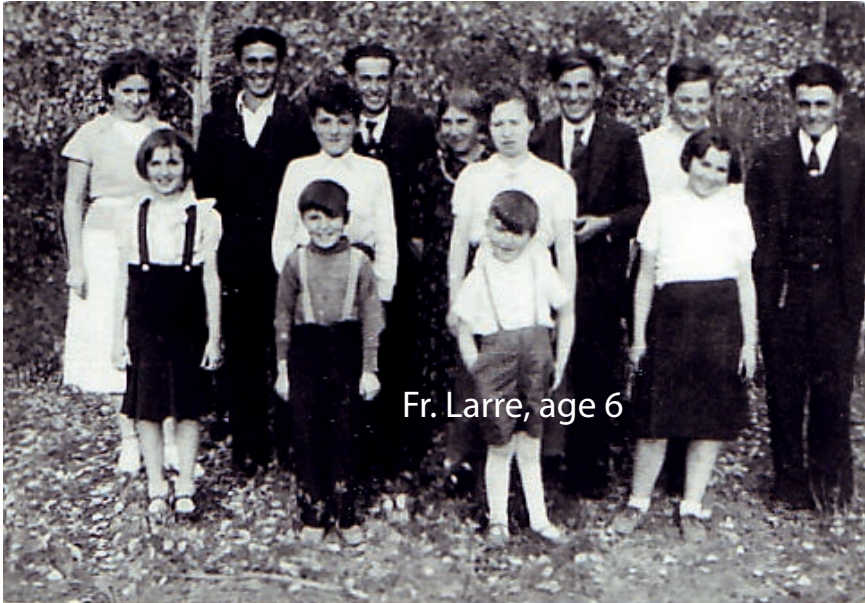


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My Dear Friends in Christ,
I can't believe that another year has passed and it is time to let you know what made 2018 a really great year. I, must first thank you from the bottom of my heart for your prayers and your continuous support to Bosco Society. Your contributions are so greatly appreciated and have enabled us to help so many needy children and adolescents. Join me, once again, to pray and thank God for all the many blessings He has given us.

On Sept. 14th I celebrated my 86th Birthday while preaching a parish mission at Annunciation parish in Prince Rupert, BC. The parish found out and put on a nice fun party for me and we had a wonderful time.



Larre family picture in 1938

Michalski. Even though I left the Oblates and became a diocesan priest in 1980, I have always considered the Oblates as my brothers and remained in close contact with them over all these years.

Finally, finally after 5 years of struggling to get permissions, meeting complicated laws and regulations, having professional engineers completely label and photograph every pipe, and wire, our HBO chamber has finally arrived in the Philippines. It will be located at St. Paul's Hospital at Dasmarinas, Cavite in the Philippines. This is a special hospital for the poor where people who cannot pay receive the very best hospital care and run by the Sisters of St. Paul of Chartes. This particular hospital has received the award for being the most "green hospital" for the last three years. The Sisters of Mary, who are caring for 6,000 poor children are only 20 minutes away from St. Paul's Hospital. They will bus their children to St. Paul's hospital where they will receive HBO free of charge financed by our Bosco Society. These poor children suffered from malnutrition in the womb



Father Larre cutting his anniversary cake with his sister Marie (89) and brother Leo (88)

On Sept. 29th, in my home town of St. Walburg, SK., my family and friends celebrated the 60th anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood. The event was organized by my many nieces and my sister Marie. The celebration grew and became a two-day affair. It was a wonderful reunion of family and friends. We celebrated Holy Mass each day with 5 priests at the altar and I was honoured to baptize four of my great nieces and nephews.

On Sept. 29,1958 I was ordained a Catholic priest, as an Oblate of Mary Immaculate, with my 5 confreres, Fr. Sylvester Lewans, Fr. Albert Ulrich, Fr. Robert Halbauer, Fr. Joseph Zoller, Fr. Casmir Krystkowiak and Fr. Zigmund



From left to right: (unknown), Fr. Zigmund Michalski, Fr. Sylvester Lewans, Fr. Robert Halbauer, Bishop Boekenfour, Fr. Albert Ulrich, Fr. Lucien, Fr. Casmir Krystkowiak, Fr. Joseph Zoller.



Dr. Jojo Bernardo, an HBO expert, who will help us oversee when the chamber is functioning

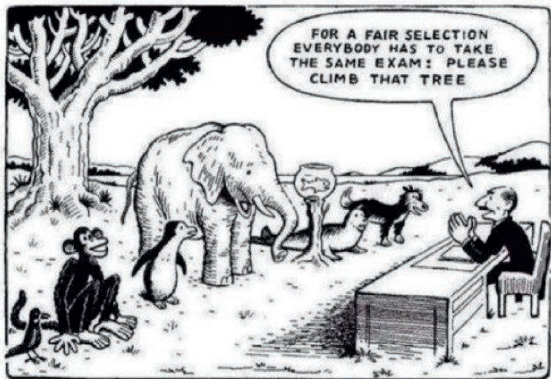
lighting. We will also need a few large TV screens to play good movies to the children as they are getting their 1.5 hour hyperbaric oxygen treatment.

This will be the first time that large groups of children will be receiving HBO treatments anywhere in the world. We now have two of the best universities in the Philippines who will do scientific research in using HBO therapy with children. The research results will spread all over the world and our Canadian and American universities will be forced to begin helping many more children with HBO therapy.

We have worked 25 years in helping children with HBO therapy and are now hoping to spread the good news to the world. China uses HBOT to cure 130 medical problems, Russian uses it for 90 conditions, but in Canada, our poor hospitals are only allowed to use it for 14 sicknesses. Please help us with many donations to help us in the Philippines and in so doing help us make HBO therapy available to all our Canadian children as well.



HBO chamber packed up, on way to Phillipines



Our Education System

"Everybody is a genius. But if you judge a fish by its ability to climb a tree, it will live its whole life believing that it is stupid."

- *Albert Einstein*

My greatest handicap, is no doubt, my embarrassing addiction to ice cream. Lately I drove past Dairy Queen and ordered their large cone and a Pepsi. I was so excited when they handed me the large cone, that I drove away quickly, without noticing the sharp curve. Then my right front wheel climbed over the cement retaining wall,



Fr. Larre teaching the Special Needs Assistants

dropped down and I was stuck there. I could not go ahead or back. For the next 1.5 hours nobody could drive to the pick-up window. The manager, was in a boiling rage, which no doubt contributed to melting my ice cream. Finally, the BCAA truck arrived and I was delivered from my sin. Sadly, enough the last of my ice cream was dripping from my elbow and I found it totally impossible to lick it! Now I'm determined to join Ice Cream Anonymous and give up ice cream for good!



60th Anniversary Mass; Br. Walter, Fr. Vince James, Fr. Larre, Fr. Albert Ulrich, Fr. Roger LaVoie, Fr. Tru, Br. Roy

Over the last year, I did 20 mission retreats in Canada and have spoken to many good parishioners who have been shaken up and deeply hurt by all the priestly scandals in Pennsylvania and other parts of the world. People are shocked and confused in hearing that priests have been sexually abusing young boys. People are stunned and wonder what in the world is happening in our Catholic Church.

I WANT -I WANT -I WANT.
Every day you hear people saying what they want.
Well, this is what I want,

I want people who are sick to be healed.
I want children with no families to be adopted.
I want people to never have to worry about food and shelter and heat.
Most of all, I would like to see our people start to care for one another.

In these troubled times we must keep in mind that Jesus established a Church made up of Saints and Sinners. In the first dozen or so that Jesus chose to be his disciples, we know that Paul was busy killing Christians. Yet Jesus selected him, knocked him off his horse and helped him to become the greatest missionary that the world has ever known.

Also St. Peter, who as our first Pope, publicly denied knowing Jesus three times the night before Jesus died. Peter told a terrible lie in announcing to the authorities, "I know not the man!". We also know that Judas was chosen to be a priest and possibly a bishop. But he abandoned Jesus and sold Him for 30 pieces of silver.

So, we see that from the first 13 that Jesus picked to be his priests, bishops and fathers of our early Church, at least three of them committed terrible, vicious, public sins.

Then in the history of our Catholic Church, we have had popes, cardinals and priests who publicly committed terrible scandalous sins that shocked the Christian communities. Yet our Church survived because from the very beginning our Church has been composed of Saints and Sinners.

Today, in spite of the terrible scandals, our Church is still growing. We now have over 1.2 billion Catholics in the world. In the history of our Church, we now have over 900 canonized saints and more Catholics that are still becoming canonized saints. We can call to mind the canonization of St. John Paul II, Mother Theresa of Calcutta and Padre Pio to name a few. Over my 86 years I have met so many unknown living saints that have inspired me to become a better person. Don't give up



**Always pray to have eyes that see
the best, a heart that forgives the
worst, a mind that forgets the bad,
and a soul that never loses faith.**

hope, don't give up your faith because of the sins of others but continue to pray for them and strive, through your actions, to be an inspiration to others.

It is very important to note that over all these years we have been able to do many things but we could not have done it without the support and prayers of our family, friends and our benefactors. There are so many people in the background from the Kerssens family from Coquitlam who stuff all these envelopes to the many volunteers who help Ria, every summer, run a booth in Craven for the Jamboree. We could never do this by ourselves and we are so ever grateful.

May God bless you and keep you and your loved ones well and thanks a million in enabling us to help our precious Canadian children and the children of the world! Please keep us in your prayers as we keep you in ours!

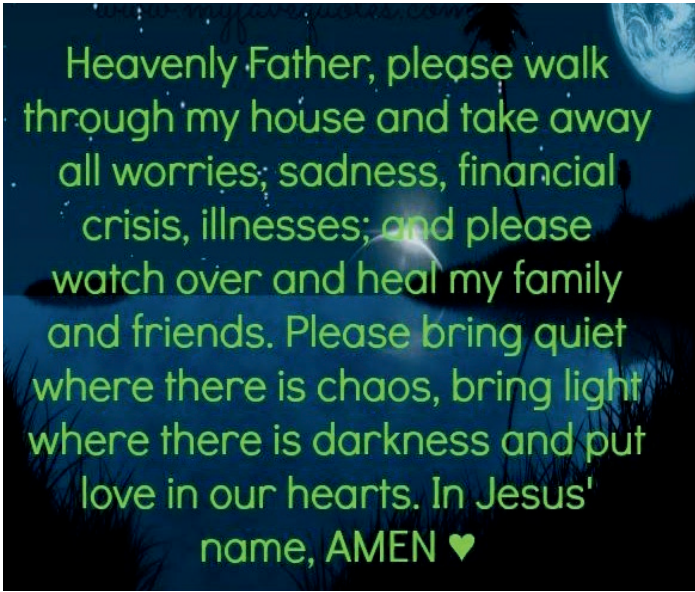
Lovingly and gratefully in Christ,

Father Larre



PS: If you are interested, Gabriel and Ria made a video of my last 86years and posted it on our website at fatherlarre.com. This would be really good if you are suffering from insomnia.

PSS: Thanks to all who donated their Aeroplan miles and as always looking for more to help us with our travels. If you have miles to donate please, visit fatherlarre.com and follow the link under donate



I thought you could use a little chuckle!