

HIGHLIGHTS

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

**FALL COMMUNITY GATHERING, OCT. 28-30,
GALILEE CENTRE, ARNPRIOR**

#OblateYouth

Dear Friends,

Thank you so much for your responses re Mission With Youth across the province. I'm looking forward to this journey with you and our youth. Last weekend, I had an opportunity to participate in the Steubenville Toronto Youth Conference. It was truly inspiring to watch the Young Church in Canada. The Spirit is moving...

Recently the US-Canada Oblate Mission With Youth and Vocations Committee looked closely at the engagement with young people through social media such as Instagram, Twitter or Facebook (although the last one is mostly to engage with their parents).

Hashtags are integral to the way we communicate online, and it's important to know how to use them. A hashtag – text written with the pound sign # (or hash) – is used to index keywords or topics on social media. The # symbol turns any word or group of words that directly follow it into a searchable link. This function allows people to easily follow topics they are interested in.

Following last General Chapter, we've heard how Mission With Youth is a priority for the Oblates on international, regional and local levels. And it's important to express this also on social media.

So, if you want to post on social media about anything related to the Mission With Youth, we suggest you include **#OblateYouth** in your tweet, Instagram or Facebook post to join the

conversation. Then you can click on a hashtag to see all the posts that mention the subject in real time. Even though our hashtag contains two words – oblate and youth – always group them together. If you want to differentiate between words, use capitals instead (**#OblateYouth**). Uppercase letters will not alter your search results, so searching for **#OblateYouth** will yield the same results as **#oblateyouth**.

Hashtagged words that become very popular are often Trending Topics. Let's make it happen for **#OblateYouth**.

Thank you again for your passion in journeying with our young people!

Greetings!

Jarek Pachocki, OMI



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JOHN EDWARD (JACK) MCCANN, OMI

AUGUST 5, 1928 – JUNE 22, 2018

Fr. Jack died peacefully on Friday, July 27 at May Court Hospice, Ottawa at the age of 89. He is survived by members of his religious community, the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, and several family members.

Fr. Jack was born in Ottawa on August 5, 1928. He made his first profession as a Missionary Oblate of Mary Immaculate on September 8, 1949 in Arnprior, and his final vows on September 8, 1952. He did his studies at Holy Rosary in Ottawa and Regis College in Toronto. Fr. Jack was ordained to the priesthood on June 5, 1955 in Ottawa. He began ministry as a teacher at St. Pat's High School, for three years. Then, as a missionary, he moved to Friendly Cove (Nootka) and Tahsis. He enjoyed pastoral ministry starting in 1963, first as Assistant Pastor at St. Patrick's in Lethbridge and then as Pastor at St. Augustine's in Vancouver, St Peter's in New Westminster, and Resurrection Church in Fort St. John. Following the parish work, in 1984, Fr. Jack moved to Edmonton to work with the Band Mission team there.

In addition to his gifts as a pastor, Fr. Jack found his calling in communications: early on it was ham radio and in later years computer technology, as he managed the computer systems for University of Saint Paul from 1993-2002. He continued to use his gifts in high technology in his retirement years at Springhurst Residence, ensuring that the men had connectivity and Internet access when needed.

Many have recalled what a good speaker Fr. Jack was, and how he could put together a compelling presentation, with no effort spared on the graphics or humour to get his point across. Fr. Jack loved to build things and he had a gift for designing useful appliances, as many of the men at Springhurst will attest. He will also be remembered for his piano playing as he was often heard playing a range of music, including some olde time favourites, following supper at Springhurst.

May he rest in peace.

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.

Bro Wayne Jarvo had by-pass surgery on August 2nd. Please support his healing and recovery with your prayers.

FLYING FATHERS: NEW BOOK RELEASED

Holy Hockey! The Story of Canada's Flying Fathers by Frank Cosentino was released this summer and the hilarity started.

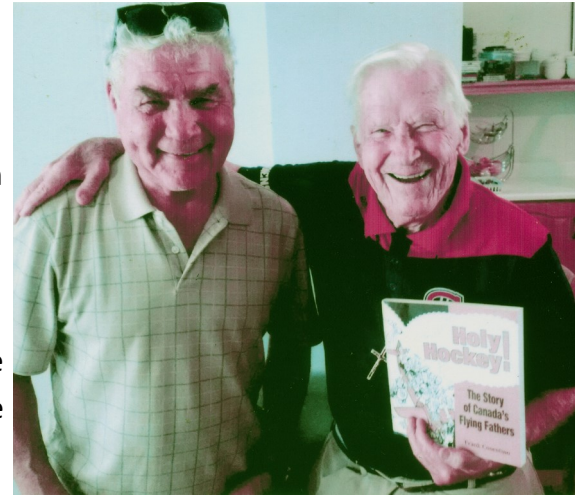
The Globe & Mail had an article on July 1 in which they introduced the book as a chronicle of the team "once called hockey's answer to the Harlem Globetrotters that raised \$4 million for various charities over its 46-year existence."

As many know, the Flying Fathers were just that, priests from all over eastern Canada who had a passion for hockey that they paired with their passion for Christ. The man credited as the founder of the team, Fr. Les Costello, had won two Memorial Cups as a junior, a Stanley Cup with the Toronto Maple Leafs and

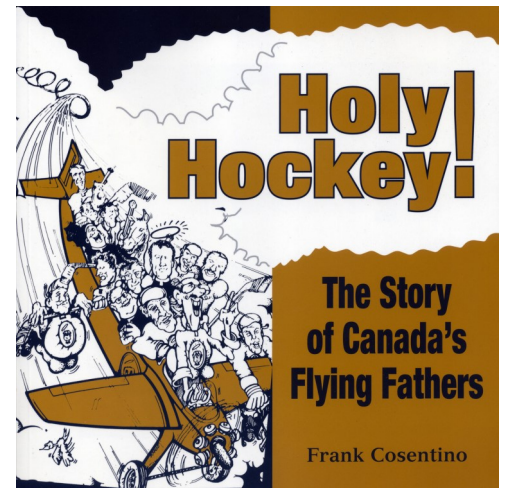
quit hockey at the age of 22 to become a priest. Our own Fr. Vaughan Quinn, OMI, was called in from Detroit when the Flying Father's needed a goalie for a game in Windsor. He had a wonderful time, letting his creative spirit and love of a good joke guide his antics with the horse (yes, a real horse) on the ice!

For your own copy of the book written by Frank Cosentino, you are welcome to contact Burnstown Publishing House, 613-509-1090. It is a wonderful read of hilarity, sportsmanship and rather unconventional charity: a ministry that reached millions in Canada, the US and Europe over the nearly five decades that the team played.

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L to r: M.J. Blimke and Fr. Vaughan Quinn, OMI



SUMMER CAUGHT ON FILM



Heron in contemplation Heather Duggan

6-DAY SILENT, DIRECTED RETREAT

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August 25-31, 2018

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FROM ST. EUGENE

I have felt very close to God and very blessed during these years – in people, Oblates, in their love for the poor and their closeness to the poor, their generosity. I have felt this in the Lay Associates. I have seen the beauty of God in nature. I have seen also in our young people who come to us on fire for the charism, on fire

to be missionaries, and when I talk to them I am filled with joy."

Louis Lougen, OMI

From an interview with the Most Reverend Louis Lougen, OMI, Superior General, Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate in June 2018.



CELEBRATIONS

ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST VOWS

Bro. Henry Arruda (37 years)
Fr. Richard Beaudette (39 years)
Fr. Normand Bonneau (47 years)
Bro. Dan Dionne (28 years)
Fr. Richard Kelly (54 years)
Fr. Tony O'Dell (30 years)
Fr. Vaughan Quinn (61 years)
Fr. Jan Rademaker (52 years)
Fr. Bill Thompson (62 years)
Fr. Hanh Van Tran (19 years)

ANNIVERSARY OF FINAL VOWS

Fr. John Malazdrewich (29 years)
Fr. Tony O'Dell (21 years)



BIRTHDAYS

Fr. Antonio Pannunzi August 2
Renée Liss-Siraco August 25



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