

HIGHLIGHTS

ONTARIO DISTRICT NEWS

OMI Lacombe Canada

2019 DATES TO REMEMBER:

June 20, *Let's Talk*, 6:45 p.m.

Springhurst Residence

**July 5, Retreat Day and Associate Commitments,
Galilee Centre**

August 18-23, Annual Retreat, Galilee Centre



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ANNUAL RETREAT WITH FR. JIM CLARKE



Fr. Jim Clarke has agreed to lead us this August in our annual Community retreat. The theme for our retreat will be "Discovering Light in the Midst of Darkness".

With an extensive academic background in the fields of spirituality, adult education, counseling, ritual and depth psychology, Fr Jim Clarke currently serves as Director of Evangelization for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and Adjunct Professor of Spiritual Theology at Loyola Marymount University. He is also an Associate Spiritual Director at the Cardinal Manning

House of Prayer for Priests.

His CD/DVD series on "Spirituality for a Modern Individual" and "A Man's Way to God" as well as his published books: *Creating Rituals: A New Way of Healing for Everyday Life* and *Soulcentered: Spirituality for People on the Go* serve to enhance his continuing public ministry of retreats, workshops and conferences throughout the United States and beyond for priests, women religious, seminarians, parish and school staff as well as parishes at large.



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY
FR. JAN!**

On May 31, the Community gathered in joy and gratitude to celebrate Fr. Jan's 95th birthday at Springhurst Residence!

Fr. Jan's official birthday is June 2, but he said he has no problem having a quiet day on Sunday! Blessings to you, Fr. Jan, on your special day and for many years to come!



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COMMUNITY DAYS, MAY 13-16, 2019!

For three days in May about 25 Oblates and Associates gathered at Galilee for our annual Community Days. Not summer weather, however, but warmth of spirit and a genuine enjoyment of the time together for sharing filled the Oak Room.

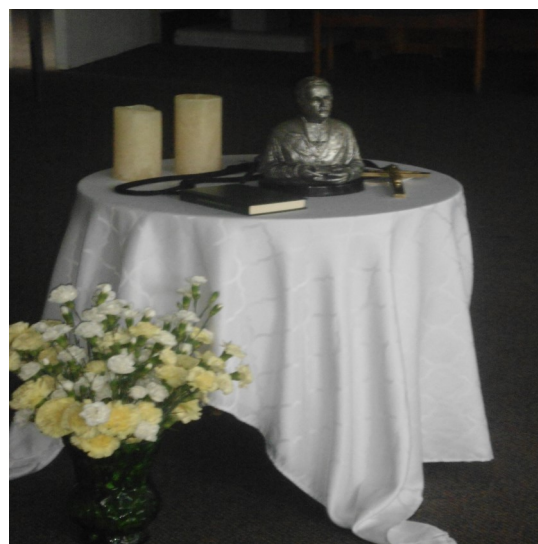
Community Days 2019 began with a half-day retreat, led by Joe Gunn, the new Executive Director of the Centre Oblat. He raised the concepts of charity and justice, and talked about how important – but often complicated – it is when we chose to move from acts of charity to social justice.

A large part of the agenda for the two and one-half days was devoted to members sharing their ministries. This included parish priests commenting on the variety in that environment as well as Oblate Associates talking about their chosen activities, many of which support and care for others. “A ministry of small things” was a phrase used and many could identify with this call.

In addition, Fr. Ken Forster and Fr. Jim Bleackley joined the gathering to provide those gathered with an opportunity to dialogue with these members of the outgoing Core Team.

Fr. Roy Boucher, who was facilitator for the gathering, led a prayer service of remembrance for Oblates who are no longer with us, many of whom are buried at St. Theresa’s Cemetery; the many stories that followed the formal prayer service left everyone laughing and thanking God for their presence. Fr. Ken Forster presided over the Mass to celebrate our Jubilarians and Fr. Joseph Hattie, himself celebrating 55 years ordained, con-celebrated prior to our Jubilarian dinner feast!

McE has blessed all of us with her presence and provided us, Oblates of the Ontario District, with exceptional service since January 2014. She will be retiring as an employee of OMI Lacombe this summer: on June 30th as Administrator for Springhurst Residence; and, in early autumn as Administrator for the Ontario District. Our hope is to have a replacement for her at Springhurst sometime before the end of June; and, at the District Office by early autumn after Provincial and



Council have named the new District Leadership Team. McE has graciously offered to journey with us through all these transitions. Our hearts are filled with gratitude for all McE has been, and continues to be and accomplish, for us. We assure her of our prayers as her impending retirement approaches. McE, we will dearly miss you.

J. Roy Boucher, OMI



PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER

Fr. Joe Hattie had a stroke on May 30. He is heading home now to take it easy.

Ron Kedrosky is enjoying his new healing phase. We look forward to seeing him possibly at the gathering on July 5.

Jane McDonald has asked for healing prayers as she awaits heart surgery options.

Mike McCarthy, OMI, moved home this spring to his house in Westport. Keep him in your prayers as he builds his strength.

Fr. Christie Joachim Pillai, is living at Providence House. Please keep his sister, Grace, and his community in your prayers.

Bro Dan Dionne is facing several health challenges. Please pray for courage and hope for him and his doctors.

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



Fr. Norm Bonneau is back out with his camera!

UPCOMING AT GALILEE CENTRE FOR THIS SUMMER

RELISHING A MORE IMAGINATIVE CHURCH FOR OUR TIME

July 7th (Registration at 6 pm) to 12th (11 am), 2019

This 5-day retreat will be a guided meditation upon the lives & work of contemporary Christians, such as Brother Roger of Taizé, Estonian composer Arvo Part, and Japanese novelist Shusaku Endo. This retreat will offer the opportunity to deepen our Christian faith with the imaginative richness & power that exists in our church today, which offers witness fit for new questions in our world.

Fr. Trevor Scott S.J. will be facilitating this program.

Cost: Single \$575, Double 517, Commuter \$400 CDN – \$200 deposit required with registration.

FIVE-DAY DIRECTED RETREAT

July 26th (Registration at 4 pm) to 31st (1 pm), 2019

Retreat in an environment of silence, as a part of a praying community discerning the ways of God through prayer. Each day you will meet with your Spiritual Director to speak of your life and prayer. Your Director will ask you questions, give you scripture passages, or suggest other ways to pray. You will spend the next 24 hours praying, walking in the grounds of Galilee, napping or just being quiet.

Fr. R. Boucher, OMI; Fr. R. Kelly OMI; Sr. L. Germain, CSJ; Sr. M.C. Kelley, GSIC will be facilitating this program.

Cost: \$650 CDN – \$200 deposit required with registration.

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FROM ST. EUGENE

"What need has one of tongues of fire to see, in some way, the presence of the Holy Spirit? On these occasions, his presence for me is palpable and I am so imbued with the Spirit that I cannot hide my emotion. I have to do violence to myself not to shed tears of joy, and, in spite of my efforts, often tears I

cannot withhold betray the sentiment which animates me and fills me to overflowing in the full sense of the word!

*Diary, 18 February 1844,
EO XXI*



CELEBRATIONS

ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST VOWS

Fr. John Malazdrewich, June 28 (35 years)

ANNIVERSARY OF FINAL VOWS

Fr. Normand Bonneau, June 1 (44 years)

Fr. Ollie Rich, June 27 (48 years)

ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

Fr. Frank Kavanagh, June 4 (66 years)

Fr. Gil Mason, June 9 (56 years)

Fr. Bill Thompson, June 9 (56 years)

Fr. Ed MacNeil, June 13 (54 years)

Fr. Larry MacLennan, June 15 (62 years)

Fr. Jarek Pachocki, June 19 (20 years)



BIRTHDAYS

Fr. Jan Rademaker June 2

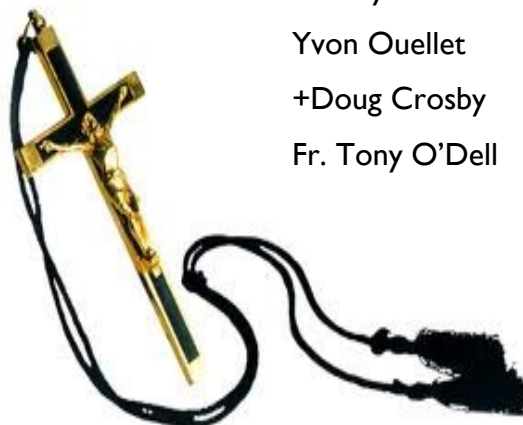
Fr. Richard Kelly June 8

Erin Ryan June 16

Yvon Ouellet June 27

+Doug Crosby June 28

Fr. Tony O'Dell June 30



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