

# HIGHLIGHTS

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### 2019 DATES TO REMEMBER:

**August 18-23, Annual Retreat**

**REGISTER BY JULY 30!**

### JULY 5TH RETREAT DAY

On July 5, twenty-five Oblates and Oblate Associates gathered in Arnprior for a day of retreat and reflection.

Fr. Roy Boucher, OMI, led those gathered in a day of reflection on their personal spiritual journeys, with a combination of silent reflection, supportive texts for spiritual discernment and group sharing.

The afternoon continued with a prayer service and the commitment and re-commitment ceremony for several Oblate Associates.

This wonderful day of spiritual reflection ended with sharing a barbeque on a humid summer evening!

Thank you to all who attended and supported Fr. Roy in this celebration.



### FR. JOHN RENKEN, NEW OBLATE ASSOCIATE!

Fr. John Renken has always wanted to be an Oblate and took the opportunity this past year to enter formation for Oblate Association. On Friday, July 5th, Fr. John made his first commitment as an Oblate Associate.

Having lived at Springhurst Residence with the Oblates for many years, and even earlier in his career choosing many aspects of the Oblate charism to enhance his spiritual life, he is now a member of the Provincial Oblate Associates of OMI Lacombe.

Congratulations Fr. John, Oblate Associate!

Marie Morgan, Irene Reid and Karen Ann McKinna made their second annual re-commitments as Oblate Associates of OMI Lacombe at the ceremony also.



Thank you Fr. Jan for presenting Fr. John with his new Oblate Associate cross.

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# ANNOUNCING OBLATE YOUTH RALLY July 13-17, 2020 !!



Dear Friends in Mission With Youth,

I just want to share with you exciting news that next year there will be first ever **Oblate Youth Rally for the Canada-US region.**

Please mark your calendars: **July 13-17, 2020 in Belleville, IL.** Ages of participants as per World Youth Day gathering (15-35 or so). Stay tuned for more info!

Please remember to use **#OblateYouth** hashtag when posting about your youth activities/events on social media.

And please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be any assistance to you re Oblate Mission With Youth.

Have a blessed summer,

*Fr. Jarek Pachocki, OMI*

*Mission With Youth – OMI Lacombe Canada*



## PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER

**Fr. Joe Hattie** has returned home in Barry's Bay and is grateful for your prayers!

**Ron Kedrosky** is enjoying his new healing phase. We hope he is having a wonderful summer with family and friends.

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

**Fr. Mike McCarthy** 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](mailto:ontariodistrict@omilacombe.ca).*



*Thank you Fr. Norm for catching this gorgeous swan, on film!*

## UPCOMING AT GALILEE CENTRE

### SERENITY AND SURRENDER

August 16-18, 2019

You are invited into a peaceful atmosphere where you can rest, renew your spiritual life, and deepen your sobriety. This Twelve Steps weekend will focus on the power of steps 1, 2, 3.

**Archbishop Emeritus Sylvain Lavoie OMI & Michelle Reis-Amores** will be facilitating this program.

Cost: Single \$290, Double \$250 CDN. \$100 deposit required with registration.

### HEALING THE FUTURE: TRANSFORMING ANGER & ANXIETY INTO GIFTS

October 4-6, 2019

When looking at the future, what keeps me from feeling really happy? Is it anxiety over health, an ongoing difficult relationship or the loss of our dream? Maybe it is a bigger problem of a world with increasing violence, global warming, and financial insecurity. This retreat will offer processes of healing to create a future giving new life rather than the future that is now taking our life & the life of our children and grandchildren.

**Matt Linn S.J.** will be facilitating this program. Fr. Matthew Linn, SJ has focused on integrating physical, emotional, & spiritual healing. He is a member of the Association of Christian Therapists with advanced graduate degrees in sociology, anthropology, spirituality, & theology.

Cost: Single \$330, Double \$305, Commuter \$270 CDN (\$100 deposit required).

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# CELEBRATIONS

### **ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST VOWS**

Fr. Hanh Van Tran	August 1 (20 years)
Fr. Richard Beaudette	August 4 (40 years)
Fr. Timothy Coonen	August 5 (41 years)
Fr. Eugene Whyte	August 7 (43 years)
Bro Henry Arruda	August 15 (38 years)
Fr. Normand Bonneau	August 15 (48 years)
Bro. Dan Dionne	August 15 (29 years)
Fr. Richard Kelly	August 15 (55 years)
Fr. Ed MacNeil	August 15 (59 years)
Fr. Tony O'Dell	August 15 (31 years)
Fr. Vaughan Quinn	August 15 (62 years)
Fr. Jan Rademaker	August 15 (53 years)
Fr. Bill Thompson	August 15 (63 years)



### **ANNIVERSARY OF FINAL VOWS**

Fr. Timothy Coonen	July 30 (36 years)
Fr. Eugene Whyte	August 14 (31 years)
Fr. Tony O'Dell	August 15 (22 years)
Fr. John Malazdrewich	August 21 (30 years)

### **ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION**

Fr. Tony O'Dell	July 10 (21 years)
Fr. Ollie Rich	July 11 (38 years)
Fr. Claude Tardif	July 13 (61 years)

### **BIRTHDAYS**

Ron Kedrosky	July 6
Fr. Hanh Van Tran	July 15
Gail Hillier	July 16
Brian Kerr	July 17
Pam Dixon	July 20



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