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A few words from Armand Le Gal, OMI

April 29, 2020

Firstly, I wish to inform you that no Oblate from the residences for the elderly such as Despins, in Canada, have contracted COVID-19. Therefore, congratulations to all who obeyed in spite of the suffering caused by the directives given by the leaders for health in Canada and Manitoba. We live in solidarity with those who feel imprisoned or are imprisoned because of war, sickness, etc...Be courageous, for one day we shall be free. Let us also thank the Lord for the political, religious and directors of our senior homes who are doing the best they can so we can stay alive and healthy. That is not a reality in some countries.

This morning, I participated in a video conference meeting to prepare the 175th anniversary of the Oblates in Manitoba. This celebration which is scheduled to happen Saturday, October 17th, 2020 (Mission Sunday weekend) will focus on the past, present and future ministry of the Oblates in Manitoba primarily, but will also include the efforts in western and northern Canada. More details are forthcoming. Fr. Ken Thorson our provincial is on the organizing committee.

On Friday evening, May 1, 2020, St. Boniface Archdiocese will be consecrated to the Virgin Mary, asking for her protection from COVID-19. You can follow this on your computers, if your heart so desires. There will be a mass at Canadian Martyrs parish in French, and an English mass at Mary Mother of the Church parish. Both masses will be followed by the Consecration ceremony. Both masses will begin at 7:30pm. The links can be found in the weekly archdiocesan bulletin of April 28th.

Have a blessed month of May, of Mary and of the Rosary.

Sincerely, Armand Le Gal, OMI.

Directors of Notre-Dame Community

Fr. Albert Bouffard and Fr. Arthur Massé were appointed as co-directors of the Oblate community at Despins Residence.

Fr. Armand Le Gal offers his congratulations and thanks to Fr Bouffard and Fr. Massé for accepting this responsibility.

To reserve the visitor's room, please contact Fr. Bouffard at 204-233-7016.

Taché District Council

The Council meeting scheduled for April 20, 2020 has been postponed to a later date.

Office hours

Currently, my work hours are:

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays: 10 am to 5:30 pm,

Wednesdays: 10 am to 3:30 pm or 12:30 pm to 6 pm.

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Anniversaries

Birthdays

May 16: Fr. Vijay Deivanayagam (41 years)

May 29: Fr. Robert Laroche (68 years)

May 29: Br. Rusty Gardiner (60 years)

May 31: Br. Thomas Novak (64 years)



Ordination

May 29: Lukasz Zajac (10 years)

May 21: Anniversary of the death of St. Eugene de Mazenod.