

HIGHLIGHTS

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

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A PRAYER TO CARRY US THROUGH ADVENT

"How often do we fail to see what's right in front of us simply because we're not looking for it?" (Alice Camille)

Holy One, Emmanuel, Essence of True Kindness, awaken our inner eyes to notice how you reveal yourself through thoughtful, loving gestures, to see where and how your kindness is expressed in ourselves and in others. Let us not miss these simple and all too often quickly-shelved revelations. Each day of this Advent season awaken and guide us to your presence through words of care and compassion, messages of hope, easy smiles, opened doors, forgiving hearts and other sources of human kindness. Let us see each gesture as an affirmation of how you dwell among us. Amen!

May the Light of God's love brighten our Christmas and live forever in our hearts.

J. Roy Boucher, OMI



PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER

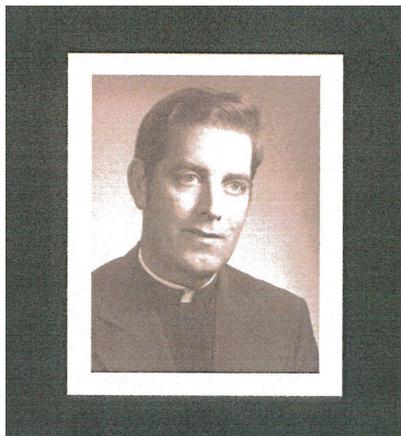
Ron Kedrosky, while continuing to deal with his cancer, was able to join the Galilee BOC and make his re-commitment as an Oblate Associate on November 3.

Jack McCann, OMI, has started a new chemo treatment for lung cancer. His sense of humour and creativity are very hard to repress in spite of the fatigue.

Chris Rushton, OMI, resides now in Emmanuel House Palliative Care Centre in Hamilton. He is safe and comfortable. And the staff see Fr. Chris not just as a patient but also as the in-house chaplain.

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

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FR CARL KELLY OMI MARCH 9, 1931 – NOVEMBER 26, 2017

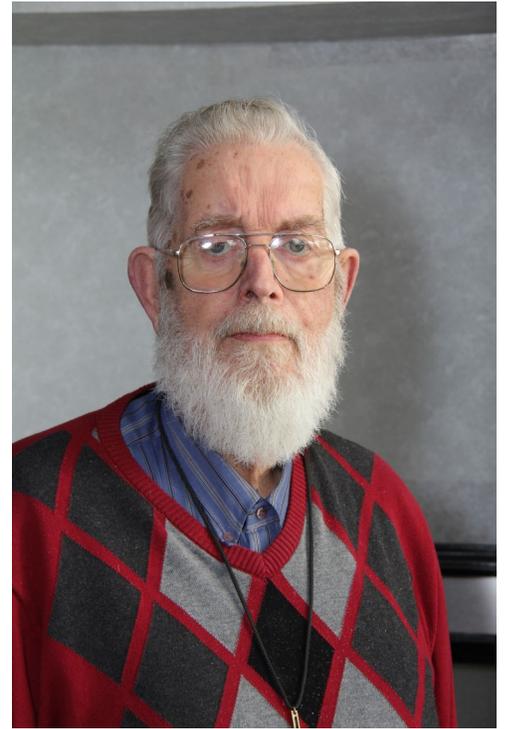
Carl Kelly, OMI, died peacefully on Sunday, November 26, 2017 at Springhurst Residence at the age of 86.

Fr. Carl was born in Farrellton, QC on a farm, on March 9, 1931, the son of Eunice (Daly) and Gerald Kelly. He made his first profession as a Missionary Oblate of Mary Immaculate on September 8, 1952 at what is now Galilee Centre and his final vows on September 8, 1955. He did his studies at Holy Rosary in Ottawa. Fr. Carl was ordained to the priesthood on June 15, 1958 in Ottawa. Many will remember Fr. Carl for the years he spent at St. Pat's High School, as a teacher, vice principal and principal until 1973. Fr. Carl was known to laugh, saying, "I joined the Oblates to become a missionary and I only moved thirty miles to teach high school at St. Pat's for the first thirteen years."

Then after the closing of St. Pat's, Fr. Carl was sent to Dhaka, Bangladesh, returning to Ottawa following an accident there in March 1974. He chuckled and said, "After all the years I wanted to be a missionary, I lasted only six months! The doctor only put a cast [on my knee] and I flew home. I took about a year in Ottawa learning to walk again."

Fr. Carl continued his teaching ministry in Richmond Hill at St. Robert's High School and then moved back to Ottawa to take up the position of Director of Chaplaincy at the University of Ottawa, a position he held until July 1981.





Over the last 36 years, Fr. Carl thrived in pastoral ministry, working in parishes in Hamilton, Thunder Bay, Springhill (NS), Toronto, Shubenacadie (NS) and finally, Canadian Martyrs Parish. Most recently, Fr. Carl regularly visited and celebrated mass at Madonna della Risurrezionate Parish and St. Patrick's Home in Ottawa.

Carl looked back over his life and saw the hand of God at work. "The vow of obedience has always been very important to me. I was sent to teach and I did that." In his eyes the most important part of his ministry was to be present to the people, be it in a parish, for a First Nation's community, or to

men in the prison system. Whether in traditional missionary territory (Dhaka) or downtown Canadian urban settings, he did just that and enjoyed the myriad of experiences. "That's OK," he would say with a wink and a smile!

Thank you Fr. Carl, for your wit and wisdom, your caring and listening, and your gentle way of guiding my family and me along the right paths for each of us.

McE Galbreath, with the help of an article by Nestor Gregoire, OMI from March 2012. Thanks to Heather Duggan for the photos.

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FROM ST. EUGENE

O Mary Immaculate,
faithful adorer of the Father,
Mother most admirable of the Son,
Spouse of the Holy Spirit,
inspire within me the same
sentiments that were yours
while pondering the revealed
mysteries which you treasured in
your heart.

Grant that I may ever live
in union with your Son, my Saviour,
together with all who,
by meditation,
give honour to the most Holy Trinity.
Amen.

Oblate Prayer book, p. 22



Mark Your Calendars

Community Days:

Feb 26-March 2, 2018
Galilee Centre, Arnprior

Fall Retreat:

August 19-24, 2018
Galilee Centre, Arnprior

CELEBRATIONS

ANNIVERSARY OF FINAL VOWS

Fr. Andy Boyer (44 years)
Fr. Hanh Van Tran (13 years)



ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

Fr. Roy Boucher (52 years)
Fr. Charles J Donovan (51 years)
Fr. Christi Joachim Pillai (62 years)
Fr. H. James MacDonald (32 years)
Fr. Antonio Pannunzi (46 years)
Fr. Vaughan Quinn (54 years)
Fr. Jan Rademaker (48 years)

BIRTHDAYS

Fr. Andy Boyer	Dec 5
Ken Hart	Dec 10
Fr. Mike McCarthy	Dec 24
Fr. Claude Tardif	Dec 31

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