



Come celebrate with the Oblates  
the Feast of the Immaculate Conception  
on Friday, December 7, 2018

St. Albert Parish will be hosting this year's celebration of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Mass will be celebrated at 7 pm on Friday, December 7, 2018 and will be followed by a reception. The Oblates are most grateful to the parishioners of St. Albert Parish for welcoming the Oblate Community for this event.

*Everyone is welcome!*

## Ceremony of Recognition

On Sunday, November 4, 2018 at Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples, Edmonton, Fr. Susai Jesu, OMI was honoured by seven Elders who presented him with a traditional eagle feather during the Mass; the ceremony included a blessing and an expression of gratitude for Fr. Susai and his ministry among the Peoples of the First Nations.



## December Anniversaries



### Birthdays

December 11 – Fr. Ignacy Warias

December 18 – Fr. Wes Szatanski

### First Vows

December 8 – Br. Edouard Prince (51 yrs.)

### Ordinations

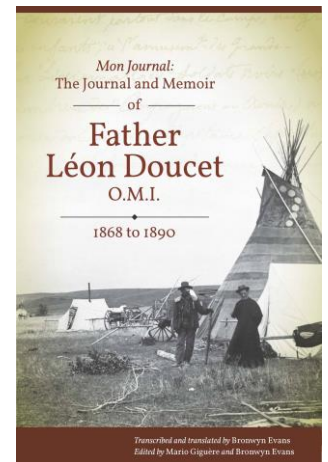
December 20 – Fr. Alfred Groleau (54 yrs.)

## Mon Journal: Journal and Memoir of Father Léon Doucet (by Alfred Groleau, OMI)

Mon Journal: The Journal and Memoir of Father Léon O.M.I. 1868-1890

Transcribed and translated by Bronwyn Evans; edited by Mario Giguère and Bronwyn Evans.

I attended the book launch of this publication by the Historical Society of Alberta at Audrey's Bookstore in the evening of November 20th. Though this book has an interest not for the general public but for a particular readership, the event was well attended. The store had set up some dozens of chairs among its book shelves and I had to take a seat in the front row because all others were taken.



Bronwyn discovered the writings of Father Doucet when she was a summer tour guide at the Father Lacombe Chapel on Mission Hill in St. Albert. She undertook to decipher his manuscript that had been compiled from notebooks he carried in his mission travels. She also translated the journal into English and Mario Giguère contributed to the editing. In a clear and succinct presentation, Bronwyn situated the journal in its historical context and chose a few excerpts that illustrated its descriptive qualities. In his presentation Mario spoke about 'les missions ambulantes', the traveling missions, whereby the missionaries traveled to different native communities for the purpose of evangelizing and catechizing. It appears to me that the methodology would have been inspired by the missions preached by the Oblates of Provence, though adapted very much to the Canadian circumstances. Lacombe, Doucet and Scollen were its main agents.

Both of the editors are recent post graduates from the University of Alberta. Mario Giguère is an alumnus of the Faculté St. Jean and proud of this fact.

This publication is one of about twenty produced by the Historical Society of Alberta. It is of great interest to historians, valued as a genuine historical document on the great transition that happened in Alberta at the end of 19th century – in itself, a positive testimony to the presence of Oblates in this land at that time.

# **Star of the North Retreat Centre**

**3A St. Vital Ave. St. Albert, AB T8N 1K1**

## **"Starlight Shine-On" Campaign Event**

### **A Start-Up Event for Our Three Year Capital Campaign**

We invite you to join us on our new journey by participating in  
our first **STARLIGHT SHINE-ON** event.

**When: Friday, November 30, 2018**

**Where: St. Albert Parish Hall, 7 St. Vital Ave., St. Albert, AB**

**Doors open at 5:30pm** *(no assigned seating)*

**6:00pm Social †**

**Hot and Cold Hors D'Oeuvres † Cash Bar**

**7:00pm Program † *M.C. Tim Spelliscy***

**7:30pm Special Guest Speaker: *Fr. Ron Rolheiser, OMI***

**It's not too late!!!!**

**For more information or to purchase tickets, contact:  
Star of the North Retreat Centre at 780-459-5511**