



HIGHLIGHTS

ONTARIO DISTRICT NEWS

May 2020

Fellowship and Serving During Covid-19 Isolation

Springhurst Residence, like other residences, has had their doors closed to visitors for many, many weeks. This also means that the men are not going out to do anything that isn't urgent. No shopping, visiting or barbershop appointments. Last week, in the spirit of helping to beautify our community, resident George Chidi set up a travelling barbershop. He brings the tools of the trade to the residents' rooms and cuts their hair. Several of the men have already taken George up on his kind offer and the appointment list is starting to fill up!



Frank Kavanagh was grateful for George's "in house barber services".

As you can see, everyone is happy with the results!



Upcoming Birthdays and Anniversaries



Daniel Dionne May 4

Bill Thompson May 19

Colleen Kerr May 29

You can sign up for this course at any time. You have until the end of 2020 to complete it. If you have any questions, contact Eleanor Rabnett rabnete@gmail.com

“COME AND I WILL SHOW YOU WHO YOU ARE IN THE EYES OF GOD”

These words come from the first recorded sermon of Eugene de Mazenod as a young priest as he began his ministry to the most abandoned in Aix en Provence. They sum up his whole life as Founder of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate, Bishop of Marseilles, and his continuing ministry to us today in the communion of saints.

You can accept his invitation as you learn about him in this online course: “Eugene de Mazenod 101” or “Eugenio de Mazenod 101” presented by the Kusenberger Chair of Oblate Studies at Oblate school of Theology in San Antonio. Your guides are Frank Santucci OMI and David Muñoz Lopez OMI.

The aim of this course is:

- 1/ To help you to gain a deeper knowledge of the life of St. Eugene de Mazenod.**
- 2/ To assist you to understand the charism, mission, and spirituality of St. Eugene de Mazenod.**
- 3/ To see in him and his Mazenodian spirituality a model of holiness that can enrich your life**
- 4/ For members of the Mazenodian Family to be inspired to discover their individual vocation within their specific branch of the Mazenodian Family**



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The course is divided into 20 sessions, beginning on March 1. Each session will include a video lecture of around 20 minutes, available to

students every 15 days. Supplementary material for each lecture will be available if you want to learn more and go deeper.

Reflection material is provided and there is an open forum for students to ask questions, share their thoughts and reflections if they wish. Some students are getting together using ZOOM and other apps to share and discuss their reflections.

For further details go to <https://moodle.ost.edu/course/index.php?categoryid=28> (Please note that this link opens a page which may have the Spanish text first – keep scrolling down and you will come to the English)

The course itself costs \$20 USD however any Oblate Associates should feel free to contact Eleanor Rabnett rabnete@gmail.com if help is needed with the costs.

“Come and I will show you who you are in the eyes of God” I could not resist such an invitation. It has turned out to be so much more than just another history lesson especially in the coming together with another or others following each class.” Eleanor Rabnett

Message of Hope from David Perrin

Last week I received a video message which David calls a small “message of hope” is short – only 2.5 minutes which calms and centers during this ongoing COVID19 pandemic. Thanks, David, for sharing this with us.

[Message of Hope during Pandemic](#)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

May 17 – Oraison: Praying with the Mazenodian Family a reminder of the upcoming Monthly Mazenodian Family Oraison. *"In the prolonged silent prayer we make each day, we let ourselves be molded by the Lord, and find in him the inspiration of our conduct."* (OMI CC&RR, C33).

Galilee Centre has announced their closure until September 1st, 2020.

Given our current situation with Covid19, and the regulations surrounding physical distancing, **all** events have been cancelled.

We look forward to brighter days when we can all gather together again.

Want to remind all of us of other common dates? Send us an email and we'll include what we can.

In Love and Prayers

Tim Coonen can now be seen bicycling in the Springhurst vicinity, in his ongoing journey to health.

We continue to keep **Ron Kedrosky, Maureen Pinsonneault HOMI, Jane McDonald, Yvon Oullet** in our ongoing thoughts and prayers.