



Dear Brothers,

As the 25th anniversary of the Beatification of Blessed Edmund Rice approaches, we note that around the world the occasion will be marked in various ways. There will be gratitude for the life and work of Blessed Edmund. There will be recognition and appreciation that Edmund's charism is alive and indeed growing, and there will be hope that our own *courage and compassion* will grow and develop in response to ever emerging realities. Perhaps the Blessed Edmund Rice prayer sums it up well:

**O God, we thank you for the life
of Blessed Edmund Rice.
He opened his heart to Christ
present in those oppressed
by poverty and injustice.
May we follow his example
of faith and generosity.
Grant us the courage and compassion
of Blessed Edmund as
we seek to live lives of love and service.
We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

Scenario Building

About 200 Brothers engaged in the first round of Zoom meetings introducing *Scenario Building*. The purpose was to explain its rationale, as well as the process and sequence. Brothers then met in small groups to share on whether they supported the process and to seek clarifications. There was overwhelming support for the process despite none of us knowing just what will be raised as issues and what will emerge as possible scenarios.

In terms of the above prayer, by this process we are **opening our hearts to Christ, following Edmund's example of faith and generosity** and expressing **the courage and compassion of Blessed Edmund as we seek to live lives of love and service.**

The more Brothers engage in this process the richer will be the scenarios that are developed. Watch out for Registration details from your Province for the next meeting to be held on October 16.

Congregation Chapter

Plans are proceeding for the resumption of the Chapter. By January the Scenario Building phase will have been completed, so those at Chapter will have a rich body of material that will have been created by Brothers world-wide.

While Chapters are key events in the life of Religious Congregations, increasingly they are being seen as emerging from ongoing participative practices and leading into future processes of co-creation.

Here is a quote from [Graced Crossroads](#), by Ted Dunn:

Conventional methods of organisational change are typically top-down, leadership driven. Leaders usually hold tightly to their well-crafted plans, to known and familiar approaches and predictable outcomes. They avoid the chaos of transformation as much as possible. Transformative Visioning, in contrast, emphasizes shared leadership and is Spirit-driven. It engages all members in the exploration of mystery and the search for novelty. Conflict and resistance are understood as not only inevitable but integral to fashioning a new vision.¹

Thus, there is a need for a humble approach to our Chapter and for being open to outcomes that are more generative of a future that *engages all members in the exploration of mystery*, than to *top-down, well-crafted plans*, which as many of us have seen, rarely have the transformative impact intended by their creators and passionate advocates. This is very much in line with the synodal approach to being Church, that is being promoted by Pope Francis.

At the end of this Bulletin is a full list of those who will attend the Chapter. You may recall that CICALSAL² clarified that original members of the Chapter remain members even though some no longer hold the offices that they held at the time.

Brothers Clement Sindazi and David Ryan Silva will join the Chapter as substitutes for **Brothers Andrew Turay and Ralph Sequiera** who are not in a position to attend in January.

Final Profession in Nairobi

The Final Profession of Brothers Martin Khaemba and Amos Kutwa took place during Mass at the Mary Mother of God Parish, Embulbul, Nairobi, Kenya on Saturday 25 September, with lunch afterwards at the nearby Edmund Rice Catholic Education Centre. Congratulations Martin and Amos.



Martin and Amos



Amos and Martin are flanked by the Province Leadership Team: Brs Paul Luseni, George Massay, Alfred Banda (Province Leader), Senan D'Souza, Albert Gomez, and Amandi Mboya.

The PLT was holding its first in-person meeting since its appointment last year.

Best wishes to all

Hugh, John, Peter, Richard

1. Graced Crossroads. Pathways to Deep Change and Transformation
Ted Dunn. CCS Publications 2020 p. 406
2. Congregation for Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of
Apostolic Life

Attendees at 220 Chapter	
Ex officio	
CLT	Hugh O'Neill
CLT	Peter Dowling
CLT	Richard Walsh
CLT	John Casey
Former CLT	Julian McDonald
Province Leader	Edmund Garvey
Province Leader	Kevin Griffith
Province Leader	Steve Fernandes
Former Province Leader	Peter Clinch
Former Province Leader	Michael De Klerk
Former Region Leader	Hugo Caceres
Former Congregation Leader	Philip Pinto
Elected delegates	
Africa	Amandi Mboya
Africa	Alfred Banda
Africa	Clement Sindazi
Europe	David Gibson
Europe	Tom Costello
Europe	Francis Hall
Europe	Kevin Mullan
Europe	Jim Donovan
India	Joacquim Johnson
India	David Ryan Silva
India	Simon Coelho
North America	Tom Leto
North America	Peter Zawot
North America	Kevin Cawley
North America	Raymond Vercruysse
North America	Sean Moffett
Oceania	Gerard Brady
Oceania	Paul Conn
Oceania	Geoff Whitefield
Oceania	Tony Hempenstall
Oceania	Jeff Regan
Oceania	Marty Sanderson
Oceania	Bernard White
Latin America	Michael Lynch
Brothers Invited	
Africa	Daniel Lyimo
Africa	Edward Juma Masinde
Africa	Joseph Turay
Africa	Julias Oluoch Ochieng
Africa	Puriey Musunga
India	Parag D'Costa
Support Roles	
Facilitator	Matthieu Daum
Manager	Declan Power
Liturgy	Senan D'Souza
Minutes	Jan Walczak
Minutes	Ryan Fernandes