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TORONTO-HAMILTON. On June 2 the Toronto-Hamilton Community participated in a charismatic gathering in the Don Bosco High School Auditorium. Fr. Frank Kelly was one of the invited speakers. We celebrated our Salesian Community Day in grand style this year. After Morning Prayer and Mass we drove to Stratford, Ont., where we assisted at the musical *Oklahoma*, followed by a community supper at Fellini's. Fr. Occhio was his jovial self. --Our young boarder David McConkey has moved out of our residence to the Oratorians in downtown Toronto so as to be closer to Mary, Mother of God School, where he will once again teach next year.

Bro. Charles Mayer SDB from Elizabeth, N.J., spent a week of R&R with us here in June. Bro. Steve spent the Canada Day weekend with us and his family before flying to Montreal for summer camp.

St. Benedict's Parish has just obtained its certification as the St. John Bosco Council for the Knights of Columbus. This fall Fr. George will be inducted. Bro. Bernie will create a Squires group (10- to 18-year-olds) as well. On June 28 and 29 the staff and councilors for Summerdaze camp, 55 in all, held their formation sessions in Clairmont once again. We closed with a Eucharistic celebration presided over by Fr. George

On June 23 the social committee of the parish, headed by Tammie Cancelli, held a multicultural meal evening with over 200 guests participating. There were also presentations of diverse cultural dances. The last week of June saw many end-of-the-school-year celebrations of Masses for our three elementary schools and two high school students and staffs. The Salesian Cooperators of Toronto have planned a supper and talent show to take place

on September 15 in order to raise funds for their project "Education in Haiti."

The announcement of a new pastor for St. Benedict's Parish beginning this fall was greeted with mixed emotions: sadness that Fr. Kelly was stepping down as pastor and joy at having Fr. Mike Pace, a son of the parish, as the new pastor. In addition, Bro. Bernie's withdrawal from Bosco Secondary after 10 years of faithful ministry was underlined at various end-of-the-school-year functions. He will be missed.

The preparatory committee for the visit of Fr. Pascual Chavez to Toronto is on track for this important event. A song has been written for the occasion by Vince Sgambelluri.

SHERBROOKE. « *Vivent les vacances! Au diable les pénitences! Mettons l'école en feu et les livres au milieu!* » (Quelques récalcitrants chanteront « *les profs au milieu...* »). C'est la vieille chanson de notre jeunesse, mais ce n'était pas l'esprit de fin d'année au Salésien. L'année s'est terminée en douceur et en beauté, la grande majorité des jeunes (et du personnel évidemment) décidés à donner le meilleur d'eux-mêmes pour s'assurer d'agréables vacances. Le grand ménage est maintenant en marche afin d'accueillir *full house* la « cuvée » 2007-2008 fin août.

Pour diminuer un peu la pression des jours d'examens, le mercredi 6 juin avait lieu la grande excursion de fin d'année. Je crois que c'est une tradition salésienne ça aussi. Lorsque j'enseignais à Jacquet River, au nord du N.B., on faisait à ce moment de l'année une promenade d'une journée au Québec, l'autre côté de la Baie des Chaleurs, ou encore vers l'Atlantique, direction Bathurst-Tracadie. Une bonne partie des jeunes ont opté pour *La Ronde* à Montréal. Le P. Alain, notre directeur

program and entertainment. After Fr. Bernie shared his thoughts with us, birthday cake was served to end the evening. On June 5 we held a birthday brunch for Fr. Bernie. Later in the day and the next day, three of our local schools also had wonderful birthday celebrations for him. The children wrote their own songs and prayers, entertained with hand bell choirs, instrumental and choral performances. Fr. Bernie was presented with several beautiful memory books created by all the children in the schools (about 500 children per school).

The weekend after, our parish hall was packed with items for a garage sale as a fundraiser for our *World Youth Day 2008* in Sydney, Australia. The church was full for our junior high JJ Bowlen's year-end celebration on June 19. Exams started the next day. Three classes of grade 2 students came to the church on June 25 to have Fr. Bernie explain to them the furnishings, vestments and other objects used at Mass. St. Dominic and St. John Bosco elementary schools had their year end Mass celebration on June 28 with summer holidays starting on June 29.

Fr. Bernie will be away for 2 weeks in July (7-21) for a well deserved holiday to Greece. Parish staff takes their holidays as well during July and August when parish life slows down a little.

SURREY, B.C. June has been a much slower month here in Surrey compared to the hustle and bustle of First Communions and the other wonderful events of May. Early in June we had the production of the *Praise Team* (school for the performing arts based here in the Youth Center). Bro. Steve Aldorasi was blessed to play the part of Moses in a futuristic take on the Ten Commandments. He was the janitor of a museum that was going to unveil the tablets, which had just recently been discovered.

Confirmation on June 2 had 119 confirmandi receive the sacrament from Most Rev. Mark Hagemoen, who was the presiding celebrant at Mass. Meanwhile, Bro. Jerry was in Edmonton representing Western Canada at Fr. Bernie's 75th birthday celebrations.

In spite of the drizzle, the *Corpus Christi* afternoon procession on June 10 went ahead as planned with four different altars neatly placed around the property and it concluded with Benediction in our church. A good number of parishioners participated in this event, while various ethnic groups prepared and decorated the altars.

In preparation for the 2008 *International Eucharistic Congress* in Quebec City in June 2008, we've started – for every Thursday throughout the year --a 30-minute adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament as a parish preparation for this event. So far the attendance has been very good.

There was a gathering of close to 200 young people on June 16 here at the Don Bosco Youth Center. These youth are part of the *Youth For Christ* (YFC) of the greater Vancouver area, gathered for a "Pep Rally." They listened to talks and praised the Lord with song and dance. Bro. Steve was also very fortunate to have a few gatherings to thank and wish him many blessings on his future Salesian endeavours. The various youth groups, money counters and other invited guests attended a farewell dinner in his honour in the school auditorium. Fr. Mario thanked Bro. Steve for sharing his talents with all of us this year.

The *Catholic Christian Outreach Impact Team* in their light blue T-shirts have been a weekly scene at our parish. They give witness by conducting Faith and Bible study groups on Tuesday nights and Sunday afternoons in our parish. This team's members hail from Nova Scotia, Ontario and Saskatchewan, living on campus at Simon Fraser University. They also reach out to universities and college students, and have helped out with our Children's liturgy.

Recently Bro. Jerry with the parents of two Knights of the Altar, Randy Sprott and Paolo Dantes, attended the Serra Club of Vancouver's Archbishop's *Altar Servers' Award* Mass and Ceremony at Holy Rosary Cathedral. These servers along with representatives from all the parishes were recognized and presented with medallions for their leadership abilities and dedicated service. Most Rev. Raymond Roussin, S.M., did the honours

