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Sights and Sounds

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For the Month of March

Upcoming celebrations in April

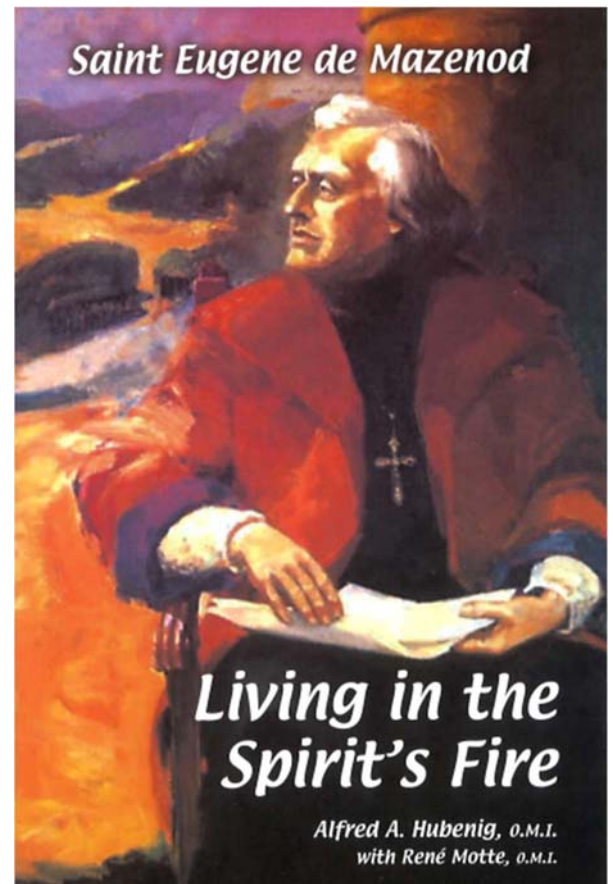
Anniversaries

April 27 Corrine Pambrun & Blain Young (26 yrs)

Historic Dates for OMI

April 6 Holy Thursday. First Vows of the Founder and Father Tempier on Holy Thursday, April 11, 1816 in Aix-en-Provence (206 yrs)

April 7 Good Friday. The Founder's "Conversion" most probably March 27, 1807 (215 yrs)



Excerpt from *Living the Spirit's Fire* by Alfred A. Hubenig, O.M.I.

The Good Friday Experience

Through letters that Eugene wrote we can see how a progressive spiritual reawakening began in Palermo three or four years before he returned to France. During the ensuing years he speaks of being “impelled more forcefully than ever by grace” and of “consecrating” himself “entirely to the Lord.” In the second meditation of his 1814 retreat, when he had already been a priest for three years, Eugene wrote of a profound experience he had one Good Friday... In his retreat notes Eugene describes a moment of special grace that took hold of him as he attended a Good Friday liturgy. He does not specify the year; he simply says “one” Good Friday:

I looked for happiness outside of God and, to my sorrow, looked there for too long a time. How many times, in my past life, did my heart, torn, tormented, throw itself in desperation at its God whom it had abandoned. Can I ever forget those bitter tears that the sight of the Cross caused to stream from my eyes one Good Friday? Ah! They welled up from the depths of my heart and nothing could stop them. They were too abundant to hide from the people who, like myself, were attending that moving service. I was in mortal sin, and it was this that caused my sorrow. Then, as on yet another occasion, I could perceive the difference. Never was my soul more relieved, and never did it feel happier. And it was simply because, during that torrent of tears, despite my grief, or better, by reason of it, my soul leapt toward its final end, toward God, its only good, whose loss it felt so keenly. Why say more? Could I ever do justice describing what I felt at that moment? Just thinking about it fills my heart with sweet consolation.

The paragraph that follows in Eugene’s notes shows his gratitude for the grace and his resolve to do something to correspond to the love that God shows him:

Thus, I looked for happiness outside of God, and outside of him found only affliction and misfortune. But happily - happily a thousand times over - that good Father, despite my unworthiness, showered me with the riches of his mercy. The least I can do now is make up for lost time and redouble my love for him. Let all my actions, thoughts, etc., be directed toward that end. What more glorious occupation than, in all and for all, to act only for God, to love him above all, to love him all the more because I have come to love him so late. Ah! The happiness of heaven begins here below... Let us choose now!



Hello from the Treasurer's Office

- Please gather your remaining 2022 GST receipts and your 2023 1st quarter receipts and send them in as soon as you are able.
- It is tax time, please send to the Treasurer's Office any tax information slips you have so we can complete your 2022 tax return properly.



***Thanks, from the Treasurer's Office of
Fr Bill Stang and Corrine Pambrun***

Coffee Time on March 23rd was well attended! As usual, Jadwiga and Jean brought us homemade treats, and everyone enjoyed coffee and socializing.



Brian Zimmer, Br Walter De Mong and Ana Gheyssen



**Jean Cochrane, Corrine Pambrun,
Fr Joe Jacek and Eugene Warnke**



**Fr Bill Stang and Fr Eugene Warnke
get down to business.**



**Fr Paul Fachet, after glaucoma laser surgery
& clean hearing aids, remarked that he could
see and hear us all a lot better! Fr Mike and
Gerry Weinkauff were all smiles.**



**Adele Longstaff, Fr Richard Doll, Fr Joe Jacek,
Bishop Gerry Weisner, Fr Wendelin Rolheiser, Jim
Longstaff enjoy the homemade cinnamon twists!**



**Jadwiga, Anna and Jean enjoy a
little reunion.**

Jokes Corner

In Canada the seasons are, almost winter, winter, still winter and road construction.

What are two seasons predominantly seen in Canada? *It is just winter and then July!*

You know you live in Canada if:

Someone in a Home Depot offers you assistance... and they don't work there.

Pike is a type of fish, not some part of a highway.

You have switched from "heat" to "A/C" in the same day and back again.

You install security lights on your house and garage, but leave both unlocked.

You design your kid's Halloween costume to fit over a snowsuit.

You have worn shorts and a parka at the same time.

You understand the sentence, "Could you please pass me a serviette, I just spilt my poutine."

You stepped on someone's foot. You apologize, then apologize for making them apologize.

A truck loaded with Worcestershire sauce is driving through Saskatoon, Saskatchewan when it collides with a Nissan Qashqai.

The truck then careens down the road and hits a car from Massachusetts, injuring the two otorhinolaryngologists inside. One of them, suffering from Schistosomiasis, has a myocardial infarction.

A bystander witnesses the entire event and quickly calls to report the accident on his Huawei. The emergency operator asks the bystander, "What happened?"

"It's hard to say."

Fr. Nestor Gregoire's blog: <https://withmyfeetonmydesk.blogspot.com>

Meadow Lake Website: <https://www.meadowlakecatholicchurch.com>

OMI Lacombe Canada Website: www.omilacombe.ca

Qu'Appelle House of Prayer Website: www.qhpstillness.ca

Qu'Appelle House of Prayer blog: <https://qhpconnection.blogspot.com/>

Queen's House Website at: www.queenshouse.org

St. Philip Neri Parish at: www.stphilipneriparish.ca