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BC News

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Birthday Greetings

Robert Smith, OMI
Martin Moser, OMI

May 13th
May 18th



Anniversaries

Frank Salmon, OMI

May 5, 1973
45th Ordination

Remember In Prayer

Fr. Jim Jordan, OMI has been placed under Palliative Care. He remains in residence at The Crescent where a health nurse will visit whenever needed to help him out. Please keep Fr. Jim, his family and the Oblate House community in your daily prayers.

A note from Father Garry

A glorious and happy Easter to you all, your families, and your friends, I pray. We may now start enjoying an Easter "break" with sunshine and warmer temperatures. At least, the trees are more trustworthy than I.

A huge WELCOME to Brother Tom Cavanaugh to our community and in his responsibility as the Director of the Oblate House. And, a very huge THANK YOU to Father Jim Jordan for his many years of service in that same role! He picked up the towel for many of us and on many occasions. I am just very grateful, Jim, for who you are and all that you did and continue to do.

From what I hear, Study Days with Father Peter Doherty, omi was greatly appreciated. He will be the Retreat Director for us this fall at the Carmelite Retreat Centre. We will start on the evening of Thanksgiving Day and end the following Friday at noon. I will write more about this later.

Thanks to Father TAP, there is a gathering for the Oblate Family on May 21st. What a delightful surprise to receive the invitation.

I am starting to hear news of the Convocation in Cornwall, and it has been a good gathering, challenging and affirming. I am looking forward to hearing more of the stories of what was learned and what is dreamed.

Thanks also to Father Andrew Stendzina and St. Augustine's Parish when we gathered to celebrate the life of Rose Bolton with the family and

friends. I miss her cheerful smile, the love she has for the Lord, and for the Church. We are blessed to have Rose of the Carrier and now "Drummer Rose", as she was called, of Vancouver.

This turned out to be more like a Thanksgiving letter, and October is a long way away. But, I am grateful for us all.

Sincerely,
Garry LaBoucane, O.M.I.

New Contact Information:

Bro. Tom Cavanaugh, OMI has moved in to Tecumseh House. His mailing address is 1311 The Crescent Vancouver, BC V6H 1T7. He can be reached on a new mobile #778-554-0060 Email address tcavanaugh@omi.ca

Fr. Gerry Guillet's new mobile #604-799-7049

Dates to Remember:

May 21st Feast of St. Eugene. A gathering with Oblates and Associates will be held at St. Paul's Parish, North Vancouver, BC. This will begin with the Celebration of the Eucharist at 5pm followed by potluck supper.

October 8th-12th District Retreat Days at Carmel Hill (Carmelite Retreat Centre) in Deroche, BC. Details to follow at a later date.

**WE'RE
HIRING!**

WANTED - **Experienced Part-Time Cooks** for residence of retired religious men and staff. Position available on all or some days (10:30 am - 6:30 pm) weekends and/or statutory holidays. Please send applications, including references, by **May 15th**, to Oblate House, 1311 The Crescent, Vancouver BC V6H 1T7. For further information contact: Mary Ann Email: mamaloney12@gmail.com (preferred) or phone: 604-739-8215.

A message from Shirley Alphonse (shared by Fr. Larry Mackey, OMI. She does the blessings before the sessions.)

Hi Father, Good to hear from you - was going to email you last night - I was at Legislature to do prayer for the installment of Lt.Gov. Janet Austin and it was so stressful as it was such a huge deal - all of the opposition party there and of course John and his gang - so good to see him again although I left right after and did not join them for refreshment afterward - do not like or feel comfortable at those - John seems to be holding up well under all the stress. I had to sit on the side of the opposition as that was the only place for me to maneuver to the podium quickly and besides the new [Lt.Gov](#) was sat right beside the podium - she is a warm and caring person - being "on the other side" got to shake hands with the opposition and they all thanked me for doing the prayer. It was a tiring day with the traffic to contend with - just totally rested after and so relieved it was over. Sent positive vibes to opposition seeing as I was so close in proximity to them.