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Taché District Community Days

January 22-24, 2018, were the days designated as "Community Days" for Taché District. Since the Oblates from the Arctic were coming to Winnipeg during that week for other meetings, it was decided that the Community Days should be held at the same time so as to save money. For your information, the travel costs are very high; it costs about \$12,000 for 4 Oblates from the Arctic to come to Winnipeg.

The afternoon of January 22nd, we shared news, etc. about ourselves.

On January 23rd A.M, Fr. Ken Forster (Provincial) led us in a reflection and discussion on inter-culturality. After lunch we buried the ashes of Omer Desjardins in Saint-Boniface cemetery. Then at 3 pm, Rusty Gardiner, OMI talked about his ministry as chaplain at Headingly jail. We also took some time to discuss end-of-life wishes.

On January 24th A.M, Bogdan Osiecki, OMI shared his reflections and thoughts after 20 years of ministry in the Arctic. In the afternoon, the Associates shared their ministry and then we had an open forum where the participants spoke their minds and raised questions. Wednesday was completed by a mass for the Jubilarians after supper followed by a reception. Fr. Ken Forster preached the homily.

Thank you to all 23 Oblates and Associates who attended, participated, etc.

Armand Le Gal, OMI

Reminder: Convocation 2018

April 9-13, 2018, Cornwall, ON.

Taché District 2018 Directory

Please note the following corrections/updates to the District Directory of the year 2018.

Isaïe Blanchette has a second e-mail address: iblanchette@resdespins.ca

The new contact info of Br. Raymond Des Chênes:

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André and Adèle Blondeau, Honorary Oblates: email address: ablondeau11@outlook.com

André and Beatrice Goussaert, Associates: mailing address: 506 - 360 Osborne Street, Winnipeg (Manitoba), R3L 2V6.

Rose Bazylewski, Honorary Oblate: mailing address: Rosewood Home, 857 Wilkes Avenue, Winnipeg (Manitoba), R3P 2M2.

Conrad Wyrzykowski, Honorary Oblate: mailing address: 30 East Gate, Winnipeg (Manitoba), R3C 2C1.

Thomas Novak is the contact person for the BOC (Basic Oblate Community) of Gertrude.

The BOC of Villa Maria no longer exists.

January Anniversaries

Birthdays

February 05: Fr. François Paradis (71 years)

February 06: Br. Raymond Des Chênes (91 years)

February 08: Adèle Blondeau, H. OMI

February 14: André Blondeau, H. OMI

February 21: Margot Lavoie, Associate



Ordination

February 02: Bishop Reynald Rouleau (55 years)

First Vows

February 17: Br. Raymond Des Chênes (71 years)