

HIGHLIGHTS

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NEW LEADERSHIP FOR OMI LACOMBE



On August 15th, the new Provincial & Council was installed by Fr. Warren Brown, OMI, at a wonderful prayerful celebration held at Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples in Edmonton.

The next day, the Provincial Council, Fr. Ken Thorson, OMI, Provincial and Fr. Richard Beaudette, OMI, Vicar, officially appointed the District Superiors and Councillors. The Councillors for this next three-year term are: Fr. Susai Jesu, OMI, Fr. Jarek Pachocki, OMI, and Fr. Les Kwiatkowski, OMI.

I was asked to be the new Superior for the Ontario District. District Council members include: Fr. Eugene Whyte, OMI, Fr. Hanh Van Tran, OMI, and Fr. Tim Coonen, OMI, (Treasurer). A Lay Advisor will be chosen at the first District Council meeting.

I hope that our first meeting of the District Council can be Tuesday, October 29. This initial meeting will be a



time for the new Council to get better acquainted, review the priorities of the former Council, plan for the coming year, and name a Lay Advisor. If you have any items that you would like to be on the agenda, please email or mail them to the District Office. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Fr. Roy Boucher, OMI, Superior and his Councillors, Fr. Ed MacNeil, OMI, Fr. Richard Kelly, OMI, and Erin Ryan for their time and wisdom as the previous District Council. We are grateful for their leadership and generosity of spirit as they guided the District over the past three-year term.

Since I won't be back in Ottawa until October 23rd, I have asked Fr. Eugene Whyte to handle any concerns which might arise during my absence. If you need to reach me, my cell phone number is 613-857-7831 and my email address is jbleackley@omilacombe.ca.

Take care, I'll see you soon!

Jim Bleackley, OMI

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OUR SILENT RETREAT WITH FR. JIM CLARKE

"Discovering Light in the Midst of Darkness" was the theme for our annual Ontario District retreat held at Galilee Centre in August. Fr. Jim Clarke, Director of New Evangelization for the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, was our facilitator.

Through a series of talks, silence, group sharing, individual reflection and rituals, we explored the depths of our spirituality. Reading the signs of the times; gateways to spiritual growth in the aging process; and, a mature spirituality for our challenging times, are examples of the subjects expertly introduced by Fr. Jim.

My personal favorite was the indicators of progress on the continuum to increased consciousness from simple, to complex, to awakened consciousness. There was poetry reading too. Mary Oliver's *The Journey* struck a chord with many. The frequent rituals were powerful and meaningful.

Oblates benefited from the energy and spirit of the Associates present. Associates appreciated spending time in close proximity with their beloved Oblates and each other. The sharing was heart full and frequent. "The silence was golden and the fruits many"

acknowledged one retreatant. "Quite possibly the best retreat ever" observed another.

Our celebratory dinner acknowledged the team work and results of the outgoing Ontario Council led by Roy Boucher, OMI, of Administrator, McE Galbreath for her loving service to all (we will miss you, McE!) and to Pam Dixon and Richard Beaudette, OMI, for animating the Associates. We said a prayer for all those Oblates and Associates not able to join us due to illness. You are not forgotten.

There was much laughter and time to socialize too. We felt renewed in our love of self, of each other, and of and by God. Daily Eucharist and Oraison brought us closer to Jesus every day. Thanks Fr Jim for your many gifts and to Fr. Richard Kelly, OMI, for bringing your friend Jim in. Thanks to Galilee for the great hospitality and making our stay a peaceful and memorable experience. Thanks to all who organized this great retreat.

Can't wait for next year's! Blessings to all.

Dave Morgan, Associate



... and a silent swim!

AUGUST FAREWELL TO FR. KEN FORSTER, OMI

On August 9th, many Oblates and Oblate Associates gathered at Springhurst to bid farewell and thank you to Fr. Ken Forster, OMI! Fr. Ken Thorson was the emcee, thanking Frs. Jim Bleackley and Ken F. on behalf of all of us!

Thank you Fr. Ken for your humour and your wisdom. Enjoy!!



BRO. WAYNE'S VACATION AT SPRINGHURST



Bro. Wayne "dancing" at his Neurogym exercise

Some of us at Springhurst Residence had short notice about Wayne coming to be with us for a week-long vacation this summer. Maybe the decision was made by God and perhaps meant to be a surprise. And, I must add, a pleasant surprise. If there was prayer involved, it must have been Bro. Wayne's. By the way, he enjoyed it here, this vacation was a "God send" for him, an answer to his prayers. He felt very much at home—it was as if he had never left. He stayed in his old room 106, which has been reserved, with his

name on the door, since the time he needed to go for more care at Colonel By Residence.

I was struck by the way the whole community welcomed Wayne and reached out to him with loving care. Needless to say Bro. Wayne made this easy because he's still his lovable self—to use his words: "he's something else".

Thank you Wayne for being "you" ... It was really nice to have you over. Come again!

Bro. Henry Arruda

PLEASE KEEP IN PRAYER

Ron Kedrosky really enjoyed our card, wishing him strength as he continues his treatment program, plagued by fatigue. He hopes to return to the group soon and wishes all well!.

Larry MacLennan has moved to St. Pat's Home and he is enjoying the new space and the increased level of care.

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

Fr. Mike McCarthy is home 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.

Fr. Vaughan Quinn celebrated 55 years sober this summer! Congratulations Fr. Vaughan! "If it wasn't for Gerald Cousineau, OMI, locking me up in Chicago, this never would have happened."

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

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FROM ST. EUGENE

*It seemed to me that what I saw,
what I could put my finger on,
was that within it lies hidden the
seed of very great virtues, and that
it can achieve infinite good; I
found it worthy, everything pleased
me about it, I appreciated its rules,*

*its statutes; its ministry seemed
awe-inspiring to me, as it is indeed.*

*As I looked at the Society, I found in
it a sure, even infallible, means of
salvation.*

Letter to Henri Tempier, 15 August
1822, EO VI n 86



CELEBRATIONS

ANNIVERSARY OF FIRST VOWS

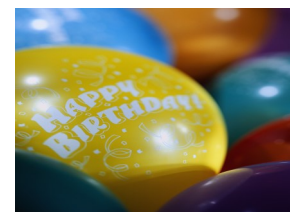
Fr. Jim Bleackley (52 years)
Fr. Roy Boucher (60 years)
Fr. Andy Boyer (53 years)
+ Douglas Crosby (50 years)
Bro. Glenn Doughty (59 years)
Fr. Joseph Hattie (60 years)
Bro. Wayne Jarvo (58 years)
Fr. Christie Joachim Pillai (69 years)
Fr. Frank Kavanagh (73 years)
Bro. Joe Lasowski (54 years)
Fr. Larry MacLennan (68 years)
Fr. Gil Mason (61 years)
Fr. Michael McCarthy (52 years)
Fr. Jarek Pachocki (26 years)
Fr. Claude Tardif (67 years)

ANNIVERSARY OF FINAL VOWS

Bro. Henry Arruda (29 years)
Fr. Jim Bleackley (47 years)
Fr. Roy Boucher (57 years)
+ Douglas Crosby (46 years)
Bro. Dan Dionne (23 years)
Bro. Glenn Doughty (53 years)
Fr. Joseph Hattie (57 years)
Bro. Wayne Jarvo (52 years)
Fr. Christi Joachim Pillai (66 years)
Fr. Richard Kelly (52 years)
Bro. Joe Lasowski (47 years)
Fr. Larry MacLennan (65 years)
Fr. Ed MacNeil (56 years)
Fr. Gil Mason (58 years)
Fr. Michael McCarthy (49 years)
Fr. Jarek Pachocki (22 years)
Fr. Antonio Pannunzi (49 years)
Fr. Vaughan Quinn (59 years)
Fr. Claude Tardif (64 years)
Fr. Bill Thompson (60 years)

ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION

+ Douglas Crosby (44 years)
Fr. Jim Bleackley (46 years)



BIRTHDAYS

Paul Howard	Sept 2
Fr. Joe Hattie	Sept 6
Fr. John Malazdrewich	Sept 9
Fr. Eugene Whyte	Sept 15
Suzanne	
Massie-Manchevsky	Sept 23
Fr. Vaughan Quinn	Sept 28

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