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Sights and Sounds

June 30, 2023

For the Month of July

Birthdays

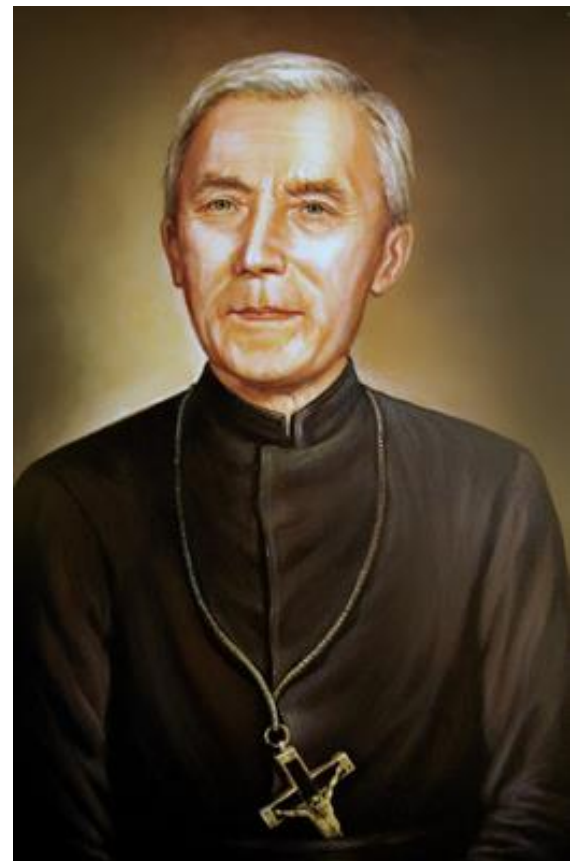
- July 7** Darcie Lich
July 20 Fr. Richard Doll OMI
July 24 Fr. Wendelin Rolheiser OMI
July 24 Fr. Bill Stang OMI

Anniversaries

- July 24** Gerry & Lori Weinkauf (52)
July 25 Mark & Darcie Lich (25)

Notable Dates

- July 10** Dies natalis of Venerable Bro. Antony
Kowalczyk (1866-1947)

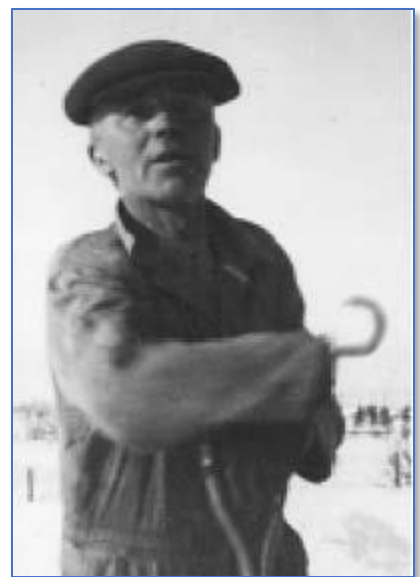


Biography of Venerable Brother Antony Kowalczyk

Venerable Brother Antony Kowalczyk was born in Dzierzanów, Poland, on June 4, 1866. He was raised in the region of Silesia, Poland. Anthony, the sixth of twelve children, was chosen to train as a blacksmith, because it would enable him to find work in neighboring Germany. On reaching working age in 1886, Anthony went to the ironworks of industrial Hamburg in Germany. It was a rough situation there, and he had to contend with constant provocation from some of his blasphemous and immoral co-workers. Anthony left Hamburg and headed for Germany's western city of Cologne in the more Catholic Rhine region. On arrival, he went to pray twice at the tomb of Blessed Adolph Kolping (1813-1865), founder of an association for Catholic workers. On the outskirts of the city, he found what he longed for: a Catholic family that welcomed him. Mr. and Mrs. Prummenbaum not only gave him lodging but, as examples of righteousness, they also enlightened Anthony, and for this he was deeply grateful to them for the remainder of his life.

In this atmosphere of goodness and faith, facets emerged that led Mrs. Prummenbaum to ask: "Would you like to become a missionary?" Mrs. Prummenbaum accompanied Anthony to a mission center of the Missionary Oblates of Mary Immaculate in the Netherlands. He entered the novitiate at St. Gerlach, Netherlands, on October 1, 1891, where he professed his vows on October 2, 1892. At first, from 1892 to 1896, Bro. Anthony worked at the juniorate in St. Charles of Valkenburg, Holland. All that he did was excellently done, but, from time to time, he would call on his superior to remind him that what he really wished for was to be a missionary. In time a pressing need arose, and Anthony was sent to the missions in Northwestern Canada.

He went first to Lac-La-Biche, Alberta, 200 km north of Edmonton, where the Oblates had founded a school for young people, and he worked among the Cree and Metis. After 1897, he worked at the construction of a school at Saddle Lake. There Bro. Anthony fulfilled the functions of mechanic, driver, porter and gardener. There was a workshop in which a steam engine generated power for a sawmill that supplied timber for the missions further north. After working there for a year, on July 15, 1897, a serious accident occurred that necessitated the amputation of Anthony's right forearm. Bro. Anthony recovered and went back to work with a prosthesis made of a leather sleeve and metal hooks. Later in 1897, he was posted to the mission at Saint-Paul, Alberta. He professed his perpetual vows at St. Albert, Alberta, on January 17, 1899.





During those years, St. John's College was opened in Edmonton for the training of young future missionaries. Anthony spent from 1911 to the end of his life there. Apart from his manual labor there, he was an admirable example of religious lifestyle, humbly, totally and lovingly dedicated to service and, above all, to the intense search for God. He was always available to the young for a prayer or a word of encouragement; his greatest joy was to watch them develop and persevere. When any task became difficult, Br. Anthony would drop to his knees to pray a Hail Mary. When students asked him to pray for them at exam time he would urge them to pray an "Ave". Many students called him "Brother Ave".

Brother Anthony died on July 10, 1947, in St. Albert, Canada at the age of 81. Neither his name, nor his memory, has faded from the hearts of thousands of people who pray at his grave. He is buried in the Oblate cemetery in St. Albert.

Hello from the Treasurer's Office

- Remember to continue to send in your 2023 GST receipts. It is always easier to complete when they are sent in during the year rather than at year-end.
- The 2nd quarter of 2023 is quickly coming to an end on June 30. Please send in your 2nd quarter reports as soon as you are able.

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

Happy Canada Day!

Why are Canadian students so smart?

They get a lot of ehs.

How do you stop bacon from curling in the frying pan?

Take away its broom.

How did the beaver get online?

He logged on.

Mark Your Calendars!

No Coffee Time in July or August

Ana's holidays = July 14-19; Fr. Mike Dechant's holidays July 30-Aug 30.

Corrine will also be away, but it is not for holidays – it's for a new hip! Her surgery is July 12th, and she welcomes all your prayers for a fast & healthy recovery. Her return to work will be determined by her doctor. Corrine also wants you to know that she can be reached at 306-229-3566 if you need her or if you just want to say hi.

If you have an urgent concern, contact

Fr. Mike Dechant 306-850-9075 (before July 30), Fr. Doug Jeffrey 306-480-2536 (after July 30) or Ana Gheysen 306-371-6576 (cell) or 306-653-6454 (office).

Community Days/Extended Council Meeting July 24-26

Monday July 24

- 1:00 Opening check-in round the circle
- 3:00 Registration open for guests from MAMI and QH Board Members
- 4:00 Welcome and Introduction (in the Chapel)
- 4:30 Icebreaker/Mixer
- 5:30 Supper
- 7:00 Social

Tuesday, July 25

- 9:30 Eucharist together with guests, followed by Birthday and Anniversary blessings
- 11:00 Discussion re: 7 themes of 37th General Chapter
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:30 Discussion re: Oblate response to the Synod process
- 2:15 Break
- 2:45 Community Concerns and Sharing
- 4:30 Oraison
- 5:00 Preprandials
- 5:30 Supper and celebrating birthdays and anniversaries

Wednesday, July 26

- 9:30 BOC discussion
- 12:00 Lunch



Pauline Blatz & Fr Bill Stang visit
Fr. Paul Facht at Samaritan Place.

*Fr Ron Zimmer welcomes prayers as he awaits a
diagnosis at St. Paul's Hospital. Here he is
pictured on June 16 with his sister Pat and her
husband Florent Bilodeau.*



Another visitor for Fr Paul - Sarah O'Gorman.



Our very own Flying Priest is all smiles!

15th Annual Queen's House Golf Tournament

Bright and early on the warm, sunny morning of June 25th, 60+ golfers assembled at Moon Lake to “have at” our 15th Annual Oblate Golf Scramble. The weather was perfect, the golfers were eager, and the conditions were ideal. Martha and her raft of volunteers hosted another fine gathering. One of the many gifts of our golf gathering is the cross section of participants and sponsors who willingly give of themselves in support of the mission and ministry of Queen's House. We are most grateful and appreciative! A full summary of sponsors and supporters can be found on our Queen's House website.



The Bitz Women in action!



Brendan Bitz and his grandson Wyatt



The team with the lowest score celebrate their win.





**Claire, Molly, Dean & Jacob
Fergusson, Josh Edwards**



Art & Janet Postle



Shaun and Dominic Nechvatal

**Fr Paul's "buddies": Andrew Rochon,
John Rochon, Phil Rochon,
Andrew Turk, Ben Bitz, Byron Bitz,
Wyatt Bitz, Cody Tkachuk**



Congratulations Growing in Wisdom Graduates!



Sarah Donnelly -
Program Administrator
and
Nancy Phillips -
Program Coordinator, GiW.

TWO YEARS OF LEARNING
AND EXPLORING FOR
THOSE SEEKING A
SPIRITUALITY FOR THEIR
WISDOM YEARS
**Inspired by and drawing
various resources from the
Forest Dwelling Program at
Oblate School of Theology,
San Antonio TX**



Kathy Jo Simmie – QH Board
member came to
congratulate Dave Henderson
– QH Live-In Volunteer and
graduate!



Mona Kuzub – QH Volunteer and graduate!



Corrine Pambrun and Betty Huck help
graduate Chandra Schraefel celebrate.

Growing in Wisdom: Seeking Deeper Generativity is an ecumenical program, grounded in the mystical Christian Tradition, open to learning from other interfaith and spiritual traditions, and designed for those seeking to engage in their maturing years with wisdom and grace. It is a program that welcomes participants who have the time, interest and energy to engage in a dynamic two-year adventure of learning and exploration. This is a time in which we can begin to look back on the life we have lived and find openness to new or previously undeveloped inner vistas. It is a time to begin to come to terms with our own mortality and the grace we find in facing this part of our lives with wisdom and satisfaction. This two-year program is a dynamic interplay between and among each participant, the **Growing in Wisdom** Community, and Divine Mystery, assisting in the inner

transformation of participants as the journey unfolds. This program is not designed as a traditional educational program with highly structured material and outcomes. Rather, it is an invitation to a delicious smorgasbord of spiritual and intellectual materials, ideas, experiences, people, poetry, arts and Mystery in which you are invited to taste, chew on, set down, go back for more, discard, or simply marvel at the wonders of the program. Of course, the “treasures” that are discovered in these months will be different for you in the second half of life than they might have been in the first half of your life – the releasing of old identities and our self-importance, to name two of the many “surrenders” that life asks of us in these years. In this program we will explore what is most fruitful and life-giving for us, especially as we age, and what a maturing relationship with God (by whatever name you use) could look like. **Growing in Wisdom: Seeking Deeper Generativity** invites you to explore how you might commit yourself to giving both your life and your death to the world, in a way that both are the ultimate gift and blessing that you give to others.

Registration Deadline for the 2023-2025 Program is SEPTEMBER 1st.

For more information, please contact Nancy Phillips, Program Coordinator

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Cell: 204-470-9437 (North American calls only, please) www.growinginwisdom.ca



On Sunday June 25, 12:00 – 5:00 p.m. Queen’s House participated in a city-wide event called ‘Doors Open Saskatoon.’ During these five hours, eight volunteers welcomed 100 people through our doors – 95 of whom had never visited Queen’s House, and knew nothing about what we offer to the wider community. Our visitors were ‘surprised by joy’ and delighted to know that such a special place exists in

Saskatoon. Many left thanking us for the tour we offered them, and we are sure that future family gatherings, organizational meetings, our own retreats/workshops, and other events are now being considered by these folks, as they think about how Queen’s House could provide sacred, hospitable space to them and those they love. Many thanks to the volunteers who cheerfully gave their Sunday afternoon to assist, inform, and provide hospitality to our visitors: Jan Clarke, Michelle Dinter-Lipinski, Bev Jutras, Edna Kehrig, Mona Kuzub, Gloria Mitchell, Jennifer Schoeck, and Yvonne Wiesner.

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

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

OMI Lacombe Canada Website: www.omilacombe.ca

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

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