

HIGHLIGHTS

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

JUNE 29 RETREAT DAY, GALILEE

ANNUAL RETREAT, AUGUST 12-17

NEW COMMITMENTS FOR OBLATE ASSOCIATES



On a sunny Wednesday in May, the Stewart Street Community and guests welcomed Renée Liss-Siraco as the newest member of the Oblate family. Renée was accepted as an Oblate Associate and made her first annual commitment. Richard Beaudette, OMI, presided over the commitment ceremony. Normand Bonneau, OMI, blessed Renée's cross before presenting it to her. To add special meaning to this commitment ceremony, members of the Stewart Street Community participated in various roles throughout. A most warm welcome and congratulations are offered to Renée.

After the first commitment portion of the ceremony, Ken Hart, Oblate Associate, made his final/third annual commitment. It was a special blessing to have you join us, Ken and congratulations on re-committing.

A huge feast was shared afterwards. The meeting continued with sharing of news from Convocation 2018 and reflections on Pentecost and Mary. Thank you to Sheila Nolan for organizing the prayers and reflections. Photos courtesy of Colleen Kerr.

Pamela Dixon



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CELEBRATING MAY 21 IN VANCOUVER

On May 21st, the anniversary of St. Eugene de Mazenod's death, I was in BC visiting with family, but was invited to join the Mazenodian Family members in Vancouver as they celebrated this Feast Day with a Mass and a Pot Luck Supper at St. Paul's Church in North Vancouver.

I met up with Jo Creedon, an Oblate Associate, who is now one of the Co-Animators of the BC District Associates. I touched base with some I had seen at Convocation and visited with others that I had not seen for years.

Some of the most special moments of that day though took place during Mass. After some of the Associates renewed their commitments, Neysa Finnie was called to come forward. I had first met Neysa years ago when she was Lay Advisor to Lacombe Provincial Council, but on the 21st I had the great joy of witnessing her making her 1st Commitment as an Oblate Associate of OMI Lacombe and receiving her Oblate Cross. What a blessing –

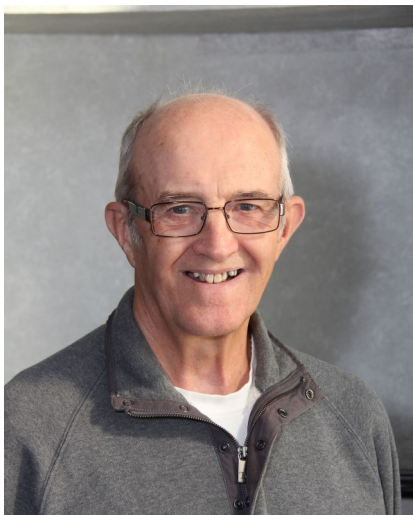
for those of us there and for Neysa – I am sure St. Eugene was smiling in joy too.

Following Mass, we all moved down into the Church Hall for a feast. I was able to meet Associates, as well as catch up with others who I had not seen for a while. It was good simply to be with others in our vast Mazenodian Family. It was quite simply one of the highlights of my trip out west.

Eleanor Rabnett



Neysa Finnie



WELCOME BACK FR. ED

Fr. Ed MacNeil, OMI, arrived back in Ottawa in mid-May to take on his new ministry as Director of Springhurst Residence and Animator of the Springhurst BOC. All were happy to see him again.

Thank you Fr. Ed for coming back to join us!

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER

Ron Kedrosky, continues to juggle fishing and the chemo treatments. His cancer is aggressive and not letting up. Please keep Ron and his family in your prayers as they continue to relish the time that they have.

Jack McCann, OMI, continues to connect with friends from across the country. His new motorized wheelchair helps him stay engaged in the community and the neighbourhood!

Chris Rushton, OMI, has rebounded slightly from a pretty scary situation this spring involving a decline in his breathing/lung capacity. He has an amazing spirit and is taking all in stride, including the up's and down's of his health condition.

The brother-in-law, Jack MacDonald, of **Joe Hattie, OMI**, died on May 30th. Our sympathy to you, Joe, and to all Jack's loved ones.

Hugh James MacDonald, OMI, whose health is such that he will be leaving his ministry as Pastor of St. Joseph's Parish in Bridgewater, NS, will be moving to Springhurst Residence this summer. Our prayers continue to be with you, Jim.

Maureen Pinsonneault, HOMI, has returned home and into the care of her children again. We join her family in prayers of thanksgiving for her continued presence in their lives.

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

UPCOMING AT GALILEE CENTRE THIS SUMMER

Little Design Communities Rebirthing July 2-11, 2018

The Eucharistic Letter Revisited: The rhythm of each day flows in the creativity of spirit-movement. Mornings: we gather for 20 minutes of contemplative prayer followed by a couple of hours of interactive teaching on the Eucharistic Letter. Afternoons: enjoy a few hours of personal time for rest, further study, leisure or exploring the charming historic property. The retreat is led by Srs. Rosemary O'Toole, CSJ and Monica Hartnett, SSJ.

For more information on their program, check out their website at theupperroomhomeofprayer.org.

Seven Day Directed Retreat August 25-31, 2018

A directed retreat is made in an environment of silence. You are accompanied by a spiritual director who meets with you each day and listens as you share your prayer experiences and then helps you reflect on them. These meetings, along with your own prayer, will facilitate your journey along the path that God is revealing to you. There is no pre-set pattern for these retreats, though they are usually based on Sacred Scripture. Facilitators include: Frs. Roy Boucher, OMI, and Richard Kelly, OMI, and Srs L. Germain, CSJ and M.C. Kelley, GSIC.

For more information, please contact galileecentre.com.

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FROM ST. EUGENE

"I feel the assistance of our much loved Founder; he has not left us! I was at his deathbed and said to him, "You will always be among us." "Yes," he replied, and he has kept his promise.

He remains among us through the Holy Rule which he had left us, and which is the expression of his love for

God and the salvation of souls: it is the glorious testament of his enormous heart, and in observing it we will find all our strength."

1861 General Chapter: Joseph Fabre, who was elected to be St. Eugene's successor as the Superior General, concluded the Chapter with the words above.



CELEBRATIONS

ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST VOWS

Fr. John Malazdrewich, June 28 (34 years)

ANNIVERSARY OF FINAL VOWS

Fr. Normand Bonneau, June 1 (43 years)

Fr. Ollie Rich, June 27 (47 years)

ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

Fr. John Dourley, June 12 (54 years)

Fr. Frank Kavanagh, June 4 (65 years)

Fr. Ed MacNeil, June 13 (53 years)

Fr. Larry MacLennan, June 15 (61 years)

Fr. Gil Mason, June 9 (55 years)

Fr. Jack McCann, June 5 (63 years)

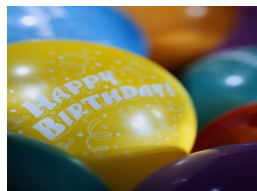
Fr. Jarek Pachocki, June 19 (19 years)

Fr. Bill Thompson, June 9 (55 years)

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BIRTHDAYS

Fr. Jan Rademaker June 2

Fr. Richard Kelly June 8

McE Galbreath June 9

Erin Ryan June 16

Yvon Ouellet June 27

Fr. Tony O'Dell June 30