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BC News

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The Birthday Book- July and August

Bernie McCosham, OMI	July 6 th
Oscar Pauwels, OMI	July 16 th
Terry McNamara, OMI	August 3 rd
Gerry Guillet, OMI	August 5 th
Ron Dechant, OMI	August 10 th
Gilbert Bertrand, OMI	August 25 th
Bob Haggarty, OMI	August 27 th
Vince James, OMI	August 27 th
George LaGrange, OMI	August 28 th
Peter Altamirano, OMI	August 31 st



Congratulations! Anniversaries

Phil Smith, OMI	55	First Vows	August 15, 1963
Dennis Alexander, OMI	40	Perpetual Vows	August 25, 1978
Joachim Singarajah, OMI	40	Ordination	August 26, 1978
Gilbert Bertrand, OMI	30	Ordination	August 27, 1988
Gordon Cook, OMI	25	First Vows	August 14, 1993

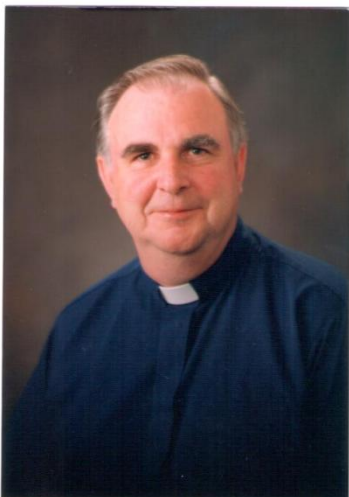


A special invitation

We would like to invite you to come and concelebrate Mass with Fr. Ron Dechant, OMI on the occasion of his 80th birthday on Friday, August 10th, 5:00pm at St. Charles Garnier, 3645 Benvoulin Rd, Kelowna, BC. To honour and thank Fr. Ron for his faithful service, we will have a blessing box for cards and monetary gifts to enable Fr. Ron to go on a pilgrimage – a life-long desire of his. You are very welcome to join the potluck supper following Mass at St. Charles.

70th Anniversary of Ordination

It was a weeklong of celebrations for Fr. Oliver Mohan who marked his 96th birthday on June 26th and another milestone in priesthood – his 70th anniversary of ordination on June 29th. In the company of his Oblate brothers at Pandosy Place, Fr. Mohan's friends from Delta, BC and Missouri, USA were in town to share the wonderful occasion.



James Anthony Jordan
September 9, 1945 – July 13, 2018

Father Jim Jordan, OMI, passed away on July 13, 2018 at the Vancouver Hospice Society. He was 72 years of age.

Fr. Jim was the eldest of three children, born on September 9, 1945 in Edmonton, AB. He is predeceased by his parents, James John and Mary Isabel (nee McFarlane) Jordan. . He is survived by two sisters: Ann Jordan and Pat (Howard) Henderson of Edmonton, AB.

Fr. Jim received his academic education in Edmonton. He obtained a BA degree from Carleton University in Ottawa ON and received his B.Th. at St. Paul's University in Ottawa. He was ordained to the priesthood on October 14, 1972 by his

uncle, Archbishop Anthony Jordan, OMI in Edmonton AB. His Obediences were as follows:

- 1973 – Assistant – St. Michael's Parish, Calgary AB;
- 1974 – Novitiate – Galilee Community, Arnprior ON;
- 1978 – 1983 - Pastor – Sacred Heart Parish, Terrace BC;
- 1983 – 1985 - Provincial Council – St. Paul's Province
- 1986 – Director of Formation – Edmonton AB.
- 1986 – 1987 – Pastor – St. Michael's Parish, Calgary AB.
- 1988 – Assistant – St. Augustines, Vancouver BC (Feb.-Aug.).
- 1988 - Novice Director – Brother Anthony – St. Albert AB.
- 1989 – Novitiate Team – Arnprior ON
- 1991 – 1996 Pastor – St. Joseph's Parish, Vanderhoof BC.
- 1997 – 2004 Pastor – St. Peter's Parish, New Westminster BC
- 2006 – Administrator – Order of OMI in BC
- 2007 – Oblate Mission in Kenya
- 2012 – Director – The Crescent & Tecumseh House, Vancouver BC

Fr. Jim was an active member of AA in which he participated in various undertakings and often counseled members. He thoroughly enjoyed the outdoors, camping and was an avid walker. He also liked to take motor trips to visit Oblates and friends in various places. He enjoyed dining out in restaurants, and enjoyed Asian food in particular.

In the last few years, in spite of his health-related challenges which he faced with much courage and determination, he continued to serve his community as House Director, and performed many other household tasks, such as grocery shopping and cooking on weekends, a service he considered therapeutic.

The Oblates wish to thank the BC Cancer Society and the dedicated staff at the Vancouver Hospice Society for their care of Fr. Jim.

Remember in your prayers

Fr. Oscar Pauwels, OMI, still at Vancouver General Hospital.

Bro. Stan Racich, OMI, also at Vancouver General Hospital has been approved to be placed in a care facility.

Fr. Terry McNamara, OMI, is back home at Oblate House.

FINANCIAL REPORTS The January to June 2018 Financial Reports are now due. Please submit these as soon as possible to the District Treasurer's Office. This report should provide us with an idea of how we are doing with the Community's funds and assist us in being transparent financially.

GST REPORTS.... It is now time to submit GST receipts to the District Treasurer's Office for the period January to June 2018. It is helpful if these receipts are recorded in the suggested template, but if this is not possible, please submit the receipts, preferably with the date and GST amount circled. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Associate News

Hello Associates (those in formation and inquirers):

Summer is in full swing. We wish each of you a safe healthy and happy summer.

At the meeting in June in Vancouver, it was decided to return to meet on the 4th Monday each month beginning September 24th at Tecumseh House. Deacon Rennie Nahanee has agreed to be the local animator for Vancouver, and will be reminding associates of the of the meeting in September.

In Salt Spring Island, Lois Hobbs facilitates their meetings.

This being the Oblate Year for Vocations, we encourage you all to continue praying the Prayer for Vocations.

Blessing to all from your District Animators : Fr. Jim Dukowski, Mike and Jo Creedon.

Canada Day celebration with Oblates, Associates and friends at Tecumseh House

