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## Sights and Sounds

May 14, 2018

*For the Month of May*



### *Birthdays*

May 16 Fr. Paul Facht

May 19 Bro. Walter De Mong

May 26 Fr. George Gruber

May 29 Fr. Rusty Gardiner

### *First Vows*

May 21 Fr. Nestor Silva (41)

May 31..... Bro. Don Claerhout (52)

### *SDC Community Days - Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup> and Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup>*

*The agenda and registration form will be sent out very soon.*

### ***Farwell to Fr. Ed MacNeil at Battleford (submitted by Fr. Bill Stang, OMI)***



On May 4<sup>th</sup> a group of Oblates and Oblate Associates travelled to Battleford to say our good-bye's to Fr. Ed. It was decided that the Oblates and Associates of Saskatoon would bring the food for the occasion. Corrine and Blain brought the snacks for the Preprandials and they did a good job. Adele brought a delicious salad, and Fr. Nestor brought a whole bucket of raw vegetables. Fr. Bill brought a homemade potato salad along with hamburgers and sausages for the BBQ. Fr. Paul and Brother Walter brought two kegs of wine.

*Brother Don supplied ice-cream and other desserts to go along with the fruit that Fr. Mike supplied.*

*We all arrived in Battleford at about 3:30 pm. There were 21 of us present for the occasion. After some good visiting it was time for supper. Fr. Mike led us in prayer before the meal. After the prayer Fr. Mike asked each one present to say a few words to Fr. Ed and what his presence at St. Mary's meant to them. This was a very touching time. Each person thanked Fr. Ed for all he contributed to St. Mary's and the Saskatoon Oblates. Many thanked him for his great hospitality and for his prayerfulness. Fr. Ed has a true Oblate heart! He will be truly missed by all. Fr. Ed then gave his reply saying that he really enjoyed living at St. Mary's. He thanked the confrères that he lived with for their companionship. He said that he goes to the "new" place he is assigned because he believes that Obedience is still needed in our community. He will miss St. Mary's.*

*Fr. Maurice then played a song for Fr. Ed – "so long it's been good to know you". Fr. Moe made up the verses about Fr. Ed and we all joined in on the chorus. A great meal was enjoyed by all and then came the departure time.*

*We all said good-bye to a dear Oblate and wished him well. What a wonderful time indeed!*

### ***Present where:***

*Corrine, Blain, Adele, Fr. Richard Doll  
Brother Walter, Fr. Wendelin,  
Fr. Eugene W., Fr. Louis, Fr. John,  
Fr. Paul, Fr. Mike,  
Fr. Bill, Dan and Jan Lamoureux,  
Gil Billevance, Fr. Nestor, Fr. Joe,  
Fr. Richard Wolak, Brother Don, Fr. Moe and of course  
the guest of honour Fr. Ed.*



***Closing of Prairie Messenger*** (submitted by Fr. Nestor Gregoire)

*Walter Demong, Paul Fachet, Bill Stang, Michael Dechant and Nestor Gregoire joined many other well-wishers at the Prairie Messenger for a final farewell. After one hundred and fourteen years of continuous publication the Prairie Messenger will see its final issue this May 9. As we toured the press building it was good to see two items from our Marian Press: the small press and the large paper cutter. As we were leaving this gathering everyone expressed appreciation that they had taken part in this farewell.*

***News from Central Haven*** (submitted by Corrine Pambrun)

*Fr. Ron and Fr. Louis are both doing well and enjoying the warmer weather and signs of spring everywhere.*



***Fr. Ron Zimmer***



***Fr. Louis Kedl***

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**News from Trinity Manor**

- We will be gathering at Trinity Manor for coffee **this Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm.** Come and join if you are able.
- **The Trinity Manor BOC will be meeting on Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, beginning at 3:00pm.**

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**News from Queen's House**

**Queen's House 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Oblate Scramble Golf Tournament**

**Planning is underway for our 12th Annual Oblate Scramble Golf Tournament. The date for this event is Sunday, June 24, 2018 at the very beautiful Moon Lake Golf & Country Club located near Saskatoon. Circumstances were such this year that we were unable to secure a Saturday draw during the month of June.**

**The day's schedule has been set as follows:**



- 7:45 am: Check In / Practice Time
- 8:45 am: Departure to Tee
- 9:00 am: Shot Gun Start
- 3:00 pm: Buffet lunch, prizes and a cash bar at Queen's House.

**Entry Fees are \$125.00 per player or \$500.00 per team. Team entry fees that are completed and paid in full by Friday, June 1, 2018 will be eligible for our "EARLY BIRD" draw of \$200.00! We hope that this is a helpful incentive for our participants!! Please refer to our website for Registration detail and direction.**

**As well, we are contacting and encouraging our patrons and partners to consider supporting the mission and ministry of Queen's House by selecting on of the sponsorship options that we have proposed. Details are outlined in our 2018 Sponsorship Opportunities Guide posted on our website.**

**Complete details for players and sponsors are available on our Queen's House website under the banner label Golf 2018 at [http://www.queenshouse.org/?page\\_id=6838](http://www.queenshouse.org/?page_id=6838)**

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## ***Letter of the CCCB President to the Indigenous Peoples of Canada***

*Dear Indigenous Brothers and Sisters,*

*As Catholic Bishops of Canada, we see our relationship with Indigenous Peoples as a major pastoral priority. In recent years, we have seen many examples of healing and reconciliation and we are committed to building on these efforts, working in close partnership with one another and learning to walk together. We also wish to reflect on our relationships with you, some of which go back centuries, and our responsibilities to foster long-term constructive engagement. We look forward to a future where systemic injustices are meaningfully addressed, where we all discover new ways of living together through which the First Peoples of this land are honoured and respected.*

*Pope Francis, in fulfilling his mission as Universal Pastor, has spoken often and passionately about the plight of Indigenous peoples around the world and the wisdom they offer, not shying away from acknowledging those injustices that have failed to conform to the Gospel and expressing regret for past wrongs. He has pointed to Indigenous Peoples as critical dialogue partners to whom the Church needs to listen.*

*The Catholic Bishops of Canada have been in dialogue with the Pope and the Holy See concerning the legacy of suffering you have experienced. The Holy Father is aware of the findings of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, which he takes seriously. As far as Call to Action #58 is concerned, after carefully considering the request and extensive dialogue with the Bishops of Canada, he felt that he could not personally respond. At the same time, sharing your pain, he has encouraged the Bishops to continue to engage in an intensive pastoral work of reconciliation, healing and solidarity with the Indigenous Peoples and to collaborate in concrete projects aimed at improving the condition of the First Peoples. With respect to their culture and values, the Pope encourages the young to gather the wealth of traditions, experience and wisdom that comes from the Elders, whilst inviting the Elders to make this patrimony available to the young, so that they might carry it forward while facing the challenges that life presents.*

*In this context, a future Papal visit to Canada may be considered, taking into account all circumstances, and including an encounter with the Indigenous Peoples as a top priority. For our part, through the participation of Catholic Bishops and faithful in the TRC process and from our ongoing relations with Indigenous Peoples, we have heard your invitation to engage honestly and courageously with the past, to acknowledge the failings of members of the Catholic Church, and to take active steps of solidarity with Indigenous Peoples towards a better future. To this, with the strong encouragement of Pope Francis, we pledge our commitment.*

*Inspired by our exchanges with the Holy Father, we wish to dedicate ourselves with you to reconciliation at the local level through concrete pastoral initiatives. Such initiatives need to be grounded in authentic encounters. These encounters have already begun across the country.*

*Through our conversations, we wish to deepen our understanding of what it means to walk in solidarity with Indigenous Peoples in different parts of the country, mindful that our shared history, as well as your needs and aspirations, differ significantly from one place to the next. All of these ongoing conversations and actions – and many more that need to be initiated – are vital to reconciliation and the vision of a future full of hope. In the near future, we Bishops wish to share with you what we are learning from our encounters, and with you, to take further steps towards reconciliation.*

*As the Church enters the Paschal Mystery this Easter, I wish to renew with all the Bishops of Canada the promise to accompany you in prayer, and to work with you in striving for respectful relations and building a just society.*

*Sincerely in Christ the Good Shepherd,  
+Lionel Gendron, P.S.S.*

***Bishop of Saint-Jean-Longueuil and President of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops***

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### ***News from Queens House***

#### **QUEEN'S HOUSE PROGRAMMING INFORMATION:**

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**Phone:** 306-242-1916

Email: [receptionist@queenshouse.org](mailto:receptionist@queenshouse.org)

Website: [www.queenshouse.org](http://www.queenshouse.org)

#### **AND SO WE WAIT: Our Spiritual Journey of Transformation: A Retreat for Women**

Friday, May 18 at 7:00 pm until Sunday, May 20 after lunch facilitated by Sarah Donnelly  
Cost is \$180 and includes program, lunches and supper (enrichments available)

#### **ICONOGRAPHY RETREAT: with Anna Mycyk and Gisele Bauche**

Monday, May 28 – Friday, June 1 from 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Cost: Commute: \$525 (includes lunches). Contact Queen's House for live-in pricing.

#### **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE TWILIGHT RETREAT:**

Date: Thursday, May 31, 2018 beginning at 7:00 pm

Topic: Essential Hope! Presentation by Fr. Mike Dechant OMI.

Donations gratefully accepted.

**TRANSITIONS: Your Journey of Transformation through Grief and Loss:**

Thursday, June 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm until Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup> after lunch.

Facilitated by Sarah Donnelly. Call 306-717-3707 to register. Cost: \$475.

**THE GRACE IN LIVING: A Holy Yoga Day Away:**

Saturday, June 9, 2018 from 8:30 am until 4:30 pm

Facilitated by Elaine Zakreski & Diane Waldbillig. Cost is \$75 (includes lunch)

To Register, contact Diane at [dianew@holyyoga.net](mailto:dianew@holyyoga.net) or call Elaine at 306-652-1382

**SEVEN DAY SILENT DIRECTED RETREAT: Come Away With Me ...**

Facilitated by Dianne Mantyka and Bishop Gerry Wiesner OMI

Friday, June 29 at 4:00 pm until Thursday, July 5 at 2:30 pm

Cost is \$995 which includes meals, accommodations and Spiritual direction.

Upgrades are available. Please register by June 19th.

**SUMMER STILLNESS 2018: with FR. RON ROLHEISER omi**

Begins Monday, July 9 at 5:30 pm with supper until Thursday, July 12 after lunch

**Monday Evening Public Lecture: RISING UP: From Living by Goodwill & Dogged Willpower to Drawing Upon the Resurrection & Grace.** Presentation Only \$20 With supper \$35

**Tuesday to Thursday Main Theme Presentation: INSANE FOR THE LIGHT: Spirituality for Our Wisdom Years.**

**TRIUMPH RETREAT 2018: Freedom Through Healing:**

Date: Friday, July 27 at 6:00 pm until Sunday, August 5 at 3:00 pm

Cost: \$1,395 which includes program, meals, facility and small bedroom.

**Queen's House SPIRITUAL DIRECTION FORMATION PROGRAM** will be offered from January, 2019 through to July, 2020. This ecumenical program invites spiritual transformation and personal growth while equipping participants to companion with others on their spiritual journey. Co-Directors are Bishop Gerald Wiesner, Gisele Bauche and Dianne Mantyka.

For further information contact Dianne at [dimantyka@sasktel.net](mailto:dimantyka@sasktel.net)

**SPIRITUAL DIRECTION:** For more information or to begin your journey:

Contact Sr. Adeline at Queen's House or any affiliated spiritual director.

**Ongoing programs include:**

- **CENTERING PRAYER:** Monday evenings - 7pm
- **HOLY EUCHARIST:** Wednesday afternoons - call to confirm mass time – all are welcome!
- **JOURNEY WITH SCRIPTURE:** Fr Paul Fachel- \$25 (lunch) – Wednesday at 10 am: June 6<sup>th</sup>.
- **WOMEN in MINISTRY LUNCHEONS:** One Friday a month from 12 to 1:30 pm – June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **K of C BROTHERS KEEPER BREAKFAST:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday/month - 7am: May 8<sup>th</sup>.
- **TAIZE PRAYER:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month – May 9<sup>th</sup>
- **24 HOUR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:** 4<sup>th</sup> Monday & Tuesday/month – May 28-29.
  - **PERSONAL DAY(S) OF PRIVATE PRAYER:** Call reception to arrange a suitable time.

Please consider using Queen's House as your venue for family reunions, socials, anniversary celebrations or any other gatherings where the atmosphere of peace and the beauty of our location would be attractions worth considering. We would love to host you and our staff is ready and willing to be of service and support as we work hard to be models of Oblate hospitality and community. For further information or to book, please contact Pauline at 306-242-1925 or by email at [bookings@queenshouse.org](mailto:bookings@queenshouse.org) .We look forward to seeing you.

**Do You Need a Place to Stay or Meet?**

**Consider Queen's House!**

To inquire about booking Queen's House, call (306) 242-1925 or email [bookings@queenshouse.org](mailto:bookings@queenshouse.org) or contact reception at (306) 242-1916 or [receptionist@queenshouse.org](mailto:receptionist@queenshouse.org) for details.



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