

60th Anniversary of Religious Life

Brother Donald Claerhout

Colossians 3:12

~ Therefore, as *the* elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering.

On May 31, 2025 Brother Don celebrated his 60th Anniversary of Religious Life. We celebrated this milestone with a Community Dinner at Foyer Lacombe.

Bro. Don's life of communal prayer, hard work and humble service is a quiet, yet effective, witness to the Gospel and to the Oblate charism. As you may note Brother Don's diverse service from his Obediences have reached those from Saskatchewan to Le Pas to Rome to Cedara St. Joseph Solasticate to Kenya and then back to Canada. Brother Don's untiring commitment, now and then, continues to demonstrate a deep care for the poor and community.

While in Kenya, Bro. Don literally helped lay the foundation for the Kionyo water project that continues to bring water to thousands to this day.

Additionally, Bro. Don recently received an award from St. Vincent de Paul Society for his faithful service to the poor and new immigrants within Edmonton and area. Bro. Don's mission is ever before him as he executes daily tasks without complaint and with genuine gratitude.



Still to this day, you will find him at Foyer Lacombe in the shop refurbishing and supplying furniture to those in need. As well, he regularly assists those around him including the Star of the North, St. Albert Parish and Covenant Care.

OBEDIENCES – Bro. Don Claerhout

Date	Location	Assignments
1963	Batschol Farm, Battleford, SK	General Mtce.
1988	Batschol Farm, Battleford, SK	Director
1996	Archdiocese of Keewatin-The Pas, MB	General Duties
1999	General House, Rome, Italy	General duties
2002	On loan to Natal Province, Cedera, South Africa St. Joseph Scholasticate/Theological Institute	General duties
2006	Oblate Mission in Kenya 19 months	General duties/water project
2008	Lesotho for 14 months	General Mtce.
2011	St. Mary's Residence, Battleford, SK	Director
2019 Nov.	Foyer Lacombe, St. Albert, AB	Retirement/Casual maintenance



Foyer Lacombe residents and guests welcomed Bishop Charlie M. Inzon, OMI, Apostolic Vicar of Jolo (4th from the right) from the Philippines while he was on Sabbatical in Alberta. He enjoyed the warm fellowship!

Lac Ste. Anne Pilgrimage

We invite you to join us at the Pilgrimage from July 19-24, 2025. This year's theme - *"A Jubilee of Hope - Walking Together in Hope"*

Thousands of people from across Alberta, Western Canada, and North America make the pilgrimage to Lac Ste. Anne each July. Everyone is welcome, no matter where you come from, what language you speak, or what challenges you experience in your life.

To accommodate so many people in safety, comfort, and mutual respect, we have set up camping, parking, vendors, and all the things that are needed by such a large group.

Pictured to the right is Fr. Les Kwiatkowski enjoying one of the 13 Pilgrimages he attended and managed; most notably was the one in 2022 when Pope Francis was in attendance (pictured below).

We sincerely thank Fr. Les and all the volunteers who made the pilgrimage of Hope, Faith and Healing a possibility. We wish him well in his next assignment and chapter of ministry.

For more information and the schedule for this year's pilgrimage, click the link below.

[Welcome to the Lac Ste Anne Pilgrimage – We look forward to gathering again in 2025](#)



Brother Anthony Upcoming Monthly Anniversaries

3rd Quarter - July, August and September 2025

PROVERBS 3:27

JULY

04-Jul-77	Birthday	Marek Pisarek
22-Jul-53	First Vows	Denis Croteau
25-Jul-92	Ordination	LaBoucane, Garry
27-Jul-00	Ordination	Susai Jesu

AUGUST

01-Aug-96	First Vows	Jack Herklotz
01-Aug-94	First Vows	Mark Blom
01-Aug-11	First Vows	Rusty Gardiner
05-Aug-29	Birthday	Maurice Joly
06-Aug-40	Birthday	Donald Claerhout
14-Aug-93	First Vows	Gordon Cook
15-Aug-59	First Vows	Alfred Groleau
15-Aug-51	First Vows	Maurice Joly
15-Aug-60	First Vows	Gerard LeStrat
15-Aug-78	Ordination	Edward Kosa
29-Aug-05	Episcopal Ordination	Sylvain Lavoie
31-Aug-58	Ordination	Denis Croteau

SEPTEMBER

01-Sep-96	Ordination	Gordon Cook
02-Sep-36	Birthday	Edward Kosa
08-Sep-68	First Vows	Wladyslaw Karciarz
08-Sep-00	Ordination	Jack Herklotz
08-Sep-81	First Vows	Les Kwiatkowski
08-Sep-68	First Vows	LaBoucane, Garry
08-Sep-70	First Vows	Sylvain Lavoie
08-Sep-68	First Vows	Edward McSheffrey
08-Sep-98	First Vows	Marek Pisarek
13-Sep-60	Birthday	Les Kwiatkowski
21-Sep-46	Birthday	Edouard Prince

“Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in the power of your hands to do it.”

We must serve, provide for and help those in need. Jesus helps us ... so we must do the same.



To Everything there is a season

And a time to every purpose under heaven



Sabbatical Time

Fr. Marek seemingly is adjusting to the drastic temperature change while on sabbatical! Currently he is having a blessed time in Lourdes before he returns to Alberta at the end of July.



Canmore Cottage

A dedicated volunteer team are continually making improvements at the Cottage. A security camera has been installed to monitor the entrance driveway, ensuring enhanced safety. A load of gravel has been spread and compacted, eliminating any holes or mud in front of the door. Additionally, a grill has been installed at the fire pit, making it convenient to grill sausages or meat. The bump on the driveway has also been fixed.



Jack Fish Lake

Work continues at Jack Fish Lake. The docks have been positioned and the boat is now ready for use. Water has been connected to the cabin, making JFL fully operational. The water in JFL is very low this year.

Our heartfelt appreciation goes to Leo, Berni, and to Ryan Dumas (Lac Ste Anne Parish) and Bishop Sylvain for their contribution making our properties summer ready.

BOC Associates

Summer Celebrations

Oblates and Associates Year End BOC

We celebrated the 'year-end' with a BBQ, on June 4, 2025 at The Star. A huge thank you to The Star for allowing us the space to get together for Fellowship, Food and Fun.

Dan and Joanne just returned from Saskatchewan District Community Days. They made a presentation on Oblate Association as they discern next steps considering the diminishing numbers of Vowed Oblates in Saskatchewan. They even got to visit Fr. Paul Fachel.

Together they plan to build, invite and support Oblate Association across OMI Lacombe Province.

They look forward to working with the new provincial council and District Leadership.



Upcoming Birthdays:

Veronica Kennedy	July 21
Joan Williston	July 25
Teresa Gagnon	July 28
Betty-Ann Laporte	July 29
Marie Willett	August 24
Natalia Schrader	August 30
Jerry Moran	September 6
Doug Paul	September 6
Serena Shaw	September 7
Bob McKeon	September 22



A Special 50th Wedding Anniversary blessings to Debbie and John Doornbos, August 24, 2025.

Dan and Joanne Friedt

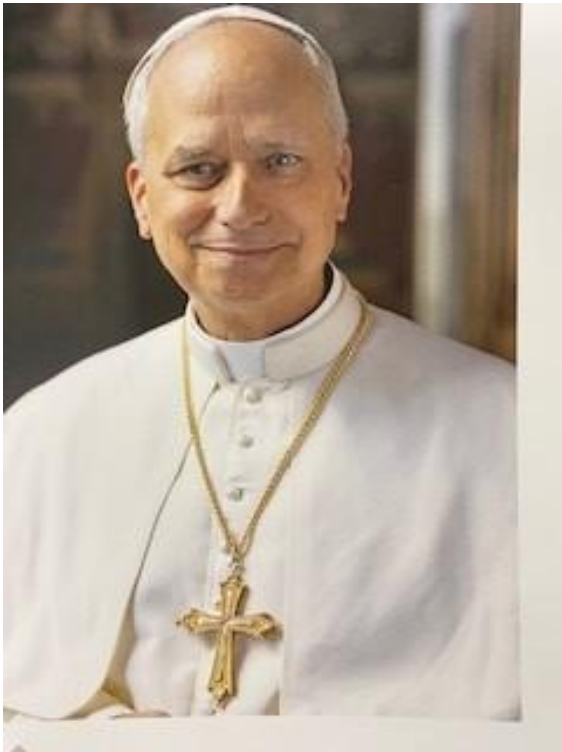
Provincial Oblate Associate Animators
OMI Lacombe Canada

Invitation from Fr. Susai Jesu, OMI

Fr. Susai Jesu cordially invites you to join in celebrating his 25th Anniversary of Priestly ordination with Holy Mass on Sunday, July 27th at 5 pm at Sacred Heart Church of the First Peoples. Fellowship to follow.

Pope Leo XIV

Peace Be With You



Pope Leo XIV

Pope Leo XIV, the 69-year-old, United States born, Augustinian missionary, Robert Francis Cardinal Prevost is the new Pope.

On 18 May 2025, Pope Leo XIV celebrated the inauguration Mass of his pontificate, formally known as the Mass for the Beginning of the Petrine Ministry of the Bishop of Rome. The event was attended by some 200,000 people, including dozens of world leaders and 150 formal delegations.

His first words to the crowd gathered in St. Peter's Square were words of peace, directed to all of the world:

"Peace be with you all! Beloved brothers and sisters, this is the first greeting of the Risen Christ, the Good Shepherd who has given his life for the flock of God. I, too, would like this greeting of peace to enter your hearts, reach your families, to all people, wherever they may be, to all peoples, to all the earth. Peace be with you!"

Blessing

Ephesians 1:3:

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ."

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