

HIGHLIGHTS

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

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



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COMMUNITY GATHERING, OCT. 28-30

Our gathering this fall will not be a retreat, but rather an opportunity to come together with the members of the Core Team, October 28-30, at Galilee Centre, Arnprior. Our gathering will begin with supper on Sunday evening and *Gaudeamus* that evening.

Our time during these two days will be to discuss some of the ideas and comments coming from Convocation this spring, to discuss the development and revision of some Provincial policies, to layout some of the thinking around our current organizational structure and discuss what is working and what may not be, and finally to discern our leadership for the Province and discuss our shared vision for the future.

Please come and bring your questions and your ideas. Be ready to share your ideas so that we can pass this information on to those who will take over these responsibilities.

The Oblate Associates in the District are also invited to share their perspectives with us during this time.

We look forward to and thank you all in advance for your participation in and insights on our discussions.

Ken Forster, OMI
Jim Bleackley, OMI
Ken Thorson, OMI



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CHRISTOPHER PAUL RUSHTON, OMI

FEBRUARY 15, 1948 – JULY 30, 2018

Fr. Christopher Paul Rushton, OMI, died peacefully on July 30, 2018, surrounded by saddened members of his religious community, the Oblates of Mary Immaculate. Predeceased by his parents, Louis and Eileen Rushton, and two brothers, Norman and Brian, he is mourned by his remaining brother, Pat (Joan) of Almonte, ON, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Fr. Chris joined the Oblates in 1966 and pronounced his Final Vows at Holy Rosary Scholasticate in Ottawa on September 7, 1970. He was ordained Priest on September 29, 1973. In 1974 he completed his education degree in London, ON, and taught at Labrador City Collegiate from 1975-1982. His assignment to serve the Innu community in Sheshatshits, Labrador, began a long and happy part of his life! He ministered in Labrador on and off for over 30 years! He served the Oblate community in many capacities over the years, being appointed Provincial Superior from 1996-2002. More recently he was Chaplain to the Grey Sisters of the Immaculate Conception in Pembroke, ON, and finally Chaplain in Vancouver College until his illness in 2016. He moved to Hamilton, ON, in August 2016, where he was cared for at the Juravinski Cancer Centre, and subsequently at the Good Shepherd Ministry's Emmanuel Hospice, where he constantly praised their professional and dedicated kindness.

All who were blessed to have known Fr. Chris were touched by his kindness and his sense of goodness. He loved to tell stories and see the brighter side of life, full of boundless energy and joyous



enthusiasm. His life was one filled with gentleness, grace and blessing! He will be missed by many people whose lives he touched profoundly.

Fr. Chris was waked at St. Patrick's Church, Hamilton, on Friday, August 3rd. Then his body travelled to Ottawa, and the Vigil and Funeral Mass were held at Canadian Martyrs Parish, Ottawa, Monday, August 6, and Tuesday, August 7, respectively.

May he receive the reward due a good and faithful servant!

SUMMER CAUGHT ON FILM



Waving at you



by Normand Bonneau

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 2. Please support his healing and recovery with your prayers.

Let's keep **Hugh James MacDonald** in prayer as he continues to struggle with health issues. Fr. Jim will be taking up residence at Springhurst in mid-Sept.

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

REMINDERS

GST/HST Reports

Please gather and submit to the Ontario District Office your sales slips for the January to June 2018. GST /HST reporting continues to bring a significant amount of money back into the community.

Personal Budgets for 2019

All personal financial budgets for 2019 are due to the Ontario District Office by September 30.

If you need a copy of the form, please contact McE at the District Office.

APOLOGIES

You may have noticed the Obituary article for Fr. Jack McCann, OMI, in the last issue of *Highlights*. I apologize for my error in his date of death. It should have read:

John Edward (Jack) McCann, OMI
August 5, 1928—July 27, 2018

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FROM ST. EUGENE

"Yes, Lord, you will give me the strength for this, for you have deigned to inspire my heart with this desire."

Eugene de Mazenod, March 19, 1809
Spiritual Conference at St Sulpice
Seminary



CELEBRATIONS

ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST VOWS

Fr. Roy Boucher (59 years)
Fr. Andy Boyer (52 years)
Bro. Glenn Doughty (58 years)
Fr. Joseph Hattie (59 years)
Bro Wayne Jarvo (57 years)
Fr. Christie Joachim Pillai (68 years)
Fr. Frank Kavanagh (72 years)
Bro Joe Lasowski (53 years)
Fr. Hugh James MacDonald (52 years)
Fr. Larry MacLennan (67 years)
Fr. Gil Mason (60 years)
Fr. Michael McCarthy (51 years)
Fr. Jarek Pachocki (25 years)
Fr. Claude Tardif (66 years)

ANNIVERSARY OF FINAL VOWS

Bro. Henry Arruda (28 years)
Fr. Roy Boucher (56 years)
Bishop Doug Crosby (45 years)
Bro. Dan Dionne (22 years)
Bro. Glenn Doughty (52 years)
Fr. Joe Hattie (56 years)
Bro. Wayne Jarvo (51 years)
Fr. Christi Joachimpillai (65 yrs)
Fr. Richard Kelly (51 years)
Bro. Joe Lasowski (46 years)
Fr. H. James MacDonald (48 yrs)
Fr. Larry MacLennan (64 years)
Fr. Ed MacNeil (55 years)
Fr. Gil Mason (57 years)
Fr. Michael McCarthy (48 years)
Fr. Jarek Pachocki (21 years)
Fr. Antonio Pannunzi (48 years)
Fr. Vaughan Quinn (58 years)
Fr. Claude Tardif (63 years)

ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

Bishop Doug Crosby (43 years)



BIRTHDAYS

Paul Howard	Sept 2
Fr. Joe Hattie	Sept 6
Fr. John Malazdrewich	Sept 9
Suzanne Massie- Manchevsky	Sept 23
Fr. Vaughan Quinn	Sept 28

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