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Fr. Maurice Joly, OMI
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Dear Fr. Maurice,

On behalf of OMI Lacombe Canada, and in my own name, I offer you heartfelt congratulations as you celebrate the 70th anniversary of your ordination to the priesthood.

This remarkable milestone is a profound witness to a lifetime of faithful service as a Missionary Oblate of Mary Immaculate. Since your ordination on June 16, 1956, in Lebret, Saskatchewan, your priestly ministry has touched many lives through your pastoral care, missionary presence, and generous service to the People of God.

We give thanks in a particular way for your many years of ministry across Alberta, including your service in St. Albert, Edmonton, Lac Ste. Anne, Hobbema/Maskwacis, Standoff, Slave Lake, McLennan, and Fort Macleod. Your commitment to Indigenous and rural communities, your leadership within the Oblate Congregation, and your steady fidelity to the Oblate charism remain a source of gratitude and inspiration.

As you mark 70 years of priestly life, we join you in giving thanks to God for the grace of your vocation, for the many people and communities you have served, and for the witness of perseverance, humility, and missionary zeal that you continue to offer.

May Mary Immaculate and St. Eugene de Mazenod continue to accompany you and bless you with peace, joy, and gratitude on this very special anniversary.

With fraternal affection and prayerful best wishes,

Fr. Andrzej Stendzina, OMI
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