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## Sights and Sounds



April 26, 2017

### *Birthdays*

April 3 Fr. Richard Wolak

April 7 Bro. Oscar Delanghe

April 7 Fr. Nestor Silva

April 11 Fr. Lester Kaufmann

April 28 Karen Sax

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The Saskatchewan District Community is pleased to welcome our new Administrative Assistant, Brigitte Buehler. Brigitte comes to us from working with the Greater Saskatoon Catholic School Board as Office Coordinator for 30 years as well she is currently working in a job share at the Saskatoon Catholic Pastoral Centre in the Reception area. Thank you Brigitte for joining the SDC team!

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*Fr. Maurice Schroeder's sister, Mrs. Gay Couture, of Saskatoon, SK died on Friday, April 20 after a 2 month diagnosis of pancreatic cancer. Her funeral will be at Holy Spirit Church in Saskatoon on Saturday, April 28, 2018 at 11:00 am. Please keep Fr. Maurice and family in your prayers.*

*Fr. Ed MacNeil has been appointed Director of Springhurst Residence in Ottawa. There will be a farewell supper for Fr. Ed in Battleford commencing at 5:00 pm on Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>.*

***Highlights from Convocation 2018***  
***April 9 – 13, 2018***

**Monday, April 9**

Fr. Ken Forster:

- Responding to the call of the 36<sup>th</sup> General Chapter
- Multi-cultural ----- Inter-cultural
- How can we as Oblate entities lead growth in this environment? The challenge is to grow in faith as we live this out.
- Gifts and Fruits- born of weakness  
    \ -born of generosity
- Renew focus on the poor and marginalized – First Nations through the TRC / Abuse of innocents / Marginalized everywhere through options and possibilities
- Call for Leadership at the Provincial Level – How to do this? Who is called?

**Tuesday, April 10**

Fr. Roger Schroeder SVD:

- Intercultural challenges of Jesus and the Early Church – lessons for today. To move from tolerance to co-existence to mutuality to enrichment.
- Understanding culture: classical -> modern -> post-modern
- The Word was made flesh: Canaanite and Samaritan women and Good Samaritan. Table Fellowship: Jesus and the Reign of God moves away from Us and Them
- The Stages of Conversion for the church and community away from ethnocentrism (tribes)
- Faith and Life: Jesus is the answer, but what is the question. Discipleship toward Interculturality.

**Wednesday, April 11**

Reflecting On Our Ministries:

- Ministry Presentations included Kenya – Fidele MAMI – Emily, Mario, Glenn, Vocations – Mark, Mario Youth – Jaruk North – Bogdan, Greg Associates – Sandy JPIC – Len
- 90 Items were generated that reflect life and vibrancy
- Laments Celebrations Future

**Thursday, April 12**

Responding to the TRC Calls To Action:

- Tom Deerhouse – First Nations animator
- Lucie Leduc: Star Program – educational prerogative
- Rusty Gardiner: Prison Ministry – effective support and assistance

- Les Kwiatkowski – Lac St. Anne Pilgrimage – the power of experience
- Bogdan Osiecki – The North – people with a deep spiritual connection

Jennifer Henry - Director of KAIROS

- An approach to working with 1st Nations
- Settler place and the concept of ally
- Social Justice activity and the place of ally
  - we understand but do not share risk
  - we enjoy unearned advantage
  - we use privilege to support risk
  - we offer sustained support
  - we provide continuous engagement
  - we are not to be a voice for the voiceless, but rather be an amplifier for their voice.
- They call you ally - it is not ours to claim
- Allied theology for social movement to spiritual practice
- Scriptural reference: Exodus
  - It is the women who resist (Puah and Shiprah)
  - Offer civil disobedience against an unethical call
  - Hero Origin story - Moses vs Pharaoh
  - Miriam, mom, baby - (Miriam makes everything happen)
  - Pharaoh's daughter understood her privilege
    - conspires to protect her privilege rather than to explicitly do what is right
  - Scriptural practice of ally-ship is mission critical
    - racism
    - difficult truth
    - corporate displacement
    - how to withdraw complicity - how to withdraw consent
    - Stanley - Boushie or the Tina Fontaine verdicts
    - There was a First Nations Royal Commission tabled in 1996 with 440 recommendations in a 20 year plan - none of these were ever acted upon.
    - The TRC has 94 Calls to Action that offer solutions.
    - The Kinder-Morgan Pipeline is an unsettling current day issue.
- A call to Remember - to Advocate - to Learn - to Understand the underlying doctrines
- Where is the ongoing Colonization occurring - especially regarding land?
- What inspires? What gets our attention? Now what?

Then the Convocation membership worked to identify areas where we could actually act:

- cemetery question
- The work at St. Paul's University
- First Nations spirituality
- Unjust mining practices
- Our 11 symposiums in 2016 were very important.
- What do we do? How do we do it? - Partnerships / Areas of greatest need / what is doable?

- Call To Actions:
  - #59: Educate ourselves – Read the report
  - #60: Develop formal, authentic educational courses specific to the TRC
  - Don't make decisions in FEAR.
  - Risk a pregnancy.
  - Resist the urge to cocoon.
  - St Eugene sent Oblates to Canada in 1841 knowing he would never see them again. That took guts.

**Friday, April 13**

Finding new and exciting ways to get back home!!

***News from Trinity Manor***

- *The Trinity Manor BOC met on Tuesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> and centered their discussions on the highlights of Convocation 2018.*
- *Mark your calendar for the upcoming coffee gathering which will be held on Thursday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 3:00 pm. All are welcome to attend.*

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***Treasurer's Office***

*The Treasurer's Office is asking for all 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Reports to be sent in as soon as possible along with all your GST receipts. Thank you.*

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***Community Days***

*The next Community Days will be June 7 and 8, 2018. Further information will follow.*

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**Qu'Appelle House of Prayer Website: [www.qhpstillness.ca](http://www.qhpstillness.ca)**  
**Queen's House Website at: [www.queenshouse.org](http://www.queenshouse.org)**