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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'exams, 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

de communauté, a accompagné des élèves à Bromont pour l'activité vélo de montagne. C'est un adepte de *sport extrême*; il est revenu avec une clavicule fracturée! C'est ainsi qu'il apparaîtra sur l'une des photos de *Échos Salésiens*. Il aurait peut-être dû comme entraînement s'inscrire à la compétition quelques jours auparavant organisée par le Salésien, laquelle rassemblait plus d'une centaine de cyclistes aventureux...

La communauté eut droit, elle aussi, comme chaque année, à sa sortie communautaire au début de juin. Elle consista en une visite au sanctuaire national marial de ND du Cap où nous avons concélébré l'eucharistie avec quelques O.M.I., gardiens du sanctuaire. Ayant pris le repas sur place -- le salésien coopérateur Jean-Yves Rivard demeurant tout près nous avait rejoints -- nous avons poursuivi notre route vers Shawinigan où nous avons fait l'intéressant tour de *La Cité de l'Énergie*. Un excellent souper au *Bar des Pâtes* de la *Casa du Spaghetti* à Drummondville clôtra une journée bien remplie, laquelle avait débuté par la prière de l'Office du Matin, comme des moines, en roulant sur la 55. Sauf qu notre église abbatiale, c'était la nature.

Ce n'est pas que du sport au Salésien! Les événements sont variés. Le vernissage pour les élèves de la 4^{ème} sec. au Parc Blanchard remporta un immense succès. L'un des juges était M. Claude Métras, bien connu des milieux salésiens. Il n'eut que de bons mots pour l'événement. À la mi-juin Marie-Paule Aylwin, professeur à la retraite d'enseignement religieux au Salésien, faisait le lancement de son livre, *Quand les Portes s'Ouvrent...* Ce roman contient plusieurs éléments autobiographiques et la grande partie de l'action se passe à St-Tite, la ville du Festival Western, et les environs. Il nous renseigne grandement sur la façon dont les gens vivaient autrefois dans cette région du Québec : les familles, les paroisses, les chantiers, l'éducation, etc.

L'année scolaire est finie, mais le Salésien est « envahi » de jeunes tout l'été. Pendant le jour- et cela jusqu'au 9 août- il y a un camp de l'OTJ du secteur Jacques-Cartier; on fait usage des salles de cours du Pavillon DB et des facilités sportives, gymnase, palestre et espaces extérieurs de l'école.

Ils sont environ 250, chacune des 7 équipes de 34 jeunes avec ses moniteurs (dont 3 de nos anciens du SS). Le 3 juillet, c'était la foire rassemblant quelque 700 enfants sur le champ sportif avec tout genre d'équipement d'amusement : mur d'escalade, grande piscine gonflable, gros ballons, dressage de chiens, etc. Dans la soirée, les familles étaient invitées; peu de parking disponible et TVA était là. Dans la soirée sur semaine, le terrain sert à l'entraînement des équipes de soccer de la Ville.

Le Camp Savio, sous l'habile gérance de Marc-André Vallée, un ancien du Salésien, est en pleine activité. Le Fr. Gérard Richard y passe une partie de son temps à faire toutes sortes de travaux; il y a installé une belle fontaine récemment. Le camp sert aussi à l'école. Le C.A. y a tenu sa dernière réunion de l'année scolaire au chalet des confrères, comme aussi les salésiens coopérateurs avec leur délégué, le P. Trottier.

Le *Bosco-Bicycle*, à sa 22^{ème} saison, a entrepris son parcours le 1^{er} juillet, celui des montagnes cette année, chacune des 3 semaines avec une nouvelle équipe de 30 jeunes du SS, surtout du 1^{er} cycle. Ce camp de cyclotourisme qui se veut aussi une expérience de croissance humaine et spirituelle, est sous la direction du P. Alain Léonard, assisté de 6 jeunes éducateurs. C'est Sébastien Martel, un ancien du SS, qui conduit le camion qui ferme la marche. Leur parcours est d'environ 250 km en 5 jours. Ce n'est pas tout à fait le *Tour de France*, mais c'est quand même un exploit dont les participants se souviendront longtemps. « *On the road again...»*

À tous nos lecteurs, souhaits d'un été reposant et agréable!

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EDMONTON, Alta. On June 2, a 75th birthday celebration was held for our pastor, Fr. Bernie Gilliece, at a local facility. The hall was full of parishioners, friends and fellow priests/confreres. We were very pleased to have Brother Bernie Dubé and Brother Jerry Harasym in attendance. Two of Fr. Bernie's former Toronto colleagues, Catherine Casey and Olga Rubino, were also able to be with us. A great roast beef and turkey meal was enjoyed, followed by speeches/presentations, a PowerPoint

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

and attended the reception held in the Cathedral Hall. Certainly congratulations were in order for this important event.

Most things have wound down and while the high school students have all finished their exams by now, the OLGC School just concluded on June 27 with a spirited celebration of the Eucharist and a gathering for the staff that followed dismissal of the children. Their grade seven farewell Mass and awards supper was held on June 25.

Fr. Jan left for three weeks to visit his family in Poland. He joined his sister in Calgary and they flew from there to Warsaw. Fr. Luc flew in to officiate at our Salesian Cooperators, Mr. and Mrs. Herb Fleming's daughter's wedding. Bro. Jerry assisted. The evening before, we surprised Bro. Steve with an anticipated birthday gift, card and cake. We wished him well and also *Bon voyage* as he flew east for his summer assignment, and eventually to continue his priestly studies in Rome.

In concluding these few random happenings, I'd like to share these farewell words of Bro. Steve:
"I have spent a wonderful year here in 'sunny' Surrey and am very grateful to Fr. Mario, Bro. Jerry, Fr. Giovanni, and Fr. Jan for their welcoming and their exemplary modeling of the consecrated life and of a community that very worthily carries their 'yellow umbrella.' May God continue to bless you and the wonderful family of Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish. AMEN!"

The month of June concludes with OLGC's Laotian Community holding their North American Convention at our venue from June 29 thru July 1.

NEWS IN BRIEF/EN BREF

MELBOURNE. An Australian Salesian, Timothy Costelloe, has been appointed auxiliary bishop of Melbourne.

MONTREAL. The Salesian Sisters of Our Lady of the Cape Province will celebrate their provincial chapter next August 13-16. We accompany them with our prayer.

TORONTO. Cardinal Joseph Zen, SDB, bishop of Hong Kong, visited the Chinese communities of Toronto and a few other cities in Canada in May and June.

ROME. The Rector Major has published (cf. *Atti* no. 398, also on www.SDB.org) his most recent letter on the Eucharist: ***Making the Eucharist in order to make oneself Eucharist.....*** It will be a precious document to prepare the Salesian Family for the International Eucharistic Congress to be held in Quebec City in June 2008.

VATICAN CITY. On 25 June, the Holy Father Benedict XVI paid a visit to the Apostolic Vatican Library and the Vatican Secret Archives. In the course of the visit, His Holiness announced the appointment of Bishop Raffaele Farina SDB, until now the prefect of the Apostolic Vatican Library, as the new archivist and librarian of the Holy Roman Church, at the same time promoting him to the dignity of archbishop. He succeeds Cardinal Jean-Louis Tauran.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Laurent Pillet: July 25 (87th)
 Kennedy Saldanha: July 31

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY OF ORDINATION!

Enzo Trigatti: July 1
 Joseph Occhio: July 2
 (as well as to his classmates,
 esp. Frs. Avallone, Cappelletti, Malloy)