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BC News

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The Birthday Book- July and August

Oscar Pauwels, OMI	July 16 th
Terry McNamara, OMI	August 3 rd
Ron Dechant, OMI	August 10 th
Gilbert Bertrand, OMI	August 25 th
Bob Haggarty, OMI	August 27 th
Vince James, OMI	August 27 th
George LaGrange, OMI	August 28 th
Peter Altamirano, OMI	August 31 st



Congratulations! Anniversaries

George LaGrange, OMI	55	Perpetual Vows	August 15, 1965
Frank Salmon, OMI	55	First Vows	August 15, 1965

IT'S THAT TIME AGAIN!

The **'semi-annual' financial reports are due by the end of July.** The TEMPLATE is attached. They are an excellent way to assess how we are doing compared to our Budget - probably quite well, since spending has been so well curtailed. **Show the Community by sending in your report. Thanks.**

It's also the time to submit the **GST Records for Jan-June 2020.** Please enter the receipt data into the TEMPLATE (attached) or circle the Date and GST amount and I'll enter the information. Ignore any GST amounts less than 50 cents and if the 'difference' is over 10 cents, please enter a 'reason', such as **'Food', 'Prescriptions' or 'Verified'** (to indicate that you've checked it on the receipts). **It is important that the RECEIPTS are sent or brought to the Treasurer's office where they will be kept for 7 years – it is the LAW!** Thanks for the help.

Message from BC District Councilor, Garry LaBoucane OMI

July 3, 2020

Greetings on another wet but warm, day in Vancouver. I hope you all enjoyed July 1st. We were hoping to have a pleasant afternoon by the pool at Tecumseh however, we enjoyed indoor hospitality instead, and a delicious meal at *the Crescent*. Father Andrew Stendzina did a superb job barbecuing hotdogs and hamburger patties, and Margarita provided the finishing touches. It was a grand way to gather as a local community and to give thanks for our many blessings.

Most likely, you were able to watch the Funerals via live stream for Father Oliver Mohan and Father Bernie McCosham at St. Augustine's. It's amazing what technology can do these days. It seems I learn a lot more about individual Oblates after they die. We are blessed with incredibly gifted missionaries.

Archbishop J. Michael Miller, CSB was not able to be present at Father Oliver's funeral, but he celebrated Mass for him offering his sympathy and that of the Faithful of the Archdiocese of Vancouver. Father Mark Dumont of the Benedictine Community in Mission asked for Oliver's memorial card to place in his breviary. May we all continue to be a blessing to all those we meet.

Word is out now, that Father Vince James is retiring at Pandosy Place as of August. Life will not be the same after his arrival. Welcome, Father Vince!

Welcome also to Father Wes Szatanski, another great missionary from the North West Territories. He spent many years in the North, travelling great distances through all kinds of weather. He was very helpful every year with the Lac Ste. Anne Pilgrimage in Alberta. It is a joy to be able to spend time with him here. Kindly remember him in prayer for his return to good health.

Father George LaGrange is looking really good and adjusting well to his homeland, after many years in the NWT, in Alberta, and finally in Salmon Arm. The pool is very helpful in dealing with his health issues.

As I reflect on these individuals, I am grateful for all the good work that has been done and continues to be done by the members of the Oblate Family.

Fraternally yours,
Garry LaBoucane, OMI

A Birthday Celebration for Vince LaPlante OMI ~ 96th on June 13, 2020



Several Oblates and a few close friends of Fr. Vince gathered for a steak BBQ in the gardens at St. Augustine's to celebrate his 96th birthday. *Congratulations!*

Associate News



Vancouver – June 22, 2020

Covid 19 didn't hold us down on Monday, June 22nd. The Associates in Vancouver celebrated their end of year schedule with a small but enthusiastic get-together (all social norms fulfilled), and thanks to Fr. Andrew Stendzina and St. Augustine's Parish, for the hospitality.

Fr. Jim Dukowski celebrated the Eucharist at which time Neysa Finnie renewed her Associate commitment.

Chuck Luttrell was also scheduled to renew his commitment but a serious health issue of his son-in-law made his participation impossible. Thank you to Neysa for preparing 'finger food'. All had a wonderful time just being together 'in person'.