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July

July was a bit of a nightmare for our housekeeping staff of Marion and Eva-Maria. They had to change sheets and pillow-cases for the next group before the prior group had finished the last session.

The St. Agnes Tsao Parish retreatants had hardly left the premises when we were inundated with an influx of an animated group of Jesuits. They had come for the Jesuit Provincial Congregation. There were 50 elected and appointed Jesuits with four guests Jesuits from francophone Canada. The lone woman present was Prescy Alumaga who did the filing and photocopying of documents and promptly distributed them after each session.

One came away from this congregation with a sense of awe and gratitude. There was awe at the talents, qualifications and skills of the Jesuits present. There was a sense of gratitude that God had called these men to work for the greater glory of God

June



We had only two advertised and scheduled weekends. The first was an Ignatian weekend for men and women. It was given by former director, Fr. Scott Lewis. It was well received as usual. Our final weekend was a 12 step weekend for women. It was due to be given by Fr. Bill Riegel CSB. He called at the last moment to say he had injured his knee and had to go into hospital. We were

fortunate to have Fr. Joe Redican, a fellow Basilian to step in at the last moment. He was dynamic as usual.

Here is a picture of some charismatic retreatants who added colour and flavour to our Mass. They were quite happy to have this picture posted.



ABOUT



TIME

With that weekend over, Fiona and Louise in our office are busy closing the last files of retreatants and paying the last bills for the year.

Eva-Maria and Marion (in housekeeping) sent the last set of sheets and pillow cases for this retreat year to the laundry. They also finished with the last set of towels.

Even the washing machine must have had its full with just over 2000 towels and face-cloths over the course of the last few years. It gave up the "ghost". We had to buy a new for this coming year



Chinese Martyrs' Parish.

The very last weekend was a full-bodied weekend starting at 8:30 am on Friday and ending on Sunday at 4:00 pm. Jesuit Father Thomas Leung flew in all the way from Wah Yan College in Kowloon, china to present the Marriage Enrichment weekend fro some 66 parishioners.

It was not a silent weekend, since it stressed communication between husband and wife. The group came with two state of the art portable PA systems, one in the chapel and one in the Brebeuf Conference room.

Br. Bob, who prides himself on his PA system in the Conference room was utterly "gob-smacked". The group worked hard and ate well.

The typical oriental gratitude and courtesy of the Chinese Martyrs parishioners left the Manresa kitchen staff: Kim, Doris, Olive and Mary-Rose and their helpers with a good feeling at the end of the year.

University of Ontario Institute of Technology

Among the last programmes of the year was the Faith Formation programme for “newbie” teachers in the Separate School System. Certain teachers in the board realized there was a need for continue faith formation, besides the usual orientation for new teachers. A three part programme over a three year period was designed by teachers. It is presently coordinated by Michael Smith with the help of other chaplains: Tomy Valookaran and Angelo Minardi, and Dominic Pullano from the School Board.

The Spiritual input called: **Alive and Kicking- Abundance** was given by Jesuit Father, Philip Chircop. There were other topics like Spiritual Direction. Here you

RELAXING EVENING



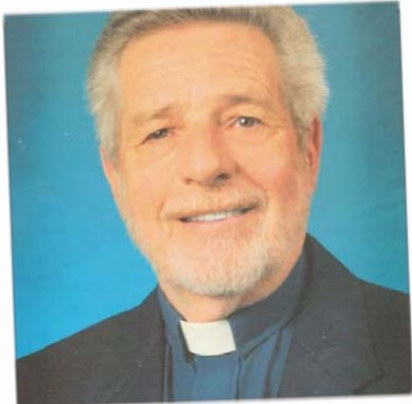
walk with a guide in your spiritual life. The guide does not provide you with answers, the guide listens mirrors back your insights and walks with you on your journey through joys and pains. There were other talks on prayer, discernment, keeping high ideals with a realization that these were just beyond your grasp.

Between the serious stuff, there was a relaxing evening before campfire, while Teacher Patrick O’Prey entertained the teachers a la Sinatra and Dean Martin. The two day session concluded with Mass celebrated by Jesuit Father David Norris

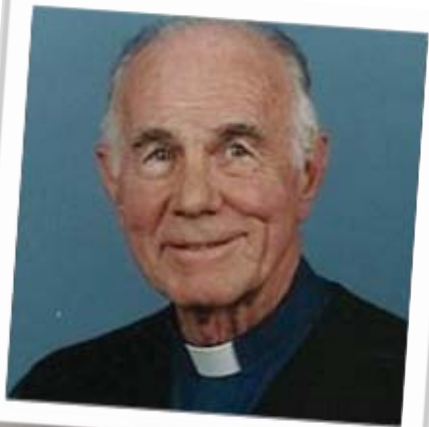


May they rest in peace

Mary at Manresa



Fr. Michael O'Donnell S.J.



Fr. Joseph McArdle S.J.



Fr. Jack Doyle S.J.

We come to the end of the year, giving thanks to God for all the graces we have received during this year. But there was also a great deal of sadness. Three Jesuits died. They helped with counselling, confessions and Masses on our weekend retreats. They were Fr. Michael O'Donnell S.J., Fr. Joe McArdle S.J., (who the last couple of years in the Jesuit Infirmary, Rene Goupil) and Fr. Jack Doyle, S.J.

Finally, Fr. Jim Sheppard S.J. moved to the Jesuit House in Quebec City

Manresa has suddenly found itself with a lone ranger, Jesuit Fr. Mike Hawkins as the only one assigned to help on our weekends. Together with Sr. Karen, probably he will be the only one available for each weekend.

Hopefully, he will keep in good health. Otherwise we will be up the proverbial creek without a paddle for confessions on the weekend. However, I have been assured that there will be Jesuit Priests available for this beautiful Sacrament.

Manresa is a grand old retainer. Over 70 years old, it demands a lot of attention for maintenance and upkeep. This year, we have put up new blinds in the dining room, the Chabanel Room on the first floor and the front offices.

Eva-Maria and Christopher are giving the Dining room a fresh coat of paint.

Br. Bob is on course to getting the floor polished and the carpets shampooed.

Our pest control company comes every month to check for any non-human pests! – they are costly, but worth it.

Fiona, Louise and Mary-Rose have managed to print the schedule of Retreats for the coming year 2015-2016.

They have been posted to all parishes in the Archdiocese, to the retreat captains and they are on our Manresa web-site.



the Dining Room

Manresa - the grand old Manor House.



The phones are ringing off the hook for spots on specific retreats. We have four fresh Jesuit faces this year: **Fr. Con Mulvihill**, the Rector of our young theologians, **Fr. Trevor Scott** from Halifax, **Fr. Michael Rosinski**, canon lawyer from Ottawa and **Fr. Fred Pellegrini**

vocations director from New York, New York.

Finally back by popular demand, the Young Jesuit Seminarians from Toronto. The seminarians hail from Canada, USA and Britain

SOME OF OUR NEW JESUIT FACES.....



Fr. Con Mulvihill S.J.
speaking on Prayer at St.
James Church



Fr. Michael Rosinski S.J



Trevor Scott S.J