

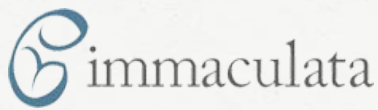
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## Immaculata Oblate Staff

John Hanley, OMI, **Oblate** Superior, Director of Immaculata Retreat House

A native of Boston, MA, Father John spent forty-two years as a parish **priest** in a variety of settings up and down the East Coast, and has come to Immaculata with a wealth of experiences to share. One of his great passions is ministry to **priests**, and he looks forward to expanding this area of service at the "House on the Hill."



Fr. Roger Couture, OMI

A native of Berlin, New Hampshire in the White Mountains, Fr. Roger has taught moral theology and social ethics for 22 years at the **Oblate** Seminary in Natick, Massachusetts. During that time, he also served as Ethics Consultant for St. Joseph Hospital in Lowell, Massachusetts. Since 1983, he has been involved in full-time retreat ministry, first at the **Oblate** Retreat House in Hudson, New Hampshire, where he served as Director, and currently at Immaculata. He took a temporary leave from this ministry from September 1999 to June 2003 when he went to the **Oblate** mission in Tahiti, French Polynesia, to teach Moral Theology at the diocesan seminary founded by the Oblates there. Among his special interests are: spiritual direction, directed retreats and Engaged Encounter Retreats for those preparing for Christian marriage.



Fr. Ron Meyer, O.M.I.

Fr. Ronald Meyer, OMI was born on February 15, 1945 in Wisconsin, the first in a family of 15 children. He was educated in WI, IL, MS and ordained a **priest** on December 18, 1971 in Rome, Italy. His assignments have included: parish and vocation ministry; preaching retreats for youth, parishes, families, seniors, religious men and women; Native American (mulch-cultural) ministry, 12-Step counseling and spiritual direction. He has worked the USA from coast to coast, border to border and traveled throughout Canada. Throughout the years, his hobbies have included bead work, candle-making, carpentry, camping, and music composition. These days, whenever he is not composing sermons, homilies and conferences, his focus is on genealogy, holiday crafting and gardening. His nicknames include: Fr. Sonshine, Fr Bubbles, Oh-Zahmi-Doon (Ojibwa for 'he who talks 'til fire goes out') and 'the Michaelangelo of Styrofoam'. He has been involved with Catholic Scouting, the Knights of Columbus, TEC (Teens Encounter Christ), Marriage Encounter, Cursillo and ACTS. At the moment, Fr. Ron is part of the **Oblate** Missionary preaching team at the Immaculata Retreat House in Willimantic, CT. His favorite prayer (learned from his grandmother) is: "Oh God, I'll do my best – You had better do all the rest!"

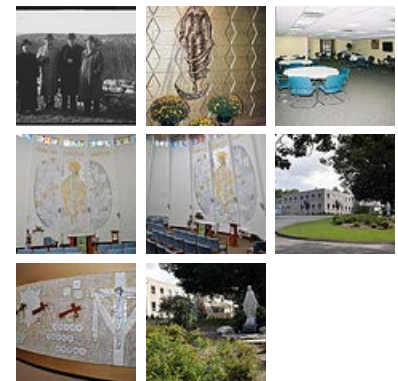


**Fr. Rocky Grimard, O.M.I.**

Fr. **Rocky Grimard**, OMI was born on June 18, 1955, he was born and raised in

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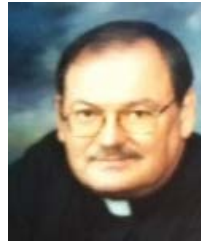




Thunder Bay ON, Canada and has eight brothers and two sisters. He did his theological studies in Newman Theological College in Edmonton, AB, Canada. As well as Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, IL. Fr. **Rocky** was ordained May 31st 1991 in Melville, SK, Canada. Fr. **Rocky** has worked in Parish Ministry, Formation, Teaching, Spiritual Direction, as well as Retreat Ministry. Fr. **Rocky** has arrived from **Oblate** Renewal Center in San Antonio, TX. Fr. **Rocky** was on staff there for the last six years. Fr. **Rocky** is a great believer of the World Wide Marriage Encounter and is an Encounter **Priest**. He looks forward to meeting many of you who come to Immaculata. Fr. **Rocky** encourages all people to take time to work on your Spiritual Life. If we want our car to run well, we care for it by taking it to a garage for that tune up or oil change. Your spiritual life needs the same. Have you taken time to talk with your God? Come, Take some time at Immaculata and renew your spiritual batteries.

**Father Bill Mason, O.M.I**

Father Bill Mason, O.M.I. was born to Betty and James Mason in Buffalo, N.Y., and is the oldest of three children. His brother and sister and there families still live in the Buffalo Area. Father Bill attended an **Oblate** High School and then entered the **Oblate** seminary in Newburg, N.Y. in 1961 After graduating from there and spending a special year of spiritual training in Tewsbury, M.A. Father Bill continued his studies at the Gregorian University in Rome, Italy, where he earned his B.A. in Philosophy and an M.A. in Theology. For Father Bill's six years in Rome, he lived in the international community with Oblates from around the world. In 1969 he made his perpetual profession of religious vows and in 1971 Father Bill was ordained to priesthood. Father Bill returned to the US in 1972. In 1979 he began 20 years of service as a pastor of inner-city parishes in Miami, St. Petersburg, and Chicago, serving the African American and Hispanic- American communities. During this time he also has a M.A. in Black Catholic Studies at Xavier University in New Orleans. (Pending) Father Bill has a diverse cultural experience and a deep appreciation of the need to re-preach God's Word and help re-new God's people. Father Bill served for 9 years in the preaching of ministry of the Missionary Oblates from 2008-2013 he was pastor of a multicultural parish in Miami F.L. He returns to the preaching ministry here at Immaculata Retreat House.



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