

# HIGHLIGHTS

## ONTARIO DISTRICT NEWS

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### DATES TO REMEMBER:

FEBRUARY 16/17 CELEBRATIONS

COMMUNITY DAYS, FEB 26-MARCH 2, GALILEE CENTRE

CONVOCATION 2018, APRIL 9-13, CORNWALL

FALL RETREAT, AUGUST 19-24, GALILEE CENTRE

## Community Days Program, 2018

The program for our Community Days is firming up and it promises to be engaging.

Tuesday, February 27, Sr. Rosemary O'Toole will lead us in a retreat day entitled: *Contemplation and Dark Night of the Soul*. It is her hope that through these teachings on contemplation and the dark night of the soul, she can guide us securely on our personal journeys when we begin to experience these 'signs' indicating that we are being drawn into a closer relationship with God. In addition, there are implications made through the book of the same name that not only are individual persons undergoing 'dark nights', but our own world community is undergoing a collective 'dark night'. Sr. Rosemary explains that this needs to be embraced as a gift to heighten our awareness and lure us into an evolved state of consciousness that can offer a new vision of hope and harmony for the planet.

Wednesday, February 28 and Thursday, March 1 will be the time for discussion and discernment about the materials sent out from the Provincial Office for preparation for Convocation 2018:

- Life in OMI Lacombe Canada, and
- A Conversation about Interculturality.


As in years past, we will gather to remember the deceased members of our Oblate family at mass on Wednesday afternoon and enjoy toasting and

roasting the Jubilarians on Thursday, starting with Mass at 4:15, followed by dinner at 5:30 and Gaudeamus at 7:00 p.m.

Please email me or call me if you wish to come to Community Days and have not yet had a chance to register.

*A Day of Reflection with the new book...*

CONTEMPLATION & DARK NIGHT OF THE SOUL



*Infinitely more ..*

The Upper Room Home of Prayer Community, Rosemary O'Toole CSJ, Editor

*Tuesday, February 27, 2018*  
*Rosemary O'Toole, CSJ*

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*Time for prayer, reflection, conversation and questions!*

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## Flying Fathers Resurrected

Fr. Vaughan Quinn, OMI, was pleased to get to the Flying Fathers hockey game in Peterborough on January 27. The Flying Fathers, a team of hockey-playing Roman Catholic priests, had not played a game since 2008. The game on Monday brought together priests from the region to play against Douro's St. Joseph's Parish hockey team at the Ennismore Recreation complex, as a fundraiser for the Diocese of Peterborough's Vocations Office. The Fathers beat St. Joseph's 13-6 with plenty of antics: a clown, who could really skate, several cream pies, a stuffed panda bear, plexiglass over the Father's goal cage ... In the picture below, the Fathers

resorted to making a "touchdown," complete with a football, to help boost their score by six points at a critical moment!

The Flying Fathers was founded in 1963 by Fr. Brian McKee and Fr. Les Costello, former Maple Leaf's player (before he entered the seminary). They played throughout Canada and around the world from 1963 to 2008, raising more than \$4 million for a range of charities that minister to the poor. Fr. Vaughan joined the Fathers in 1973 as goalie and he played with them for 28 years, participating fully in the antics that go along with good hockey skills, to deliver an entertaining show!



*Fr Vaughan Quinn proudly wears his Flying Fathers jacket, scanning the crowd for vocations!*

For more stories and history about the Flying Fathers and how they undertake their ministry, google "Flying Fathers".





## Oblate Associates off to Convocation 2018

Convocation 2018 takes place at Nav Canada in Cornwall, April 9-13. This gathering happens once every three years and it brings Oblates from OMI Lacombe together for a week to discuss and discern a range of topics relevant to their ministry and communities. The theme this year is "Living the Call: Encountering Each Other".

This year we are pleased the Province invited the Districts to choose three Associates as delegates to the week-long gathering. We are happy to announce that Erin Ryan, Gail Hillier and Ken Mansfield are the three Associates chosen to be the delegates from our District. Meeting amongst the Oblates from across the country is a special blessing and we are thrilled that Erin, Gail and Ken can participate.



### PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER

**Ron Kedrosky**, continues to deal with chemo treatments, but he is able to join local BOC gatherings again. Friends and family continue to be cherished, as are his fellow Oblate Associates.

**Jack McCann, OMI**, started the new year on a new 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.

**Fr. Chris Rushton, OMI**, presides at mass at Emmanuel House, with the assistance of a volunteer. There are pictures of him decorating at Christmas time and really enjoying his Oblate brothers and those who live around him at Emmanuel House.

**Bro Len Rego, OMI**, is in the hospital dealing with complications related to his hip. His spirits are good and he is pleased with the attention he is getting from several gifted physicians.

**Fr. Christie Joachim Pillai, OMI**, will move into long-term care this winter-spring. Living on his own is proving more difficult and is no longer safe for him. His family tend to him devotedly and his Oblate brothers in the Toronto area keep in touch.

**Michael Mitchell**, a former Oblate, who died on January 12. His wife, Holly, is dealing with cancer and had her surgery on January 23. Please keep Holly and her family in your prayers.

### WELCOME A NEW MEMBER



As of January 1, Fr. Tim Coonen joined the Ontario District and began his new ministry as pastor of Canadian Martyrs. He spent 12 years in his previous position as Provincial Treasurer. Welcome Fr. Tim!

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### FROM ST. EUGENE

"A reminder that the vocation of the members of the Mazenodian Family, especially in difficult times ... 'is to do good to everybody; when we will no longer be able to do it in one place, we will do it in another.'"

*Frank Sanctucci OMI*

*August 15, 2017*

*Eugene de Mazenod Speaks To Us*



### Upcoming Events at Galilee Centre

#### **Wonder Will Guide Us: Conversations on Faith in an Unfinished Universe**

February 7, 14, 21, 28, 2018

Facilitator: Gerry Kelly

#### **Contemplative Prayer: Lenten Centering Prayer Silent Retreat**

February 22-25, 2018

Facilitator: Deacon Christine Jannasch

#### **Discernment Days for Young Adults**

March 2-3, 2018

Facilitator: Young Adult Ministry, St. Joe's  
Parish, Ottawa

For more information on these and other  
events, contact Galilee Centre at 613-623  
-4242, ext 21, or [info@galileecentre.com](mailto:info@galileecentre.com).

## CELEBRATIONS

### **ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST VOWS**

Fr. Heinner Paucar, Feb. 8 (23 years)

### **ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION**

Fr. Heinner Paucar, Feb. 12 (18 years)

### **BIRTHDAYS**

Fr. Frank Kavanagh	Feb. 4
Bro. Wayne Jarvo	Feb. 5
Fr. Chris Rushton	Feb. 15
Fr. John Dourley	Feb. 20



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