

HIGHLIGHTS

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

FEBRUARY 17TH CELEBRATION

COMMUNITY DAYS: MAY 13-16, 2019

Warmest sentiments and abundant blessings for a wonder-filled Christmas and a wonder-full New Year as we celebrate the "Christ Event" when humanity's awareness of being filled with the utter fullness of God dawned upon us.

Thus awakened, we remember again that to live in love is to live in God, and thus in God we live and move and have our being unto eternity.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

*Fr. Roy, Fr. Richard, Fr. Ed and Erin
Ontario District Leadership*

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER

Ron Kedrosky continues to attend the Galilee BOC gatherings in Arnprior. Let's keep Ron and his family in our prayers as they continue to relish the time that they have.

Wayne Jarvo, OMI moved into Colonel By Residence. He would love to see visitors; he is in Room 264. Please support his healing and recovery with your prayers.

Normand Bonneau, OMI, has been diagnosed with Guillain Barré Syndrome, a neurological disease that has put him in intensive care at the Civic Hospital. Please keep him and his family in your prayers as the recovery time from this is reportedly long and hard.

Maureen Pinsonneault, HOMI, moved this fall into the Glebe Centre. She seems to be settling in just fine. She is on the secure floor, Room 215A and she welcomes visitors. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

Mike McCarthy, OMI, has come to Ottawa, Civic Hospital, Cardiac Unit. Please keep Fr. Mike and his family in your prayers.

Roy Boucher, OMI, is at the Arnprior Hospital in the Cardiac Unit as they explore his heart health. Please keep him and his family in your prayers to support his healing over the Christmas season.

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



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Joe Gunn appointed Executive Director of “Centre Oblat - A Voice for Justice,” Office at St. Paul University, Ottawa

On behalf of Fr. Alfred Grzempa OMI, Provincial Assumption Province, Fr. Luc Tardif OMI, Provincial, Notre Dame du Cap Province, Fr. Ken Forster OMI, Provincial, OMI Lacombe, I am pleased to announce the appointment of Joe Gunn as Executive Director of “Centre Oblat - A Voice For Justice”, effective February 11th, 2019.

On February 11th, the JPIC (Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation) OMI Lacombe office will be replaced by “Centre Oblat - A Voice For Justice”, a joint project of the three Canadian Oblate Provinces and Saint Paul University. Joe Gunn leaves his position as Executive Director at Citizens for Public Justice (CPJ) in the new year and will be replacing me. I am grateful to the JPIC team and the rector of Saint Paul University, Chantal Beauvais, for her support and guidance in the evolution of the OMI Lacombe JPIC Office into “Centre Oblat - A Voice For Justice”. I am delighted with Joe’s appointment and pleased to have the opportunity to remain involved in an advisory capacity. I hope that this new project will continue to build on the good work the JPIC office has done up until now and that it will inspire and support Oblates, Associates, allies, civil society and the church across this country, to collaborate in a new endeavour for Justice, Peace and the Integrity of Creation.

The call to do justice is described by Joe as his life’s “vocation.” Joe grew up in Toronto, where he received his BA in Political Science, followed by an MA from the University of Regina. For seven years, Joe worked in Latin American refugee camps and served as a Country Director for Canadian Save the

Children in Nicaragua. For over ten years, he worked with the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, where he developed policy and coordinated work in areas of social justice, missions, and Aboriginal peoples. He served as the founding vice-chair of KAIROS-Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives, and has been active in the Canadian Council of Churches’ Commission for Justice and Peace. He coordinated the Make Poverty History campaign, and engaged in research, public speaking and advocacy on national and international issues. He joined CPJ in August 2008. After engaging Canadian faith communities in speaking out on climate justice in 2012, Joe was awarded the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal for “exemplary service and commitment to the betterment of the community.” In June 2013, Joe was awarded a “Certificate of Honour” from Development and Peace for “commitment to the cause of social justice and efforts to improve living conditions for the poorest of the poor in the Global South.”

Saint Paul University granted Joe the Eugène de Mazenod Medal in April 2017. The Medal “honours individuals who have made a significant contribution to the development of human capital in their community.”

Joe Gunn brings a wealth of wisdom and experience to his new role. Congratulations Joe!

*Leonardo Rego OMI, Director
JPIC Office*

Oblate in Residence, University of Saint Paul

GREETINGS FROM FR. HEINNER

Greetings from the frozen North, it is very cold here, two days ago we were under 40 degrees it was impossible be outside for long time but children did it. I am well here, just learning from these people and from the culture, of course practicing my patience even more. People are good and simple and with lot of social issues, it makes me sad. I cannot believe, in the day when we were celebrating the day of the poor, a poor

family brought to me food to eat for my dinner. They said, Father, have great supper! It was amazing, it reminded me how the poor from their poverty they share what they have to live on.

McE thanks for sending me this invitation. I would like to go there, but I am far away from you, hopefully I will celebrate this day with the community and I will pray for all of you.

Greetings for all!

REMINDERS

GST/HST Reports

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

Personal Financial Statements

All Oblates are asked to submit their personal financial statements to the Ontario District Office by **January 31, 2019.**

Happy New Year!

Upcoming at Galilee Centre

Taizé Ecumenical Prayer Service

Sunday Evening, 7:00 to 7:45 PM
December 16, 2018

A service of song, silence and contemplation. You are invited to participate in an ecumenical service of song and contemplative prayer in the tradition of the Taizé community. 7 – 7:45 pm. **Cost:** Good-will donations are welcome.

Christmas Luncheon

Arrival time: 11:45-12:00 noon
Book early ...this one will fill up fast! Turkey vegetable soup, crusty rolls, traditional

Tourtière, creamy mashed potatoes with gravy, peas & mushrooms, hot fudge pudding cake with ice cream. Galilee Centre, 398 John St. N., Arnprior.

Cost: \$18 Call 613-623-4242 Ext: 21 for Reservations.

Solstice Run/Walk

Thursday, December 20, 6 pm

5 or 2.5 km Fun Walk or Run, December 20th 2018 @ 6:00 pm. Start at Galilee Centre, 398 John Street North. Celebrate the longest night of the year by dressing up in Christmas lights and your best Solstice costume and walk or run the streets of Arnprior!

Entry Fee: \$15 per participant.

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FROM ST. EUGENE

Mary's Immaculate Conception is not simply a beautiful honor and privilege for her for which we stand around her applauding and cheering! No, the beautiful gift of Mary's gracing is all about the mystery that God hid from ages past and now revealed in the end times: the mystery of love for all humanity. We bear the name of the Immaculate Conception and we are

commissioned as missionaries to bring Christ into the world, not settling for a bland and mediocre existence (GE#1), but fully charged with the glory, the love and the mercy of God. What a marvelous call to be cooperators in God's saving plan!

Fr. Louis Lougen, OMI
Superior General, December 2018



ANNIVERSARY OF FINAL VOWS

Fr. Hanh Van Tran, December 8 (14 years)
Fr. Jarek Pachocki, December 8 (21 years)
Fr. Andy Boyer, December 9 (45 years)

ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

Fr. Antonio Pannunzi December 8 (47 years)
Fr. J. Roy Boucher December 18 (53 years)
Fr. Jan Rademaker December 20 (49 years)
Fr. Christie Joachim Pillai, Dec 21 (62 years)
Fr. Vaughan Quinn December 21 (55 years)

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CELEBRATIONS



BIRTHDAYS

Fr. Andy Boyer	Dec 5
Ken Hart	Dec 10
Fr. Mike McCarthy	Dec 24
Fr. Ed MacNeil	Dec 29
Fr. Claude Tardif	Dec 31

