

**This Week's Message
from Fr. Amesse
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I traveled with Frs. Conserva and Meyer to the annual OMI Convocation a couple weeks ago. It was in Arizona. It was 110 degrees outside! I am glad I went. It was good to see Oblates who I have known for many years. We are all now in our 60s, 70s, and 80s!

But there were also many young Oblates at the Convocation. It was so refreshing for us older Oblates to see them and hear from them. They are so full of zeal and enthusiasm for their ministry. I know that after spending time with them in Arizona that the future of the Oblates is bright.

When we learned the Shrine was named a pilgrimage site for the Jubilee Year, I decided to use the book, *The Seven Sorrows of Mary*, as our guide on our journey. This month we are focused on the two young people who are discussed in the book, St. Maria Goretti and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati. Like the young Oblates I spent time with in Arizona, St. Goretti and Blessed Frassati have given hope to the many—especially the young. They are examples of how to live lives like Christ. We should all strive to be like them. It is not easy, but we try. That is what God wants us to do—try to be like Christ. But when we fail, we must begin again.

David will lead a rosary in honor of St. Goretti next Saturday. Try to join him. Prayer is powerful. The rosary is powerful. We must pray that young people remain chaste and pure. It is not easy for them. We live in a hypersexualized culture. That is one of the sorrows of Mary. What can we do? We pray. St. Goretti is the Patron Saint of Purity.

Blessed Frassati will be canonized on September 7 along with Blessed Carlo Acutis. I will talk more about them as their canonization draws closer. I pray for you. You pray for me.

I remember you at Mass!