

HIGHLIGHTS

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SUMMER RETREAT DAY AND NEW COMMITMENTS FOR OBLATE ASSOCIATES

A large number of District Oblates and Associates gathered on a sunny June 29 at Galilee Centre in Arnprior for our annual summer retreat day. The day started with the Burial Ceremony for Fr. Charles Donovan at the Oblate Cemetery. Ed MacNeil presided, assisted by Richard Kelly. As we said our goodbyes to dear Charlie we were asked to voice a word that came to mind in thinking of him. The words “joyful”, “good humour” and “smiling” were voiced.

Associate Co-Animators Richard Beaudette and Pamela Dixon led the rest of the day. Associates Eleanor Rabnett, David Morgan and Pamela shared their learning from the course *Eugene de Mazenod, History, Spirituality and Mission* – the first course in the online Oblate Certificate Program at the Oblate School of Theology. Eleanor also discussed a 2nd course she had started entitled *Founders, Charisms and their Expression in Constitutions and Rules*. The

insights gained about St. Eugene and the Oblates were interesting and the question and answer session enabled open discussion.

After lunch we meditated on community and what our life in community is all about. A prayer service followed, led by Richard Beaudette and assisted by Roy Boucher. Irene Reid and Marie Morgan made their first annual Commitment as Oblate Associates and were warmly welcomed into our community. Associates Jane McDonald, Suzanne Massie Manchevsky and David Morgan re-committed as Associates for the next three years.

A wonderful dinner followed. Everyone thanked Pamela and Richard for organizing a wonderful day. We went home grounded in the warm connections of the day and thanking St. Eugene for his continued presence among us.

David Morgan



Irene Reid and Marie Morgan make their first commitments as Oblate Associates.

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WHERE FAITH BUILDS COMMUNITY

"Our vocation is to become missionaries of mercy and hope, ambassadors of the tenderness of the paternal and maternal face of God like the Virgin Mary... Thus, we will bear witness to God's family, a family without borders, in dialogue with the cultures and religions of our time."

It was 2015 when I received my formal obedience from Lacombe province. My new assignment was Hamilton, a city known as the steel city because of the strong presence of the steel industry in the city. Thousands of workers were drawn to the area over several decades to work in those factories. Lamentably, some of the largest factories slowed production significantly in recent years and others simply moved to other places.

I came to Hamilton to work in a Mission Centre, to minister to the people of this city. The first year I was formally serving as Associate Pastor of Saint Lawrence and Saint Patrick, and after a year, I assumed Saint Lawrence Parish. This parish is a small community, with low attendance and parishioners were asking for more attention. I assumed this parish because of the people; it was my primary motivation for assuming this parish. Given my recent incorporation into the province, becoming a pastor was not my priority, however, I decided that working with this small parish community would be a good beginning to my pastoral training, and I am grateful for this opportunity.

I found there good and very faithful people, who reminded me that Church is people, not a crowd. I found many friends with whom I have shared my life and hopes as well.

I learned from them how to incorporate life and faith in a new culture, to see and to consider each culture and point of view into one: Italian, Filipinos, Portuguese, Irish and others. I worked with them in popular pastoral practice. I did not build a special plan for them, I just simply established a good



relationship, founded on friendship and listening, as an Oblate participating in their popular faith traditions as well, CC.RR. *"We must always be sensitive to the mentality of the people, drawing on the riches of their culture and religious traditions."*
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I have enjoyed with all of them faith and life. These kinds of experiences make me feel my Oblate life is tied closely to them, because I know them and I can say properly that they know me as well.

I am leaving this place with gratitude to them for accepting me into their lives, their homes and their community. I am sad as well in leaving, but I carry with me these memories in my heart and in my life. I came here obeying the call and in the same way I am leaving knowing where I go, but not knowing what I will encounter. I am going to my new place of ministry without a predetermined path, I am simply confident in God's promises. Thanks to Hamilton, and thanks Saint Lawrence the Martyr Parish for all you did for me.

Heinner Paucar, OMI

To Fr. Heinner:

Thank you, Heinner, for sharing your life and your gifts with us in the Ontario District. Your wisdom and open heart will be missed, but we know they will find a new home in Pelican Narrows. With our prayers,
via con Dios!



JOHN PATRICK DOURLEY, OMI

FEBRUARY 20, 1936 – JUNE 22, 2018

Fr. John died peacefully at home at the Springhurst Residence, on June 22, 2018 at the age of 82. He was predeceased by his parents,

In 1980 John became a Jungian Analyst, having earned a diploma in Analytical Psychology from the C.G. Jung Institute in Zürich.

Nellie (née Brown) and John Patrick “Jack” Dourley. Born in Venosta, Quebec, John was a resident of Ottawa all his life. After a year at St. Theresa’s Novitiate, Arnprior, John made his first profession as a Missionary Oblate of Mary Immaculate in 1958. He made his perpetual vows in September 1961 and was ordained to the ministerial priesthood in June 1964.

John, an esteemed scholar, brilliant thinker, theologian and author, wrote extensively (13 books) on Jung and religion; his most recent book is *Jung and his Mystics*. John made presentations to the International Association for Analytical Psychology in Barcelona 2004, Cape Town 2007, Montreal 2010, and Copenhagen 2013. John had a private practice in Ottawa as a Jungian analyst up until his death. He was one of the founding analysts of the first training program for Jungian analysts in Canada.

His lifelong teaching career began at St. Patrick’s College in 1965 and ended at Carleton University in 2001. John held Licentiates in Philosophy and Theology, from St. Paul University in Ottawa, as well as a Masters in Theology from University of Ottawa and an M.A. from St. Michael College, University of Toronto. He obtained his PhD in Theology from Fordham University, NY in 1971.

On a more personal level, John enjoyed good conversations and meals with friends and colleagues, especially his fellow Oblates. He enjoyed skiing, skating and fishing until health challenges made it impossible.

Fr. John’s Funeral Mass was held at St. Joseph’s Church, where all of Fr. John’s sacraments had been celebrated ... a full circle.

God bless you, Fr. John.

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER

Ron Kedrosky is spending time with family and friends, at the cottage and on fishing trips, when he can. Though his cancer treatment has come to a stand still, he says he is doing reasonably well. He says in a recent note, “there are very few days that I don’t think of all of you.” 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. He will be moving

into hospice care in Ottawa where he can get the care that he needs to be comfortable.

Chris Rushton, OMI is slowly declining, following his last health crisis. He will now have someone with him at all times. Please continue to keep Chris in your prayers.

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

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FROM ST. EUGENE

From my vantage point as General of the Congregation, I would say, as I always say and the Oblates have heard me say this – I am not optimistic about our future – I am filled with hope about our future. I think optimism is like a half-filled glass of water, or half-empty. But I really see God's work among us all over the Congregation and that fills me with great hope. You know the Holy Spirit is moving and the wonderful thing is I think, we're responding: sometimes we know we're responding and sometimes I think we're being dragged along by the Holy Spirit.

...But things are in movement – good movement. And I think the last Chapter, the General Chapter of 2016 which spoke of the new faces of the poor, which spoke of the mission with Youth, inter-culturality, social media - really generated a lot of

interest within the Congregation. So I am filled with immense hope at this moment.

I could say that a scripture that motivates me in this is Colossians 3:20: "The Holy Spirit at work among us will do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine" – infinitely more. And that has guided me, helped me even when there's struggles, challenges, God is – the Spirit is leading us.

Louis Lougen, OMI

From an interview with Most Reverend Louis Lougen, OMI, Superior General, Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate in June 2018 during his visit to the Oblate Novitiate in Godfrey, Illinois.



CELEBRATIONS

ANNIVERSARY OF FINAL VOWS

Fr. Tim Coonen, July 30 (35 years)

ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

Fr. Tony O'Dell, July 10 (20 years)

Fr. Ollie Rich, July 11 (37 years)

Fr. Claude Tardif, July 13 (60 years)



BIRTHDAYS

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| Ron Kedrosky | July 6 |
| Fr. Hanh Van Tran | July 15 |
| Gail Hillier | July 16 |
| Brian Kerr | July 17 |
| Pamela Dixon | July 20 |

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