are a number of members of the District (**13 out of 36**) who have not yet submitted their half-year Financial Report or their GST Report for January – June, 2017.

## **New Contact Information:**

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*Happy Thanksgiving to all*

