

HIGHLIGHTS

ONTARIO DISTRICT NEWS

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

CONVOCATION 2018, APRIL 9-13, CORNWALL

NEW DATE: ANNUAL RETREAT, AUGUST 13-17, GALILEE

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NEW TREASURER FOR ONTARIO DISTRICT

Fr. Richard C. Kelly has agreed to tend the coffers for the Ontario District. He accepted the request to be the new Treasurer for the District, following Fr. Jim Fiori's departure to Manitoba at the beginning of the year.

He will work closely with the Council and his brother s in preparing annual budgets and personal financial statements.

He congratulates the members of the Ontario District for their generous spirit and regular contributions for 2017, enabling the District Council to well serve the members who requested support last year.

Thank you Fr. Richard for accepting this new responsibility. Thank you Fr. Jim Fiori for your service as District Treasurer!

FEAST DAY CELEBRATION, FEBRUARY 16

On Friday February 16, the Oblates in and around Ottawa celebrated the feast day with Mass in the chapel at Springhurst Residence. This was also a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the commitment and recommitment of several of the Oblate Associates in the region.

Back row: Erin Ryan, Ken Mansfield, Colleen Kerr, Karen Ann McKinna, Eleanor Rabnett and Pamela Dixon

Front Row: Gail Hillier, Brian Kerr, Sheila Nolan

February 16, Karen Ann was the "Affiliate" who became an Associate! Congratulations to all and Happy Feast Day!



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COMMUNITY DAYS, 2018

The Oblates and Associates of the Ontario District gathered at Galilee, February 26 to March 1 for Community Days. Day One was a wonderful retreat day set up and led by Sr. Rosemary O'Toole on the Dark Night of the Soul and Contemplation. The next two days focussed on a discussion of Interculturality, led by Fr. Ken Forster, then sharing on community issues and preparation for Convocation 2018.



... and we celebrated Fr. Tim's 40th anniversary of First Vows and Fr. Claude's 60th anniversary of Ordination!

Thanks to Leslie Tardif who joined us for the week and took the photos!

COMMUNITY DAYS, 2018 (suite)



A good time was had by all!

BLESSED OSCAR ROMERO TO BE CANNONIZED

Pope Francis has cleared the way for slain Salvadoran Archbishop Oscar Romero to be made a saint later this year or early next, with the Vatican announcing March 7 that the pontiff has approved the declaration of a miracle attributed to the late prelate's intercession.

The move, while expected in recent months, nonetheless represents the culmination of one of the clearest turnabouts of Francis' nearly five-year papacy. The cause for Romero, who was shot dead while celebrating Mass in 1980, had languished for decades under Popes John Paul II and Benedict XVI.

But less than two years after his election as pontiff, Francis placed Romero firmly on the sainthood track, formally decreeing in February 2015 that the archbishop was assassinated as a martyr for the Catholic faith. He then authorized his beatification, the last step before sainthood, in May of that year.

Romero became archbishop of San Salvador in February 1977, as his country was in turmoil over a presidential election marked by intimidation carried out by government-sponsored paramilitary forces. As the situation deteriorated in following years, the prelate became more and more vocal in his denunciations of government killings and kidnappings that would eventually lead to El Salvador's bloody, 12-year civil war.

Where John Paul and Benedict had expressed unease with Romero's denunciations, fearing the influence of liberation theology in his writings and homilies, Francis, originally from Argentina, praises a model of a bishop caring for his people.

In a letter read aloud at Romero's 2015 beatification ceremony, the pope said the prelate "knew how to lead, defend and protect his flock."

(Courtesy of the National Catholic Register)

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PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER

Ron Kedrosky, is hoping to plan his spring fishing trip this year, around the chemo treatments. His cancer is aggressive and not letting up. Please keep Ron and his family in your prayers as they begin to relish the time that they have.

Jack McCann, OMI, continues to connect with friends from across the country. His sense of humour and creativity are very hard to repress in spite of the fatigue.

Chris Rushton, OMI, resides at Emmanuel House Palliative Care Centre in Hamilton. He continues his

ministry to those at Emmanuel House, both residents and staff alike.

Fr. Christie Joachim Pillai, OMI, made the move into long-term care this month. He is at Providence Homes and is settling in, though he has nothing good to say about the cuisine.

Brian Kerr, has a bout of pneumonia this spring and he and Colleen request your prayers for strength and healing.

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



Upcoming Events at Galilee Centre

The Art of Soul Care

March 6-April 17, 2018

Facilitator: Vivien LaRiviere

Set of six Tuesdays, excluding March 27

Holy Week

An Imaginative Immersion

March 26-29, 2018

Spirituality and Aging

April 18-19, 2018

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

ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST VOWS

Fr. Ollie Rich, March 19 (53 years)

ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

Fr. Heinner Paucar, March 5 (19 years)



BIRTHDAYS

Eleanor Rabnett	March 3
Sheila Nolan	March 7
Bro. Leonardo Rego	March 15
Fr. Larry MacLennan	March 26
Fr. Roy Boucher	March 28
Fr. Hugh James Mac Donald	April 1
Bro. Glenn Doughty	April 4
Fr. Jarek Pachocki	April 12
Ken Mansfield	April 13

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